

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD APRIL 28, 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 KATE MARTIN.

MR. WILSON INTRODUCED THE BOARD.

MOTION BY MS. STEIMLE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 14, 2026. 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.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

BECKY MCCLATCHEY FROM SWCD ASKED THE TRUSTEES TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS. ALL 3 TRUSTEES AGREED. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO SUPPORT THE PILOT PROGRAM FOR LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS. MR. DURBIN SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

ASHLEY LEMASTER, THE NEW BRANCH MANAGER FOR THE BETHEL BRANCH OF THE CLERMONT COUNTY LIBRARY, SPOKE ABOUT THE SUMMER READING PROGRAM AND OTHER SERVICES THAT THE LIBRARY OFFERS, SUCH AS FREE NOTARY SERVICES AND A DATABASE DESIGNED FOR LIVE AND ON-DEMAND CLASSES THAT WILL BE COMING SOON.

MR. WILSON ASKED IT ANYONE HAD QUESTIONS REGARDING THE NEW ZONING PLAN. THERE WAS NO ONE.

NEW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

BILL DEHASS, THE CEO OF THE CLERMONT SENIOR SERVICES, SPOKE ABOUT THE RENEWAL LEVY THAT WILL BE ON THE MAY 5TH BALLOT. OVER 4,000 SENIORS WERE SERVED IN 2025. THIS PROGRAM ALLOWS SENIORS TO REMAIN IN THEIR HOMES. IT ALSO PROVIDES TRANSPORTATION TO APPOINTMENTS AND DELIVERS MEALS. LAST YEAR 70,000 MEALS WERE DELIVERED. THERE IS A HOME CARE PROGRAM AND RESPITE CARE FOR CAREGIVERS. AN ADULT DAY PROGRAM IS LOCATED IN BATAVIA. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 2 LIFELONG LEARNING CENTERS. A THIRD WILL BE OPENED ON JUNE 1ST IN BETHEL WOODS. THE HOME REPAIR PROGRAM HAS AN INCOME LIMIT. THE LEVY IS USED TO PAY FOR 1 STAFF MEMBER, THE OTHERS ARE PAY WITH GRANTS. THE ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES ADDRESSES ABUSE AND EXPLOITATION OF SENIORS. THERE IS ALSO AN INTERDISCIPLINE SERVICE THAT EDUCATES

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PEOPLE WHAT TO LOOK FOR. THE LEVY IS FOR A RENEWAL OF 1.3 MILS WITH AN EFFECTIVE RATE OF .7 MILS. THERE HAS BEEN NO INCREASE IN OVER 20 YEARS. THE COST FOR PROPERTY ACCESSED AT \$100,000 IS \$26/YEAR. OVER \$.90 OF EVERY \$1.00 GOES BACK OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY.

CHRIS SHANNON FROM SHANNON EXCAVATION ADDRESSED THE TRUSTEES REGARDING HIS BID TO HAUL GRAVEL FOR THE TOWNSHIP. HE HAS NOT BEEN CALLED TO HAUL ANY SINCE THE BID. MR. WILSON STATED THAT IT WAS DISCUSSED IN JANUARY. HE AGREED THAT THE TOWNSHIP CAN'T HAUL THE QUANTITY THAT HE CAN. THE TOWNSHIP SENT 2 MEN TO PICK UP STONE BECAUSE THERE WAS A NEW EMPLOYEE BEING TRAINED. THE TRUSTEES WILL BE REQUESTING NEW BIDS DUE TO THE INCREASE IN COSTS. ANOTHER ISSUE THAT MR. SHANNON RAISED WAS THE SHORT NOTICE FOR CULVERT BIDS. MR. WILSON ASKED WHAT THE TIME FRAME WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. HE WAS TOLD 2 WEEKS UNLESS IT IS AN EMERGENCY, THEN IT COULD BE 2 DAYS DEPENDING ON IF THEY HAVE THE MATERIAL ON HAND. MS. STEIMLE STATED THAT SHE RECALLED THAT THE TRUSTEES AGREED THAT IF THE TOWNSHIP WORKERS WERE BUSY, THEY WOULD USE SHANNON EXCAVATION. MR. SHANNON STATED THAT HE WOULD SEND THE TRUSTEES A "SCOPE OF WORK" SHEET.

