

MINUTES OF REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING HELD APRIL 14, 2026

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 RON BULOW.

MR. WILSON INTRODUCED THE BOARD.

MOTION BY MS. STEIMLE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 24, 2026. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

MOTION BY MS. STEIMLE TO APPROVE THE MARCH, 2026 BILLS. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

MOTION BY MS. STEIMLE TO APPROVE THE MARCH, 2026 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.

NEW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-

JODI WILSON ANNOUNCED THAT THERE IS A PETITION AVAILABLE TO SIGN REGARDING DATA CENTERS. IT WOULD ADD A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT THAT WOULD PROHIBIT DATA CENTERS GREATER THAN 25 MEGA WATTS. IT WOULD NOT BAN DATA CENTERS UNDER 25 MEGA WATTS. THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES NEEDED TO PUT THE ISSUE ON THE BALLOT IS 10% OF THE NUMBER THAT VOTED IN THE LAST GENERAL ELECTION, OR 18,018 CERTIFIED SIGNATURES FOR CLERMONT COUNTY ALONE. THE NUMBER NEEDED STATEWIDE IS 413,000. SHE WILL BE AT WICHARD'S ON SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH, FROM 12PM TO 6PM. MR. WILSON CLOSED THE NEW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

PAM SANDKER PRESENTED A FLYER WITH SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR THE AMERICA 250 CELEBRATION. SHE ASKED THE TRUSTEES FOR PERMISSION TO POST THE FLYER ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE. THE TRUSTEES AGREED TO POST THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE FLAGS AND CONTESTS, ALSO.

FIRE CHIEF-OLD BUSINESS

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THE MARCH, 2026 FIRE REPORT WAS PRESENTED. THERE WERE 196 RUNS, 71 FIRE AND 125 EMS.

CHIEF COOPER REPORTED THAT ON MARCH 8 THE MEDIC CREW, LT. ERIC SMITH AND FF/EMT LILLIAN EARLS, WHILE RETURNING FROM A RUN FROM ANDERSON MERCY HOSPITAL STOPPED TO ASSIST CJFED WITH A BURN PATIENT. CHIEF COOPER READ A LETTER FROM CJFED LT. SNYDER COMPLIMENTING THE CREW'S PROFESSIONALISM AND THANKED THEM FOR THE AID. ON MARCH 9, MEDIC CREW, FF/EMT WILLIAM WELCH AND FF/PARAMEDIC JUSTIN ROWLAND CAME UPON A MVA AUTO VS. MOTORCYCLE IN AMELIA WHILE THEY WERE RETURNING FROM ANDERSON MERCY HOSPITAL. THE CREW IMMEDIATELY SHUT DOWN THE ROADWAY AND STARTED PATIENT CARE WHILE WAITING FOR CJFED TO ARRIVE AND ASSIST UNTIL RELEASED BY COMMAND. CHIEF SHORT SENT A LETTER OF APPRECIATION, ALSO.

MR. DURBIN ASKED CHIEF COOPER IF THERE IS ANY AWARD THAT COULD BE ISSUED. CHIEF COOPER RESPONDED THAT THEY HAD BEEN RECOGNIZED IN THE STAFF MEETING. MR. DURBIN ASKED HIM TO LET THEM KNOW THAT THE TRUSTEES APPRECIATE THEIR ACTIONS.

CHIEF COOPER REMINDED EVERYONE THAT THERE IS STILL A STATEWIDE BURN BAN IN EFFECT. NO OPEN BURNING FROM 6AM TO 6PM DURING MARCH, APRIL AND MAY STATEWIDE.

CHIEF COOPER ANNOUNCED THAT ALL 4 SIRENS IN THE TOWNSHIP AND 1 IN THE VILLAGE WORKED AS THEY SHOULD DURING THE LAST COUNTY OUTDOOR WARING SIREN TEST ON APRIL 1, 2026. THE NEXT SCHEDULED TEST IS MAY 6, 2026 AT NOON.

