

The Budget meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:30 pm, July 13, 2026 by Mr. Bruce Lange.

Trustees –Chair Bruce Lange, Vice-Chair Katie Pahls; Adam Eskridge – present; Fiscal Officer- Susan Forgacs present.

Ms. Forgacs presented the fund status report; estimated resources from the county auditor's office; current revenue and expenditure reports; resources available for appropriation; and proposed budget for 2027. Discussed the need to look at the old general fund levies.

#10-2026 Mr. Lange made a motion to Adopt the 2027 Budget; it was seconded by Mr. Eskridge; roll was called; all votes were yes; motion passed.

RESOLVED: To adopt the 2027 budget

Mr. Lange made a motion to close the budget meeting at 6:04 pm; it was seconded by Ms. Pahls and passed.

The Regular Business meeting of the Charlestown Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 18:04 pm after the close of the Budget Meeting by Mr. Bruce Lange on Monday, July 13, 2026.

Mr. Lange made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on June 8, 2026; it was seconded by Ms. Pahls and passed.

GUESTS

Mr. Thomas Bellish, President of Buckeye Energy Brokers, Inc., was present to report on the electrical aggregation project. The application to self-aggregate has been filed. NOPEC filed a complaint with PUCO claiming the township did not hold public meetings to discuss. At the Regular Business meeting on January 26, 2026, Resolution #3-2026 Requesting Membership in the Ravenna City Electrical Aggregate was passed and the need for a public meeting was discussed. On February 9, a Public Hearing to Discuss the Plan to Change Electrical Aggregate Supplier was held. It was announced on the township webpage. Resolution #3-2026 was rescinded at this time and to be voted on again after the second public meeting. The second public meeting, also announced on the township webpage was held on February 23, 2026. Mr. Eskridge made a motion to accept Resolution #8-2026 Authorizing the Board of Trustees to Request Membership in the City of Ravenna Electric Program and Adopt Plan of Operation; it was seconded by Mt. Lange. Roll was called; all votes were yes; motion passed. Residents who currently enrolled in NOPEC will be rolled over into the new aggregate. Other residents can choose to opt in.

A Special meeting of the Charlestown Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 1:00 pm by Mr. Bruce Lange on Monday, May 26, 2026. This meeting was announced on the township webpage. Trustees –Chair Bruce Lange, Vice-Chair Katie Pahls; Adam Eskridge – present; Fiscal Officer- Susan Forgacs present. Mr. Eskridge made a motion to accept an emergency resolution #9-2026 authorizing an agreement with Dynegy Energy Services, LLC. It was seconded by Mr. Lange. Roll was called; all votes were yes; motion passed.

Mr. Bellish has received a list of approximately 500 Charlestown township homes who are currently enrolled in NOPEC from Ohio Edison. Letters will be mailed to these customers explaining the options. Instruct residents to contact Dynegy with any questions. Mr. Lange made a motion to send a letter to request PUCO dismiss the motion of for reconsideration filed by NOPEC; it was seconded by Ms. Pahls; roll was called; all votes were yes; motion passed.

REPORTS

Zoning

Mr. Jalbert reports trying to meet with Mr. Armstrong regarding the two zoning violation resolutions – Heim property and Jackson property.

#11-2026 Mr. Lange made a motion to accept An Emergency Resolution for the Prosecutor to Proceed with proceed with the zoning violation at 5820 South Knapp Road; it was seconded by Ms. Pahls; roll was called; all votes were yes; motion passed.

Reports some progress with the clean up with the Pahls property at 6448 Knapp Road; will be given an extension.

The zoning board of appeals approved the variance for Mr. Bradley on Crowe on June 8.

Roads

Mr. Lange reports two of the seasonal employees are resigning. Mr. Hudson has recommended two people and has submitted applications. Mr. Lange to interview. Mr. Lange made a motion to hire seasonal employees for 20/hours per week and \$25 per hour pending interviews; it was seconded by Ms. Pahls and passed. Employment packets have been left at the road office.

Crews will be trimming trees in right-of-way on North Knapp.

Cemetery

No report.

Park

No report.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Randy Porter reports 133 Fire / EMS calls this year; up 7 calls compared to last year. Mr. Lange made a motion to spend up to \$3000 for fire school for Zane Thomas and Tom Ellsworth per Chief Porter's recommendation; it was seconded by Ms. Pahls and passed. Chief Porter states the school is applying for a grant and if approved there would be no charge for the training; if the township does need to pay, we can submit request to be reimbursed by the State Fire Marshall's office.

Mr. Lange made a motion to spend up \$1200 for EMS supplies as requested by Chief Porter; it was seconded by Ms. Pahls and passed.

Mr. Lange made a motion to accept \$2455 for a floating pump from a Masonic Temple grant as requested by Chief Porter; it was seconded by Ms. Pahls and passed.

Chief Porter is donating a pontoon boat to the fire department.

Mr. Lange made a motion to sell the current pontoon boat, trailer, and ATV at Edinburg Auction and use funds to purchase a used side-by-side vehicle as requested by Chief Porter; it was

seconded by Mr. Eskridge. Ms. Pahls abstained; Mr. Lange and Mr. Eskridge voted yes and motion passed.

Mr. Lange made a motion to spend up \$3000 for equipment to be placed on the donated pontoon boat as requested by Chief Porter; it was seconded by Ms. Pahls and passed.

Chief Porter has applied for Firehouse Subs grant for extrication equipment.

Flags have been removed; researching new poles and hangers for next year.

The fire department will send personnel to West Branch beach on Friday for a water safety day with Portage County Health Department and the Portage County Water Rescue Team.

Filled 5 water tanks at Camp JAG for training.

The brakes on 1314 have been fixed.

Mr. Lange made a motion to spend up \$1000 to back up EMS electronic patient care reports as requested by Chief Porter; it was seconded by Ms. Pahls and passed.

Fiscal Officer

Ms. Forgacs reports meeting with Board of Election for site evaluation of the townhall; will be sending a final report.

Portage County Treasurer reports property tax payments for second half of the year have been delayed.

Ms. Calcei, Portage County Township Association Secretary / Treasurer sent an email invite for the association dinner on August 15 at Ravenna Elk's. Also forwarded an email from Ravenna Township asking any township interested in joining together to hire legal representation regarding data centers.

Festival is the first Saturday in August.

Trustees

Mr. Eskridge continues to work with Buckeye energy; rates are expected to significantly increase over the next couple years.

Was contacted by a resident who wants to donate a building for the fire department to burn; Chief Porter to meet with them to discuss.

Presented information about a possible grant from the Portage County Park District; will ask the Activity Committee for suggestions.

Ms. Pahls made a motion to spend up to \$1300 to hire the website design company; it was seconded by Mr. Eskridge and passed.

Mr. Lange reports sign-up for manning fair booth; will ask Kasey and Jesse Keller to update our township display board. Won an OTA flag at the conference; is donating to be displayed at the county fair booth.

Mr. Lange asked if there was any pending business that would require a second meeting this month; none were noted. The next scheduled meeting will be August 10, 2026.

Mr. Lange moved to pay bills. Ms. Pahls seconded. All votes were yes, motion carried.

Mr. Lange moved to adjourn. Mr. Eskridge seconded. All votes were yes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER