

## MINUTES OF REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING HELD MARCH 10, 2026

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TATE TOWNSHIP MET IN REGULAR SESSION WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: TRUSTEE WILSON, 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 MR. WILSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 24, 2026. 2<sup>ND</sup> BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

MOTION BY MR. WILSON TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 2026 BILLS. 2<sup>ND</sup> BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

MOTION BY MR. WILSON TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 2026 PAYROLL, EFT'S AND WITHHOLDING VOUCHERS. 2<sup>ND</sup> BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: 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-NONE

FIRE-OLD BUSINESS

THE FEBRUARY, 2026 FIRE/EMS REPORT WAS PRESENTED. THERE WERE 242 CALLS; 98 FIRE AND 144 EMS. CHIEF COOPER THANKED THE ROAD DEPARTMENT FOR KEEPING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT LOT CLEAR. HE ALSO REMINDED EVERYONE TO HAVE WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS IN THEIR HOMES.

CHIEF COOPER REMINDED EVERYONE THAT THERE IS A STATEWIDE BURN BAN IN EFFECTIVE FROM 6AM-6PM DURING MARCH, APRIL AND MAY.

THE MARCH 4, 2026 TEST FOR THE COUNTY OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS TOOK PLACE. ALL 4 SIRENS IN THE TOWNSHIP WENT OFF WITH NO ISSUES. THE SIREN IN THE VILLAGE DID NOT ACTIVATE. IT IS BEING REPAIRED TODAY. THE NEXT SCHEDULED TEST IS APRIL 1, 2026 AT NOON.

CHIEF COOPER INFORMED THE TRUSTEES THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLIED TO THE STATE OF OHIO TRAINING REIMBURSEMENT GRANT IN DECEMBER, 2025 FOR TRAINING 2 MEMBERS AT FFII LEVEL AND 1 FOR FIRE SAFETY INSPECTOR FOR \$3200.00. UNFORTUNATELY, WE WERE DENIED DUE TO NOT HAVING ENOUGH FUNDING AVAILABLE. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SINCE

2017 THAT WE HAVE NOT GOTTEN IT. WE WERE TOLD BY THE STATED THAT SINCE WE HAVE BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL IN THE PAST IS THE REASON WHY WE WERE DENIED.

ALL THE PAPERWORK AND LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR THE 2027 COMMUNITY FUNDING PROJECT TO REPLACE OUR LADDER TRUCK HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED. FOR THE FY27 CFP.

CHIEF COOPER REMINDED THE TRUSTEES THAT TOMORROW WILL BE FF/PARAMEDIC DAN HEAD'S LAST SHIFT. HE IS RETIRING AFTER 23 YEARS WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

#### FIRE-NEW BUSINESS

CHIEF COOPER ASKED THE TRUSTEES TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF FF/EMT ETHAN GEIGER AND FF/EMT TREVOR RILEY FOR PART TIME POSITIONS AND BE PLACED ON A 1-YEAR PROBATION. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF FF/EMT ETHAN GEIGER AND FF/EMT TREVOR RILEY FOR PART TIME POSITIONS AND BE PLACED ON A 1-YEAR PROBATION. MR. DURBIN 2<sup>ND</sup> THE MOTION. ROLL CALL: MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

CHIEF COOPER ASKED THE TRUSTEES TO APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF LAIKEN KEENEY AS A CADET AND BE PLACED ON A 1-YEAR PROBATION. MOTION BY MR. WILSON TO APPROVE THE PLACEMENT OF LAIKEN KEENEY AS A CADET AND BE PLACED ON A 1-YEAR PROBATION. MR. DURBIN 2<sup>ND</sup> THE MOTION. ROLL CALL: MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

CHIEF COOPER ASKED THE TRUSTEES TO ALLOW THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING (CDS) FOR A NEW LADDER TRUCK THROUGH SENATOR JOHN HUSTED AND SENATOR BERNIE MORENO'S OFFICES. THE FIRST APPLICATION IS DUE ON 3/18/2026 AND THE SECONDED APPLICATION IS DUE ON 3/30/2026. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATIONS. MR. DURBIN 2<sup>ND</sup> THE MOTION. ROLL CALL: MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

WHILE RESPONDING TO A MUTUAL AID ON FEBRUARY 25, 2026 CALL THE LADDER TRUCK BEGAN RUNNING BADLY AND SMOKING. THE TRUCK WAS TOWED BACK TO THE FIRE HOUSE WHERE KONRAD DETERMINED THAT 3 OF THE 8 SLEEVES WERE CRACKED AND THE O-RINGS WERE MISSING. ALSO, THE THERMOSTAT ON THE DRIVER'S SIDE FAILED CAUSING THE COOLANT ISSUE. NO CRACKS WERE FOUND IN THE BLOCK, SO IT IS GOOD. CHIEF COOPER PRESENTED THE TRUSTEES WITH 3 QUOTES FOR REPAIRS FOR THE LADDER TRUCK.

