

MINUTES OF REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 11, 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 OCTOBER 28, 2025. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

MOTION BY MS. STEIMLE TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER, 2025 PAYROLL, EFT'S AND WITHHOLDING VOUCHERS. 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.

MR. WILSON EXPRESSED THE BOARD'S APPRECIATION TO THE VETERANS.

NEW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

DUSTIN GILLIS FROM THE JOHN WOOD INSURANCE AGENCY MET WITH THE FIRE CHIEF AND ROAD SUPERVISOR.

JODI WILSON ANNOUNCED THAT PIPER'S PANTRY WILL HAVE A PET FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT THE BETHEL COMMUNITY CENTER ON DECEMBER 13TH FROM 10AM TO 11:30AM. THIS EVENT IS SPONSORED BY TATE TOWNSHIP. SHE WILL FORWARD A FLYER TO MS. STEIMLE TO BE POSTED ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE. THE DOG PARADE DURING DOWN HOME CHRISTMAS WILL BEGIN AT 11:30AM. IT WILL START AT THE VILLAGE HARDWARE AND END AT THE GRANT MEMORIAL BUILDING. REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 11:00AM.

PAM SANDKER GAVE AN UPDATE REGARDING THE "AMERICA 250" CELEBRATION. THE HERITAGE TREE PLANTING CEREMONY WILL BE TOMORROW AT 3PM. A WHITE OAK TREE WILL BE PLANTED BEHIND THE COMMUNITY CENTER. THE COMMITTEE IS REQUESTING DONATIONS FOR THE AMERICA 250 CELEBRATION IN 2026. MS. STEIMLE ASKED HOW MUCH MORE THE COMMITTEE NEEDS. PAM RESPONDED THAT THEY PROBABLY NEED ABOUT \$7500.00. THE TRUSTEES POSTPONED MAKING A DECISION UNTIL DECEMBER 9, 2025.

MR. WILSON CLOSED THE NEW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

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ZONING-OLD BUSINESS

THE OCTOBER ZONING REPORT WAS PRESENTED. 15 PERMITS WERE ISSUED, ONE NEW BZA VARIANCE FILED AND ONE NEW ZONING MAP AMENDMENT. THERE ARE 51 ACTIVE CASES, 7 OF WHICH ARE NEW. THE TRUSTEES WERE UPDATED ON VIOLATIONS.

THE ZONING COMMISSION HEARING FOR THE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 1927SB THAT WAS INITIATED BY THE BOARD ON OCTOBER 28, 2025 WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 2, 2025 AFTER THE CLERMONT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HOLDS ITS HEARING ON NOVEMBER 18, 2025. THE TRUSTEES WILL SET A DATE FOR THEIR HEARING AFTER THE ZONING COMMISSION ACTS.

A NEW ZONING CERTIFICATE WAS ISSUED FOR 3121 BRANDI LANE WITH THE WAIVED FEE AS APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEES. THE OWNERS WANTED HIM TO RELAY THEIR GRATITUDE FOR WAIVING THE FEES.

THE REQUESTED FEE WAIVER FOR 3398 PATTERSON ROAD WILL ONLY RELATE TO ANY NEW ZONING CERTIFICATES FOR THE REBUILDING OF THE HOME. THE OWNERS OF 3398 PATTERSON ROAD HAVE ABANDONED THE IDEA OF GETTING A BZA APPROVAL FOR A TEMPORARY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE.

MR. BAIRD ASKED MS. STEIMLE IF THERE WAS ANY UPDATE/THOUGHTS ON THE NEXT STEP REGARDING THE ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT FOR FENCING. IT IS STILL IN PROGRESS.

THERE WILL BE AN INTERIM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND ZONING RESOLUTION UPDATE WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION ON NOVEMBER 19, 2025 AT 6:30 PM TO CONTINUE THE REVIEW OF DRAFTS OF NEW ZONING RESOLUTION SECTIONS. THIS WILL BE THE LAST REVIEW BEFORE FINALIZING THE RESOLUTION AND SENDING IT TO LEGAL FOR REVIEW.

THE SURVEY POST CARDS WERE MAILED. THERE WAS A DEFINITE UPTICK IN SURVEY RESPONSES. THE FUTURE LAND USE SURVEY NOW HAS 90 RESPONSES AS OF THIS AFTERNOON, AND THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOALS AND FUTURE USES SURVEY IS UP TO 66.

MR. BAIRD REQUESTED THAT THE TRUSTEES APPROVE THE REIMBURSEMENT TO KATHY BRANNOCK FOR THE ORDER OF THE POST CARDS AND POSTAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1972.85. MOTION BY MR. WILSON TO APPROVE THE REIMBURSEMENT 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

THE ZONING SOFTWARE FINAL ANALYSIS IS STILL PENDING COMPLETION.

