

MINUTES OF REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TATE TOWNSHIP MET IN REGULAR SESSION WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: TRUSTEE WILSON, TRUSTEE STEIMLE, TRUSTEE DURBIN, AND FISCAL OFFICER KATHY BRANNOCK.

AFTER THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, OPENING PRAYER WAS GIVEN BY JOHN WILSON.

MR. WILSON INTRODUCED THE BOARD.

MOTION BY MS. STEIMLE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 26, 2025. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

MOTION BY MS. STEIMLE TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 2025 BILLS. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

MOTION BY MS. STEIMLE TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 2025 PAYROLL, EFT'S AND WITHHOLDING VOUCHERS. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

MS. STEIMLE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

MR. WILSON READ THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION RULES AND ASKED ANYONE THAT WISHED TO SPEAK TO SIGN IN. THERE WILL BE A LIMIT OF 5 MINUTES PER PERSON WITH A LIMIT OF 1 HOUR. ALL COMMENTS ARE TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

NEW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

RON BULOW EXPRESSED HIS INTEREST IN SERVING ON THE ZONING COMMISSION BOARD. MR. WILSON REMINDED HIM THAT HE CANNOT SERVE ON BOTH ZONING BOARDS. HE UNDERSTOOD.

MR. WILSON CLOSED THE NEW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

FIRE CHIEF-OLD BUSINESS

AUGUST FIRE REPORT WAS PRESENTED. THERE WERE 170 RUNS, 59 FIRE AND 111 EMS.

THE BAY DOOR HAS BEEN INSTALLED BY OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY. IT LOOKS GOOD. IT JUST NEEDS TO BE PAINTED.

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THE FUEL CARDS ARE WORKING WELL. WE JUST RECEIVED OUR FIRST INVOICE AND THE ACCOMPANYING REPORTS MAKE IT EASY TO TRACK AND SEE THE BREAKDOWN PER DEPARTMENT.

THREE OF THE FIVE SIRENS WORKED DURING THE AUGUST RE-TEST. THE SODOM RD. AND SALTAIR-MAPLE RD. SIRENS DID NOT WORK. THE REASON WAS BAD BATTERIES. ALL THE BATTERIES WERE REPLACED IN THE SODOM RD. SIREN AND 1 BAD BATTERY WAS REPLACED IN THE SALTAIR-MAPLE RD. SIREN. BOTH SIRENS WERE REACTIVATED AND WORKED. DURING THE 9/3 TEST, THE SODOM RD. SIREN WORKED AS IT SHOULD BUT THE SALTAIR-MAPLE SIREN SOUNDED AND THEN SHUT OFF BUT ROTATED THE ENTIRE TIME. THE REASON IS BELIEVED TO BE THAT THE BATTERIES WERE NOT STRONG ENOUGH. 4 NEW BATTERIES WILL BE INSTALLED THIS WEEK. THE NEXT TEST IS ON OCTOBER 1, 2025 AT NOON.

FF/EMT HOWARD O'NEIL'S KNEE SURGERY WENT WELL.

FIRE-NEW BUSINESS

THE PROCESS OF LOOKING AT NEW AMBULANCES HAS BEGUN. CHIEF COOPER STATED THAT THEY HAVE MET WITH 3 DIFFERENT MANUFACTURERS AND WILL BE MEETING WITH ONE MORE THIS WEEK. THERE IS AN 18-24 MONTH PERIOD FROM THE TIME OF ORDER TO THE TIME OF DELIVERY. THE COST VARIES FROM \$315,000 TO \$375,000, DEPENDING ON THE MANUFACTURER.

CHIEF COOPER PRESENTED THE ANNUAL REVIEW FOR EMS BILLING. THERE IS NO NEED TO MAKE ANY CHANGES TO CURRENT CHARGES.

THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF SCBA MASKS FOR FEMALE FIRE FIGHTERS. EACH PERSON NEEDS THEIR OWN MASK; THE MASKS CANNOT BE SHARED. CHIEF COOPER ASKED THE TRUSTEES TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 2 SMALL SCBA MASKS W/BAG AT A COST OF \$417 EACH (\$834 TOTAL) PLUS SHIPPING. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 2 SMALL SCBA MASKS AT A COST OF \$834 PLUS SHIPPING FROM VOGELPOHL. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

CHIEF COOPER ASKED THE BOARD TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF CADET ANDREA MOSBACKER FROM THE ROSTER. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF CADET ANDREA MOSBACKER FROM THE ROSTER. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

CHIEF COOPER ASKED THE BOARD TO REMOVE LIEUTENANT LEVI TROUTMAN, FF/EMT DAKOTA POLLITT, AND FF/EMT LILLIAN EARLS FROM THEIR 1- YEAR PROBATION AND PLACE THEM IN ACTIVE STATUS. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO REMOVE LIEUTENANT LEVI TROUTMAN, FF/EMT DAKOTA POLLITT, AND FF/EMT LILLIAN EARLS FROM THEIR 1- YEAR PROBATION AND PLACE THEM IN ACTIVE STATUS. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

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ROAD/CEMETERY- OLD BUSINESS

CEMETERY REPORT FOR AUGUST WAS PRESENTED. 7 BURIALS, 6 FOUNDATION ORDERS, 2 LOT SALES.