ED AGREED THAT SHANNON EXCAVATION HAS A GREAT PRICE. HE STATED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE ANY ISSUE WITH USING THEM. HOWEVER, HE HAS A NEW EMPLOYEE THAT IS STILL IN TRAINING. WHEN A HOMEOWNER IS REIMBURSING THE COST OF STONE, HE NEEDS TO KNOW THE EXACT AMOUNT OF STONE THAT IS USED ON THAT PROJECT. HE SENDS 1 TRUCK TO GET STONE WHEN HE SETS CULVERTS. HE DIPS STONE, HE DOESN'T DUMP IT. MR. WILSON ALSO COMMENTED THAT ED TRIES TO KEEP EMPLOYEES BUSY ON RAIN DAYS. MR. SHANNON STATED THAT TATE TOWNSHIP IS THE ONLY TOWNSHIP IN THE COUNTY THAT SETS ITS OWN CULVERTS. MR. WILSON EXPLAINED THAT WE WANT TO BE SURE THAT THE CULVERT IS SET SO WATER RUNS OFF CORRECTLY. THEY ARE CURRENTLY TRYING TO COME UP WITH A PROCEDURE TO ENSURE THAT ALL CULVERTS ARE INSTALLED CORRECTLY.

MR. WILSON CLOSED THE NEW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

MS. STEIMLE GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE ZONING CODE. THE ZONING CODE IS CURRENTLY IN LEGAL BEING REVIEWED. THE NEXT WORK GROUP MEETING IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 19TH. AFTER THAT TIME IT WILL BE READY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. THE DRAFT WILL BE POSTED ONLINE. THERE WILL BE 1 SESSION FOR THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND. AFTER THAT, THERE WILL BE 1 MORE MEETING, THEN THE CODE WILL BE SENT TO CLERMONT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, THEN THE TATE TOWNSHIP ZONING COMMISSION WILL REVIEW IT AND SEND IT TO THE TRUSTEES FOR THEIR DECISION. THERE WILL BE FIVE OR SIX MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE PUBLIC TO COMMENT ON THE CODE.

MS. STEIMLE REPORTED ON THE CYBERSECURITY PROGRESS. THE E-MAIL MIGRATION TESTING WAS BEGUN LAST WEEKEND AND SHOULD BE WRAPPED UP BY THE END OF THIS WEEK.

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MS. STEIMLE INFORMED THE TRUSTEES THAT SHE HAD SPOKEN TO DESMOND AT CLERMONT COUNTY REGARDING THE GRANTS. HE STATED THAT THERE IS A 5 YEAR LOOK BACK REGARDING GRANTS. HE SUGGESTED APPLYING FOR THE HEART MONITORS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THAT IS A STRAIGHT FORWARD REQUEST OF APPROXIMATELY \$165,000. MS. STEIMLE WILL SPEAK TO KENNEDY REGARDING OTHER FUNDING SOURCES FOR THE MAINTENANCE BUILDING. ADAM BIRD SHARED A CONTACT.

MR. DURBIN STATED THAT MXD FROM MILFORD DONATED TOP SOIL FOR THE SHELTER HOUSE.

MR. WILSON INFORMED THAT TRUSTEES THAT THE GRANT THAT U.C. WAS WORKING ON HAD ALREADY BEEN AWARDED. THEY ARE LOOKING FOR OTHER AVENUES. THE VILLAGE IS NO LONGER COMMITTED TO THE PROJECT. THEY ARE FOCUSING ON A BRIDGE REPLACEMENT BUT MAY BE INTERESTED IN THE FUTURE.

FIRE CHIEF-OLD BUSINESS

THE FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING (CDS) FOR A LADDER TRUCK THROUGH REPRESENTATIVE DAVE TAYLOR'S OFFICE WAS NOT SELECTED. THEY RECEIVED OVER 120 APPLICATIONS AND WERE ONLY ABLE TO FUND TWENTY. EVEN THOUGH WE SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS TO SENATOR HUSTED AND MORENO'S OFFICES, REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR'S OFFICE STILL SENT THE NON-FUNDED LIST THEY HAD TO THEM FOR CONSIDERATION AS WELL. CHIEF COOPER REACHED BACK OUT TO REP. TAYLOR'S OFFICE THANKING THEM FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AND INVITED THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT. HE WOULD LIKE TO SET UP A MEETING IN AUGUST.

CHIEF COOPER SPOKE WITH OUR BILLING COMPANY ON THE ISSUE OF EMS NON-TRANSPORT BILLING. THEY HAD JUST RECEIVED A COPY OF A RESOLUTION FROM A DEPARTMENT IN BUTLER COUNTY THAT THEY FORWARDED TO HIM. THE COPY WAS PROVIDED TO OUR LEGAL COUNSEL FOR REVIEW.