THE DOOR HANGERS ARE A DEFINITE IMPROVEMENT. THE RESPONSE RATE IS APPROXIMATELY 60% SO FAR.

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AN APPLICATION WAS RECEIVED FOR A BZA VARIANCE FOR THE NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES REQUIRED FOR A RETAIL BUSINESS AND IS TRACKED AS ZONING CASE 1929SB. THEY ARE REQUESTING 32 SPACES. THE BZA PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE NOVEMBER 18, 2025 AT 7:00 PM IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING ROOM.

FIRE CHIEF-OLD BUSINESS

THE OCTOBER FIRE REPORT WAS PRESENTED BY ASSISTANT CHIEF JERRY WELCH. THERE WERE 177 RUNS (51 FIRE/126 EMS). THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAD A LOT OF PR EVENTS ON TOP OF THEIR DAILY ACTIVITIES AND RUN VOLUMES WITH FIRE PREVENTION AT BICK ELEMENTARY AND SEVERAL TRICK-OR-TREAT EVENTS.

THE OCTOBER TEST OF THE OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS WAS HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2025. FOUR OR THE FIVE SIRENS WORK AGAIN. THE SALTAIR-MAPLE RD SIRENS ONLY ROTATED AND DID NOT SOUND. TWO BATTERIES WERE FOUND TO HAVE LOW VOLTAGE IN THE SALTAIR SIRE. THE TECHNICIAN WAS CONTACTED AND WILL BE HERE NEXT WEEK TO LOOK AT IT. THE BATTERIES WERE PULLED AND CHARGED AT THE FIREHOUSE. THEY WERE TESTED AND THEY TESTED GOOD. IT IS BELIEVED TO BE ANOTHER INTERNAL CHARGER ISSUE.

THE PARKING LOT POLE LIGHT HAS BEEN FIXED WITH THE NEW POLE LIGHTS. THE NEW LIGHTS ARE LED AND HAVE 3 BRIGHT SETTINGS. THEY ARE SET TO THE LOWEST SETTING.

AS MENTIONED LAST MONTH, THE 2004 ENGINE IS GOING TO NEED REAR BRAKES. KONRAD AND DENZEL REPLACED BOTH REAR DRUMS AND SHOES. THE TOTAL COST FOR PARTS WAS JUST UNDER \$600. WHILE DOING THE WORK, A BROKEN LEAF SPRING WAS FOUND. WE WERE ABLE TO GET A NEW SPRING THE FOLLOWING DAY AND GET THE TRUCK BACK IN-SERVICE. THE TRUCK WAS ONLY DOWN FOR 24 HOURS. THE COST OF THE PARTS WAS \$324. THE TRUCK NOW HAS A LEAN TO IT SO WE WILL NEED TO REPLACE THE OPPOSITE SPRING IN THE COMING MONTHS. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THANKED ED (ROAD SUPERVISOR) FOR FREEING UP KONRAD AND DENZEL FOR TWO DAYS.

THE TENDER THAT WAS SOLD ON GOVDEALS WAS PICKED UP ON FRIDAY BY A SHIPPING CARRIER AND ALL PAPERWORK WAS COMPLETED. THE TRUCK IS GOING TO PUERTO RICO WHERE IT WILL BE HAULING WATER FOR A GOLF COURSE.

MS. STEIMLE QUESTIONED WHY THE NEW BATTERIES ON THE WARNING SIREN WERE LOW GIVEN THE REPLACEMENTS ALREADY MADE. THE RESPONSE WAS THAT THE SIREN STILL DRAWS POWER BUT IS NOT CHARGING. SHE ASKED IF THE CHARGING UNIT COULD BE REPLACED. MR. DURBIN STATED THAT HE HAD TALKED TO CLERMONT COUNTY ABOUT FUNDING FOR SIRENS.

FIRE-NEW BUSINESS

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THE DEPARTMENT HAD ITS ISO AUDIT LAST WEEK. ISO IS THE ORGANIZATION THAT DETERMINES THE INSURANCE RATINGS THE RESIDENTS' HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE. THEY WERE HERE LAST IN 2019 WHEN WE WENT TO A 3/3Y. IT WILL BE 1-6 MONTHS BEFORE WE KNOW WHAT OUR RESULTS ARE FROM THIS AUDIT.