ALL APPLICATIONS FOR CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING (CDS) FOR A NEW LADDER TRUCK THROUGH SENATOR JOHN HUSTED AND SENATOR BERNIE MORENO'S OFFICES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED. WHILE AT GRANT CAREER CENTER'S RIBBON CUTTING, CHIEF COOPER MET THE DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTOR TO REPRESENTATIVE DAVE TAYLOR'S OFFICE. THEY SPOKE A LITTLE ABOUT THE FUNDING AND CHIEF COOPER INVITED HIM TO THE FIREHOUSE FOR FUTURE DISCUSSIONS. MR. WILSON ASKED TO NOTIFIED IF A MEETING IS SCHEDULED.

CHIEF COOPER INFORMED THE TRUSTEES THAT HE HAD REQUESTED QUOTES FOR 3 HEART MONITORS FROM 2 VENDORS. ONE QUOTE WAS FOR \$155,000. HE IS WAITING FOR THE 2ND QUOTE. MS. STEIMLE STATED THAT SHE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT DESMOND AT CLERMONT COUNTY REGARDING THE CBDG GRANT. MR. DURBIN ASKED CHIEF COOPER TO GIVE HIM A LIST AND HE WOULD PASS IT ON.

THE LADDER TRUCK'S MOTOR IS COMPLETELY BACK TOGETHER AND RUNNING. THE TRUCK WAS DRIVEN TO COLERAIN AND BACK. IT HAD TO RUN FOR 3-4 HOURS AT 60-75% LOAD TO GET EVERYTHING SEATED AND BROKEN IN. THEY NEED TO GET THE GOVERNOR AND THROTTLE ADJUSTED AS THE RPMS FOR THE MOTOR ARE A LITTLE LOW. ONCE THAT IS COMPLETED, IT SHOULD BE A MATTER OF CHECKING FLUIDS AND PUTTING THE ENGINE PANELS BACK ON. THE COST FOR THE PARTS AND HEADS TO BE REBUILT WAS \$11,485.25. WE HAD BEEN APPROVED

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TO SPEND UP TO \$13, 435.25. CHIEF COOPER THANKED ED STANLEY FOR LOANING KONRAD SANDKER TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO DO THE REPAIRS.

FIRE CHIEF-NEW BUSINESS

THE DEPARTMENT HAS APPLIED FOR A GRANT THROUGH FIREHOUSE SUB TO REPLACE OUTDATED ROPE RESCUE EQUIPMENT. WITH THE ADDITION OF THE PURINA PLANT AND THE CURRENT HAZARDS IN OUR AREA, CHIEF COOPER FELT THIS WOULD BE A GOOD USAGE OF GRANT FUNDS IF AWARDED. THE TOTAL FUNDING REQUEST WAS \$25,279.00.

CHIEF COOPER INFORMED EVERYONE THAT HE HAD OFFERED TO STORE 3 SKIDS OF WATER FOR THE JULY EVENT ACROSS THE STREET FOR THE BETHEL 250 COMMITTEE.

CHIEF COOPER REPORTED ON AMBULANCE REPAIRS. THE 2017 AMBULANCE HAD 3 SENSORS GO BAD FOR THE LEVELING AND LOAD SYSTEM. THIS HAD TO BE SENT OUT FOR REPAIR DUE TO BEING A SPECIALTY TYPE SYSTEM. THOSE WERE REPLACED AND THE UNIT IS BACK IN-SERVICE. THE COST OF REPAIR WAS \$1,000.07. THE 2013 AMBULANCE STARTED GETTING A FRONT BRAKE SQUEAK AND BAD TIRE VIBRATION. WE FOUND A BAD SHOCK IN THE BACK AND REPLACED BOTH THE REAR AND FRONT ONES. THE FRONT TIRES ARE CUPPING REALLY BAD DUE TO THE WEIGHT. AFTER SPEAKING WITH OUR TIRE DEALER, WE FEEL THAT GOING BACK TO A STEER TIRE SHOULD HELP THIS ABNORMAL WEAR. TWO TIRES HAVE BEEN ORDERED AND SHOULD ARRIVE TOMORROW. A BAD CARRIER WAS FOUND ON THE DRIVE SHAFT DURING THE OIL CHANGE. MIKE REPLACED THAT FOR US. SINCE WE WERE STILL UNDER WARRANTY FROM FUGI FROM LAST YEAR WHERE HE REPLACED PADS AND ROTORS, I TOOK THE SQUAD TO THEM FOR THE BRAKES. HE REPLACED BOTH FRONT ROTORS AND PADS AND THEN REPLACED BOTH CALIPERS AT NO COST TO THE DEPARTMENT. I OFFERED TO PAY BUT HE SAID NO. CHIEF COOPER THANKED JOE AND HIS STAFF AT FUGI DIESEL.