THE LADDER TRUCK IS BACK IN SERVICE AND THERE ARE NO ISSUES CURRENTLY WITH THE REPAIRS THAT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED TO DATE.

ALL THE CHAIRS THAT WERE ORDERED CAME IN. ONE WAS BROKEN WHEN THE BOX WAS OPENED. IT HAS BEEN SENT BACK AND A NEW ONE HAS BEEN ORDERED AND SHOULD BE HERE AT THE END OF THE WEEK.

ZONING-OLD BUSINESS

MR. BAIRD GAVE THE TRUSTEES AN UPDATE ON THE BETHEL MAPLE PROPERTY. HE MET WITH THE CONTRACTOR (CALIBER) AND THE PROPERTY OWNER. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE PROPERTY OWNER SELL SCRAP TO PAY FOR THE GRAVEL TO ACCESS THE PROPERTY. THE CONTRACTOR ESTIMATED FEWER LOADS (3). THE PRICE PER LOAD WOULD REMAIN THE SAME.

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THE PROPERTY OWNER WAS REMINDED OF THE MAY 12TH DEADLINE. THE CONTRACTOR AGREED TO MOW THE PROPERTY FOR \$100.

MS. STEIMLE ASKED FOR A NEW UPDATED ITEMIZED BID SHOWING UP TO \$..... ON MAY 12TH, THE AMOUNT PER LOAD AND THE ESTIMATED TOTAL.

MR. WILSON SHARED HIS SUGGESTION FOR AN ANONYMOUS COMPLAINT PROCEDURE. THE COMPLAINT SHOULD BE WRITTEN. THE COMPLAINT STAYS WITH THE TRUSTEES. THE COMPLAINANT'S NAME SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN OUT FOR FEAR OF RETALIATION. MR. DURBIN STATED THAT THE COUNTY ONLY RESPONDS TO WRITTEN COMPLAINTS. MS. STEIMLE HAS A COMPLAINT FORM FROM MONROE TOWNSHIP. SHE WAS TOLD BY LEGAL THAT IT IS A PUBLIC RECORD.

MS. STEIMLE STATED THAT SHELBY BAIRD HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM JACKSON TOWNSHIP ASKING THE TRUSTEES TO SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO PUCO TO OPPOSE THE DUKE ENERGY RATE INCREASE. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION FOR THE TRUSTEES TO WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT AND ALSO SUBMIT A LETTER OF SUPPORT OF THE OPPOSITION FROM BOB HAUSERMAN OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP. MR. DURBIN 2ND THE MOTION. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

THE FARM BUREAU RENEWAL WILL NEED TO BE FOR 5 MEMBERS, NOT 3 AS AGREED. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO RENEW THE MEMBERSHIP AT THE COST OF \$108/PERSON. MR. DURBIN SECONDED THE MOTION. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

ROAD-OLD BUSINESS

THE DRIVEWAY PERMIT PROCEDURE WAS DISCUSSED. ED WOULD FIRST INSPECT THE CULVERT THEN SHELBY WOULD WRITE THE PERMIT. ED WOULD THEN INSPECT THE DRIVEWAY FOR ANY DAMAGE. IF THERE IS DAMAGE ED WILL CONTACT COUNTY. THE COUNTY WILL NOT ISSUE AN OCCUPANCY PERMIT UNTIL THE REPAIR IS COMPLETED. MS. STEIMLE WILL CONTACT LEGAL TO VERIFY THAT WE HAVE THE RIGHT. THE BUILDER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THE REPAIR. COUNTY HAS JURISDICTION. CHIEF COOPER SUGGESTED CONTACTING THE CLERMONT COUNTY BUILDING DEPARTMENT.

OLD PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

KATE MARTIN ASKED WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DRIVEWAY REPAIRS. SHE ASKED IF THERE COULD BE AN INSPECTION. MR. DURBIN EXPLAINED TO HER THAT THAT IS WHAT THEY ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT.

RON BULOW STATED THAT THE BUILDER IS RESPONSIBLE, THAT'S HIS JOB. HE IS INSURED FOR DAMAGE TO THE PROPERTY. MR. DURBIN REPLIED THAT HE WILL TALK TO COUNTY.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN BY DURBIN, 2ND BY WILSON.