IT IS TIME TO ORDER 5 COMPLETE SETS OF BUNKER GEAR FOR OUT FIREFIGHTERS. THE BUNKER GEAR MUST BE REPLACED HEAD TO TOE EVERY 10 YEARS PER NFPA 1851. A COMPLETE SET OF BUNKER GEAR IS HELMET, COAT, PANTS, GLOVES, NOMEX HOOD, & BOOTS. 2 QUOTES WERE PRESENTED TO THE TRUSTEES. THE FIRST QUOTE IS FROM VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3882.00/SET WITH A 90 DAY DELIVERY. THE SECOND QUOTE IS FROM 911 FLEET & FIRE EQUIPMENT FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$3559.00/SET WITH A 45 DAY DELIVERY. THE INVOICE FOR THE GEAR WOULD NOT COME UNTIL 2026. THERE WAS ONLY A 2% INCREASE SINCE LAST YEAR. THE FIRE CHIEF RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 5 COMPLETE SETS OF BUNKER GEAR FROM 911 FLEET & FIRE EQUIPMENT AT THE COST OF \$3559.00/SET FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF \$17,795.00. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 5 SETS OF BUNKER GEAR FROM 911 FLEET & FIRE EQUIPMENT AT A TOTAL COST OF \$17,795.00. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

THE BETHEL-TATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION ALONG WITH THE BETHEL-TATE FIREFIGHTERS UNION ARE ONCE AGAIN HOSTING A TOY DRIVE. THIS YEAR NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS FOR AGES 4-12 AS WELL AS CASH OR CHECK DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BETWEEN NOW AND DECEMBER 6, 2025 DURING THE DOWN HOME CHRISTMAS. THE TOYS AND MONETARY DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED AT THE FIREHOUSE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO BE HOSTING AN OPEN HOUSE ON DECEMBER 6 FROM NOON-4PM. PEOPLE CAN DROP OFF DONATIONS AND HAVE SOME COOKIES AND HOT CHOCOLATE WITH SOME OF THEIR FAVORITE FIREFIGHTERS.

THE TRUSTEES WERE ASKED TO APPROVE THE ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OF CHIEF COOPER TO THE OHIO TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION AT A COST OF \$35. MOTION BY MR. WILSON TO APPROVE THE MEMBERSHIP, 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

DAN HEAD HAS SUBMITTED HIS NOTICE OF RETIREMENT EFFECTIVE MARCH 11, 2026 AT WHICH TIME HE REQUESTED TO BE MOVED TO HONORARY STATUS. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO MOVE DAN HEAD TO HONORARY STATUS AT RETIREMENT. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

MR. BAIRD COMMENTED THAT PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA OF CRANE SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD AND SUGARTREE ROAD CANNOT HEAR THE WARNING SIRENS. ASST. CHIEF WELCH REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT SURE OF THE PLAN TO ADDRESS THAT. IT IS VERY COSTLY TO ADD ANOTHER WARNING SIREN.

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AT 8:00PM A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. WILSON TO CALL A RECESS UNTIL THE FIRE CHIEF AND ROAD SUPERVISOR COME OUT OF THEIR MEETING, 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

AT 8:11PM A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. WILSON TO RESUME THE REGULAR MEETING. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

CHIEF COOPER REPORTED THAT THE VALUATION OF INSURED VEHICLES WAS DISCUSSED. HE WILL NEED TO RESEARCH THE COST OF NEW VEHICLES. THEY PLAN TO MEET AGAIN ON DECEMBER 9, 2025. MS. STEIMLE COMMENTED THAT THEY COULD CALL A SPECIAL MEETING. MR. WILSON SUGGESTED A SUMMARY OF SUGGESTED CHANGES FOR THE DECEMBER 9, 2025 MEETING.

ROAD/CEMETERY-OLD BUSINESS

OCTOBER REPORT WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

THE SEALANT HAS BEEN APPLIED ON ALL THE CEMETERY SHELTER POSTS. ALL FOOTERS FOR HEADSTONES HAVE BEEN POURED. THE CONCRETE FOR THE VETERANS' CIRCLE WAS POURED TODAY.

MR. WILSON ASKED ABOUT THE STRIPING FOR THE PARKING LOT AT THE CEMETERY. MR. STANLEY RESPONDED THAT BROWN COUNTY CONSTRUCTION HAS THERMO-HEAT TREATED SOME SPOTS IN THE PARKING LOT. HE WILL CONTACT HOUCK BLACKTOP REGARDING THE STRIPING.

60 FEET OF CULVERTS (2 PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS) WERE REPLACED.

MOWING HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

STONE WAS ADDED TO KELCH ROAD

CLERMONT COUNTY DOES NOT HELP WITH CULVERT REPLACEMENT; THEY ONLY DO BLACKTOP, NOT TAR AND CHIP.

OLD PUBLIC INPUT: NONE

MR. WILSON CLOSED THE OLD PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY MR. WILSON, 2ND BY MR. DURBIN.