- 1) W.W.WILLIAMS: TOTAL COST \$41,474.63 MINUS CORE CHARGES OF \$1695 FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF \$39,779.63.
- 2) HEAVY DUTY PROS/SYRACUSE CRANK & MACHINE: \$3,022.79. WATER PUMP IS NOT AVAILABLE.
- 3) J & J ENGINE REBUILDER: TOTAL \$12,385.25 PLUS COST OF REBUILT WATER PUMP \$850 PLUS \$200 SHIPPING MINUS THE \$750 CORE CHARGE. GRAND TOTAL: \$13,435.25.

CHIEF COOPER ASKED THE BOARD TO APPROVE AND ALLOW SPENDING OF UP TO \$13,435.25 ON PARTS FOR THE MOTOR ON OUR 1985 LADDER TRUCK THROUGH J & J ENGINE REBUILDERS

OUT OF CLEVELAND, OHIO. MR. DURBIN ASKED ABOUT A WARRANTY. CHIEF COOPER RESPONDED THAT THERE IS A TWO YEAR WARRANTY ON PARTS. ED STANLEY STATED THAT KONRAD HAS WORKED ON THEM BEFORE. CHIEF COOPER GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE LADDER TRUCK. THE PART THAT WAS INITIALLY THOUGHT TO COST \$10,000 COULD BE ANYWHERE FROM \$25-\$35,000 FOR THE PART AND LABOR AND HAS TO BE REPAIRED IN COLUMBUS. ONCE THE TRUCK IS BACK RUNNING, HE WILL BE ABLE TO RAISE THE LADDER STRAIGHT UP AND FIND THE EXACT MODEL OF THE SWIVEL WHICH WILL TELL US THE PRICE OF THE REPAIR SO WE CAN GET A QUOTE. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REPAIR OF UP TO \$13,435.25. MR. DURBIN 2<sup>ND</sup> THE MOTION. ROLL CALL: MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

#### ROAD/CEMETERY-OLD BUSINESS

THE FEBRUARY 2026 CEMETERY REPORT WAS PRESENTED. THERE WERE 6 BURIALS, 2 FOUNDATION ORDERS, AND 3 GRAVE SALES.

ED STANLEY EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR DAN HEAD'S SERVICE.

61 TONS OF SALT WAS USED IN FEBRUARY. THE ROADS WERE SALTED 4 TIMES. 46.5 TONS OF SALT HAVE BEEN ORDERED.

NORTH CAMPBELL ROAD BERMING IS BEING DONE.

MIKE LONG IS ATTENDING CDL TRAINING.

LEGION LANE WAS UNDER WATER LAST WEEK. ED BELIEVES IT WAS DUE TO COUNTY CAPPING A CATCH BASIN AND BLACKTOPPING OVER IT. ONCE IT WAS REMOVED THE WATER GUSHED OUT. COUNTY WILL RUN A CAMERA THROUGH IT TO SEE IF THE PIPE HAS ANY DAMAGE AND WILL RESET THE CATCH BASIN. ED PLANS TO ADD AN EXTENSION FOR THE COUNTY TO HOOK INTO.

#### ZONING-OLD BUSINESS

6 PERMITS WERE ISSUED IN FEBRUARY.

VIOLATIONS WERE UPDATED.

THERE WERE NO NEW RESPONSES TO THE ZONING SURVEYS.

THE MARCH 3, 2026 ZONING COMMISSION MEETING WAS CANCELLED.

MR. MAROIS WAS INTRODUCED AT THE LAST BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING AS THE NEWEST MEMBER. THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS SET THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO THE MEETING AS THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION.

MR. BAIRD INFORMED THE BOARD THAT LETTERS HAVE BEEN MAILED REGARDING THE NUSIANCE PROPERTY. THE TITLE EXAM WAS ORDERED ON FEBRUARY 25, 2026 AND CAME BACK ON MARCH 4, 2026. THERE WERE 3 LIENHOLDERS. THE DEADLINE TO COMPLY IS MARCH 20, 2026. THE BOARD WILL REVISIT THE VIOLATION ON MARCH 24, 2026.

#### ZONING-NEW BUSINESS

MR. BAIRD RECOMMENDED THAT THE TRUSTEES APPROVE APPLYING FOR THE SLGCP.GOV MIGRATION GRANT. IT IS A 20% MATCHING GRANT. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR THE SLGCP.GOV GRANT. MR. DURBIN 2<sup>ND</sup> THE MOTION. ROLL CALL: MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

#### OLD BUSINESS

MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO APPLY FOR THE COMMUNITY PROJECT GRANT FOR A NEW MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT BUILDING. MR. DURBIN 2<sup>ND</sup> THE MOTION. ROLL CALL: MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

#### OLD PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY DURBIN, 2<sup>ND</sup> BY WILSON.