THE SAFER GRANT THAT HAS PAID TO THE 3 ADDITIONAL FIREFIGHTERS SINCE 2/2023 ENDED ON 2/16/2026. THERE IS 1 MORE REIMBURSEMENT PENDING. WHEN ALL FUNDING IS COMPLETED, CHIEF COOPER WILL CALCULATE THE ACTUAL COST TO THE TOWNSHIP. SINCE THE 3 PERSONNEL WERE HIRED UNDER THE GRANT AND IT HAS ENDED, WE NEED TO MOVE THEM TO REGULAR FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES. CHIEF COOPER RECOMMENDED THAT THE TRUSTEES MOVE FF/EMT WILLIAM WELCH, FF/EMT MALLORY SMITH AND FF/EMT LILLIAN EARLS FROM SAFER HIRES TO REGULAR FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS AND COMPLETE ANY AND ALL PROBATION PERIODS CURRENTLY ESTABLISHED. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO MOVE FF/EMT WILLIAM WELCH, FF/EMT MALLORY SMITH, AND FF/EMT LILLIAN EARLS FROM SAFER HIRES TO REGULAR FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS AND COMPLETE ANY AND ALL PROBATION PERIODS CURRENTLY ESTABLISHED. MR. DURBIN SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

CHIEF COOPER INFORMED THE TRUSTEES THAT HE HAD SELECTED 3 POSSIBLE LOCATIONS IN THE TOWNSHIP, 1937 BETHEL-MAPLE RD., JONES FLOREN RD., AND SOUTH BANTAM RD. TO

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INSTALL 2 MORE HYDRANTS THIS YEAR. ALL ARE ON 6" MAINS. THE FIRST HYDRANT TO BE INSTALLED WOULD BE AT 1937 BETHEL-MAPLE ROAD. HE IS WAITING FOR APPROVAL BY THE PROPERTY OWNER ON JONES FLOWER FOR THE SECOND ONE. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF 1 FIRE HYDRANT BY TATE-MONROE WATER ASSOCIATION AT THE COST OF \$8,742.22 (\$3900 FOR THE HYDRANT PLUS INSTALLATION). MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF 1 FIRE HYDRANT AT 1937 BETHEL-MAPLE ROAD BY TATE-MONROE WATER ASSOCIATION AT A COST OF \$8,742.22. MR. DURBIN SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

THE BOARD WAS ASKED TO APPROVE HAVING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT EXTERMINATED ON A QUARTERLY BASIS BY MAXIMUM TERMITE & PEST CONTROL FOR \$75/SERVICE. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE QUARTERLY EXTERMINATION BY MAXIMUM TERMITE & PEST CONTROL AT A COST OF \$75/SERVICE. MR. DURBIN SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

CHIEF COOPER ASKED THE BOARD TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 4 NEW CHAIRS THROUGH SAM'S CLUB TO REPLACE THE FOUR CHAIRS FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THAT ARE ORIGINAL TO THE BUILDING (1996). AFTER DISCUSSION IT WAS DECIDED TO PURCHASE 5. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE 5 CHAIRS THROUGH SAM'S CLUB AT A COST OF \$235/EACH. \$1175.00 TOTAL. MR. DURBIN SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