THE SHELTER HOUSE PARKING LOT HAS BEEN PAVED. ED IS WAITING ON RAIN TO SEE HOW THE WATER RUNS OFF.

ED REPORTED THAT SARDINIA READY MIX WILL DONATE UP TO 12 YARDS OF CONCRETE FOR THE MEMORIAL. WE WILL SEND A LETTER TO SARDINIA READY MIX.

ED PRESENTED THE TRUSTEES WITH THE PRICING FOR STONE HAULING.

THE CREEK ON NORTH CAMPBELL ROAD WAS WASHING OUT THE BERM. ED HAS MOVED 7 LOADS OF CINDER BLOCK THERE IN ORDER TO DIVERT THE WATER. MR. DURBIN SUGGESTED THAT HE CALL THE COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT. ED RESPONDED THAT THEY CANNOT HELP. ED WILL TRY TO GET THE TREE OUT OF THE CREEK WHILE IT IS DRY. MS. WILSON OFFERED TO SPEAK TO THE DEMOLITION CONTRACTOR TO SEE IF HE COULD GET "CLEAN" BRICK AND/OR CONCRETE BLOCKS TO USE THERE. HE WILL WORK WITH ED.

LEONARD AND VANDAMENT ROADS HAVE BEEN PREPPED FOR PAVING. ROBERTS PAVING WILL BEGIN PAVING ON WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY.

CASE ROAD IS READY FOR ASPHALT. BROWN COUNTY ASPHALT WILL PAVE IN OCTOBER. ED REPORTED THAT HE PURCHASE 4 20' CULVERTS TO REPLACE 2 40' CULVERTS. WITH ONLY A 3" FALL THE DITCH WOULD HAVE TO BE 3-4 ' DEEP. THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO REIMBUSE THE PROPERTY OWNER, KENNETH WILLIAMS, FOR THE CULVERTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$836.55. THE CULVERTS HAVE BEEN USED ELSEWHERE. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO REIMBUSE KENNETH WILLIAMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$836.55. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

ED INFORMED THE TRUSTEES THAT THE SALT PRICE FOR THIS YEAR IS \$87.78 PER TON. THERE IS 275 TONS CURRENTLY IN STOCK.

THE RODGERS LAND PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED. EVERYONE IS HAPPY WITH THE RESULTS.

THE ROAD DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN DURA-PATCHING TOWNSHIP ROADS. MANY ROADS ARE IN NEED OF REPAIR. ED REQUESTED PERMISSION FROM THE TRUSTEES TO GET ESTIMATES FOR TAR AND CHIPPING AKA CHIPAND SEAL. SALT AIR-CANTER WOULD BE A GOOD ROAD TO TEST. MS. STEIMLE ASKED WHAT THE COST DIFFERENCE WOULD BE. ED RESPONDED THAT IT IS APPROXIMATELY A THIRD LESS. THE LIFE EXPECTANCY IS APPROXIMATELY 5 YEARS. MR. WILSON ASKED IF THE LACK OF SUNLIGHT WOULD BE A FACTOR. ED RESPONDED THAT IT WOULD BE NO DIFFERENT THAN BLACKTOP. THE TRUSTEES AGREED TO GET AN ESTIMATE.

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MR. DURBIN STATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A CALL REGARDING THEFT OF FLOWERS AT THE CEMETERY. THE INDIVIDUAL HAD CALLED BOTH MR. DURBIN AND MR. WILSON AND ASKED IF THEY COULD PUT UP A TRAIL CAMERA. MS. STEIMLE ASKED WHERE IT COULD BE MOUNTED. MR. WILSON RESPONDED ON THE FENCE IN THE BACK RIGHT-HAND CORNER. THE TRUSTEES APPROVED IT.

THE TRUSTEES WERE GIVEN GRAVEL BIDS FROM SHANNON EXCAVATING AND ROHLING ROCK. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM SHANNON EXCAVATING TO HAUL GRAVEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

ZONING-OLD BUSINESS

THE AUGUST ZONING REPORT WAS PRESENTED. 5 PERMITS WERE ISSUED, 1 BZA APPLICATION WAS WITHDRAWN, 1 BZA APPLICATION FOR CONDITIONAL USE HOME OCCUPATION WAS RECEIVED.

THE ENGAGEMENT AT BURKE FEST HAD 20 VISITORS. THE FOCUS WAS ON CURRENT USE AND WHAT RESIDENTS WANT TO SEE AND WHERE THEY WANT TO SEE IT.