CHIEF COOPER INFORMED THE BOARD THAT THERE IS A CURRENT RESIDENT IN THE VILLAGE THAT IS, IN HIS OPINION, ABUSING THE EMS SERVICE. WE NEED TO DISCUSS A NON-TRANSPORT EMS SERVICES LONG-TERM PLAN. HE HAS MET WITH MULTIPLE DEPARTMENTS REGARDING HOW TO HANDLE IT. THE POLICE AND FIRE CHIEF ARE CONSIDERING FILING CHARGES FOR MISUSE OF 911 SERVICES. THE VILLAGE NUISANCE ORDINANCE WOULD COVER THAT. HE ASKED THE TRUSTEES TO CONSIDER BILLING FOR NON-TRANSPORTS FOR MISUSE OF EMS SERVICES AND PUT IN PLACE A POLICY OR RESOLUTION TO COVER THE ABUSE. THE COST FOR THESE DISPATCHED CALLS IS \$9.77 PER DISPATCH. HE WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS ISSUE WITH OTHER FIRE CHIEFS AND WITH MEDICOUNT. MS. STEIMLE STATED THAT SHE IS LOOKING AT THE VILLAGE ORDINANCE AND WILL DISCUSS THE ISSUE AT THE NEXT MEETING.

ROAD/CEMETERY-OLD BUSINESS

THE CEMETERY REPORT FOR MARCH, 2026 WAS PRESENTED. 5 BURIALS, 6 FOUNDATION ORDERS, 1 LOT SALE. THE CEMETERIES HAVE BEEN MOWED 1 TIME. THE 1ST ROUND OF FOOTERS WILL BE POURED TOMORROW.

NORTH CAMPBELL ROAD WILL BE READY FOR RESURFACING BY THE NEXT MEETING. THE CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER HAS AWARDED THE CONTRACT TO JURGENSON COMPANY.

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THERE ARE STILL 5 CULVERTS TO BE SET ON NORTH CAMPBELL ROAD. THE ROAD IS 75% BERMED AND DITCHED.

THE LIST OF REPAIRS MADE TO THE 2016 EXPLORER TO DATE WAS PRESENTED TO THE TRUSTEES. IT STILL NEEDS SWAY BAR LINKS AT A COST OF \$150.00.

ED REPORTED THAT HE ORDERED 42.09 TONS OF SALT LAST MONTH.

ROAD/CEMETERY-NEW BUSINESS

THERE IS ROAD DAMAGE ON CASE ROAD CAUSED BY THE DUTCH BUILDER COMPANY. MS. STEIMLE IS WORKING ON PAPERWORK TO SEND TO THE CONTRACTORS. ED STATED THAT HE SETS CULVERTS NO LESS THAN 40' DUE TO HOW NARROW THE ROADS ARE. THIS ALLOWS TRUCK TO PULL ONTO THE PROPERTY WITHOUT CAUSING DAMAGE. HE HAS SPOKEN TO CLERMONT COUNTY AND THEY STATED THAT THEY WILL NOT ISSUE A FINAL OCCUPANCY PERMIT UNTIL THE REPAIRS HAVE BEEN MADE.

ED ASKED THE TRUSTEES FOR PERMISSION TO CREATE A SEPARATE AMAZON ACCOUNT FOR THE ROAD/CEMETERY DEPARTMENT. MR. BAIRD STATED THAT HE WOULD RESEARCH IT WITH OTA.

ZONING-OLD BUSINESS

MR. BAIRD PRESENTED THE MARCH 2026 REPORT. 9 PERMITS WERE ISSUED.

BOTH ZONING BOARD MEETINGS WERE CANCELLED DUE TO NO BUSINESS.