RON BULOW THANKED SAVE-A-LOT IN PERSON FOR THE DONATION OF FOOD AND DRINKS. MR. DURBIN STATED THAT HE HAD GIVEN THEM A LETTER TO SEND TO CORPORATE THANKING THEM FOR THEIR DONATION.

THE NEXT ZONING COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 7, 2025. MS. STEIMLE STATED THAT AN INTERIM MEETING WILL NEED TO BE HELD AT A DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED IN ORDER TO CREATE SOME DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR THE NEXT MEETING IN ORDER TO HELP GUIDE THE DISCUSSION.

THE TARGET DATE FOR THE ZONING SOFTWARE COMPARISON IS SEPTEMBER 23, 2025.

THE APPLICATION FOR THE BZA VARIANCE APPLICATION WAS WITHDRAWN IN FAVOR OF INITIATING A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT TO CODIFY FENCING RULES IN THE ZONING RESOLUTION. A LOT OF DISCUSSION ON THIS TOPIC WAS DONE AT THE LAST ZONING COMMISSION MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 2. A DRAFT OF SOME LANGUAGE WAS RECEIVED AT THAT MEETING AND UPDATES ARE COMING SOON FROM MDC.

ZONING-NEW BUSINESS

MR. BAIRD ASKED THE TRUSTEES FOR PERMISSION TO WAIVE ZONING FEES FOR SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING REPLACEMENT DUE TO CATASTROPHIC FIRE LOSS AT 3131 BRANDI LN. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO WAIVE THE FEE, 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

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BETTY ARMACOST VERBALLY INFORMED MR. BAIRD THAT SHE WILL BE RESIGNING FROM THE ZONING COMMISSION EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 30, 2025. HER TERM ENDS DECEMBER 31, 2026. MR. BAIRD ASKED HER SEND A LETTER TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. MR. BAIRD WANTED TO INFORM THE TRUSTEES SO WE CAN BEGIN THE SEARCH FOR A REPLACEMENT IF NECESSARY.

MR. BAIRD PLANS TO ATTEND THE VILLAGE ZONING HEARING TOMORROW AT 6:00 PM REGARDING 193 MCMURCHY AVE. PART OF THE PROPERTY IS INSIDE THE VILLAGE.

THE NEW LAND USE SURVEY WILL BE POSTED ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE TOMORROW. MS. STEIMLE SUGGESTED MAILING POST CARDS TO TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS AT AN APPROXIMATE COST OF \$2500 TO TRY TO INFORM EVERYONE OF THE LAND USE PLAN AND ZONING RESOLUTION. MR. WILSON SAID THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO GETTING A BETTER RATE. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAILING OF POST CARDS IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$2500 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

MR. BAIRD INFORMED THE TRUSTEES THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A RESUME FROM DAWN PAUL FOR THE POSITION ON THE BZA BOARD VACATED BY JENNIFER SHINKLE. THE TRUSTEES INTERVIEWED MS. PAUL. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT MS. PAUL AS A MEMBER OF THE BZA BOARD 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

MR. BAIRD HAS SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR .GOV DOMAIN (TATETOWNSHIP.GOV, POSSIBLE ALTERNATES: TATETWP-OH,GOV, TATETOWNSHIPOHIO.GOV) HE IS WAITING FOR AN APPROVAL.

MR. BAIRD INFORMED THE TRUSTEES THAT ACCORDING TO THE OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE BULLETIN 2025-007 TOWNSHIPS HAVE UNTIL JULY 1, 2026 TO IMPLEMENT A CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM.

POLICE-ABSENT

OFFICER PIKE LEFT THE AUGUST REPORT BEFORE HE HAD TO LEAVE ON A CALL.

OLD BUSINESS:

MR. WILSON STATED THAT THERE IS A CITIZEN WHO HAS GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TOWNSHIP AND VILLAGE. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION THAT THE TOWNSHIP PURCHASE OF GIFT OF UP TO \$100 FOR THIS INDIVIDUAL. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES. MR. WILSON WILL EXPLAIN IN DETAIL AT THE NEXT MEETING.

OLD PUBLIC INPUT:

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JODI WILSON, REPRESENTING PIPER'S PANTRY, THANKED THE TRUSTEES FOR THE DONATION. SHE INFORMED THEM THAT THE EVENT IS ALREADY SPONSORED BY MILO. HOWEVER, THEY WOULD LIKE TO HOLD A SECOND EVENT ON DECEMBER 13. SHE WILL SPEAKING TO THE BETHEL POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING IT. NIKKIA AGRUE OF VILLAGE HARDWARE WILL ALSO BE DONATING TO THE EVENT.

MR. WILSON CLOSED THE OLD PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY DURBIN, 2ND BY WILSON.