THE TRUSTEES WERE UPDATED ON THE 2543 BETHEL MAPLE PROPERTY. SHELBY VISITED THE PROPERTY LAST WEEK AND ON MARCH 24. SHE SPOKE TO THE PROPERTY OWNER BOTH TIMES ASKING FOR AN UPDATE. THE PROPERTY OWNER HAD PLANNED TO GET A DUMPSTER BEFORE A TREE FELL. THERE HAS BEEN AN OBSERVABLE PROGRESS BUT THE FALLEN TREE HAS COMPLICATED THE ISSUE. THE OWNER CANNOT AFFORD A DUMPSTER AND GRAVEL TO GET ONTO THE PROPERTY. SHELBY RECOMMENDED THAT SHE REACH OUT TO THE TRUSTEES. MR. WILSON STATED THAT SHE DID CONTACT HIM. THE PROPERTY DOES NOT HAVE A LARGE ENOUGH SAW TO CUT THE TREE TRUNK. THEY ARE WORKING ON IT. THE PROPERTY OWNER ASKED MR. WILSON FOR AN EXTENSION UNTIL MAY 1. HE TOLD HER TO KEEP WORKING ON THE CLEANUP. THEY ARE CONSIDERING HIRING A COMPANY TO DO THE WORK. SHE WOULD MAKE THE DECISION WHO TO USE AND WOULD PAY THE COST. MS. STEIMLE SUGGESTED WAITING UNTIL THE MAY 12TH TO GIVE TIME TO VERIFY THE COST WITH THE CONTRACTORS AND GIVE HER TIME TO MAKE A DECISION. SHELBY ASKED IF THE RESOLUTION SHOULD BE AMENDED. THE TRUSTEES DID NOT THINK IT WAS NECESSARY HOWEVER MS. STEIMLE STATED THAT SHE WOULD CONTACT LEGAL. IF IT NEEDS TO BE AMENDED, THEY CAN DO IT AT THE APRIL 28TH MEETING. SHELBY WILL ASK THE PROPERTY OWNER FOR PERMISSION FOR THE CONTRACTORS TO GO ON HER PROPERTY IN ORDER TO GIVE HER A MORE ACCURATE BID. MR.

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WILSON STATED THAT HE WOULD CALL HER TOMORROW AND WILL THEN HAVE SHELBY SET UP A DATE FOR THE CONTRACTORS TO EVALUATE THE JOB.

SHELBY INFORMED THE TRUSTEES THAT THERE IS A NEW COMPLAINT REGARDING 2564 SALTAIR MAPLE ROAD. HE WILL BE ISSUING AN UPDATED VIOLATION LETTER TO THE OWNER OF RECORD. HE ASKED THE TRUSTEES TO DRIVE BY THE PROPERTY.
ZONING-NEW BUSINESS

SHELBY ASKED THE TRUSTEES FOR PERMISSION TO RENEW THE ANTI-VIRUS SOFTWARE AT A COST OF \$49.99. THE TRUSTEES APPROVED.

THE TRUSTEES WERE INFORMED THAT THERE IS A POTENTIAL ZONING MAP AMENDMENT AT THE END OF AIRPORT ROAD. SHELBY IS RECOMMENDING REZONING A LOT AT THE END FROM A TO R-1 OR R-2. MS. STEIMLE ASKED TO SEE THE PROPERTY ON A MAP. SHELBY WILL E-MAIL THE MAP TO THE TRUSTEES. MS. STEIMLE WILL PRESENT A RESOLUTION AT THE NEXT MEETING.

SHELBY STATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A CALL REGARDING CONSTRUCTION NOISE. HE WAS ASKED WHY THERE IS NO NOISE POLICY IN NON-AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS. MR. WILSON DOESN'T WANT TO ACT ON JUST 1 PHONE CALL THAT COULD AFFECT THE ENTIRE TOWNSHIP. SHELBY WILL INVITE THE PERSON TO THE NEXT MEETING. MS. STEIMLE ASKED SHELBY TO KEEP A RECORD OF COMPLAINTS.

POLICE-NOT PRESENT

OLD BUSINESS-NONE

MR. DURBIN ASKED TO HAVE A LETTER SENT TO SKYLINE REQUESTING LUNCH FOR 20 PEOPLE ON JUNE 27, 2026, DURING TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP DAYS.

OLD PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- NONE

OLD BUSINESS-NONE

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY DURBIN, 2ND BY WILSON.