

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 12, 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 26, 2026. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

MOTION BY MS. STEIMLE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD MAY 4, 2026. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

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

MOTION BY MS. STEIMLE TO APPROVE THE APRIL, 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

CRAIG GARDNER OF 2095 OAK CORNER ROAD ADDRESSED TRUSTEES REGARDING GARBAGE AT A NEIGHBOR'S HOME LOCATED AT 2075 OAK CORNER ROAD. ALSO, THERE ARE FIREWORKS BEING SET OFF AT ALL HOURS OF THE NIGHT AND THERE ARE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE DETACHED GARAGE. HE HAS ALREADY CONTACT THE CLERMONT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THIS HAS BEEN ONGOING TO YEARS BUT HAS GOTTEN WORSE. MR. BAIRD WILL INVESTIGATE. MR. GARDNER SUGGESTED THAT MR. BAIRD MAY WANT TO HAVE A DEPUTY GO WITH HIM SINCE THERE ARE 10-12 PEOPLE LIVING THERE.

WHITNEY FOX OF 2532 BETHEL MAPLE ROAD UPDATED THE TRUSTEES ON THE CLEAN UP PROGRESS ON HER PROPERTY. VEHICLES HAVE BEEN MOVED OFF THE PROPERTY AND SCRAP HAS BEEN TAKEN OUT. A DUMPSTER WILL BE RENTED ON FRIDAY. SHE WANTED TO VERIFY THAT SHE HAS UNTIL THE 18TH TO CLEAN UP THE PROPERTY. SHE STATED THAT SOMEONE IS SUPPOSED TO BE TAKING CARE OF THE TREE THIS WEEKEND. A LOT A THE GARBAGE HAS BEEN BAGGED UP AND DISPOSED OF. MR. DURBIN ASKED HER ABOUT THE PLANS FOR THE GRASS. SHE RESPONDED THAT SHE HAS SOMEONE BRINGING A ZERO TURN TO MOW IT, OTHERWISE, SHE WILL HAVE THE CONTRACTOR MOW IT. MR. WILSON AND MS. STEIMLE THANKED HER FOR

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THE EFFORT AND ASKED HER TO KEEP MAKING PROGRESS. MS. STEIMLE ASKED WHITNEY TO COME TO THE NEXT TRUSTEE MEETING TO GIVE AN ADDITIONAL UPDATE.

MR. WILSON CLOSED THE NEW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

FIRE CHIEF-OLD BUSINESS

CHIEF COOPER PRESENTED THE APRIL FIRE/EMS REPORT. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 239 RUNS IN APRIL. 85 WERE FIRE AND 154 WERE EMS.

THE STATEWIDE BURN BAN IS IN EFFECT THROUGH MAY. JUNE 1ST THE NORMAL OPEN BURN RULES WILL RETURN.

THE APRIL 1, 2026 TORNADO SIREN TEST FOR THE COUNTY DID TAKE PLACE. ALL 4 SIRENS IN THE TOWNSHIP AND 1 IN THE VILLAGE WORKED AS THEY SHOULD. THE NEXT SCHEDULED TEST IS MAY 6, 2026 AT NOON.

CHIEF COOPER INFORMED THE TRUSTEES THAT THE CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING (CDS) GRANT FOR A NEW LADDER TRUCK THROUGH SENATOR JOHN HUSTED'S OFFICE HAS BEEN DENIED. HE STATED THAT WE STILL HAVE NOT HEARD FROM SENATOR MORENO'S OFFICE.

A CDBG GRANT FOR NEW HEART MONITORS HAS BEEN SUBMITTED. CHIEF COOPER THANKED TRUSTEE STEIMLE FOR HER HELP ON THE GRANT.

PARTS FOR THE NEW HYDRANT TO BE INSTALLED ON BETHEL-MAPLE ROAD HAVE BEEN ORDERED AND WAITING FOR THE TAPPING SLEEVE AND VALVE.

THE EQUIPMENT GRANT THROUGH THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE WAS DENIED. WE HAD SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR A NEW THERMAL IMAGE CAMERA, 10 NEW PAGERS AND 8 SETS OF FIRE STRUCTURAL BOOTS.

CHIEF COOPER CONGRATULATED LIEUTENANT LEVI TROUTMAN ON COMPLETING HIS FIRE OFFICER I & II CLASSES.

FIRE-NEW BUSINESS

CHIEF COOPER ASKED THE TRUSTEES TO REMOVE FF/PARAMEDIC BETHANY DISHER FROM HER 1 YEAR PROBATION AND PLACE HER ON REGULAR STATUS EFFECTIVE 5/16/2026. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO REMOVE FF/PARAMEDIC BETHANY DISHER FROM HER 1 YEAR PROBATION AND PLACE HER ON REGULAR STATUS EFFECTIVE 5/16/2026. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

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CHIEF COOPER ASKED TO BOARD TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS OF PART-TIME FF/EMT JOSHUA GINN AND FF/EMT KYLE MOORE IN GOOD STANDING DUE TO NOT BEING ABLE TO MEET THE MONTHLY REQUIREMENTS. MOTION BY MR. WILSON TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS OF PART-TIME FF/EMT JOSHUA GINN AND FF/EMT KYLE MOORE IN GOOD STANDING. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

THE TRUSTEES WERE INFORMED THAT THE BATTERY POWERED FAN OFF OF THE ENGINE/TENDER HAD STARTED EXPERIENCING AN ISSUE AFTER A FIRE BACK IN FEBRUARY. THE FAN WAS SENT TO BE LOOKED AT IN COLUMBUS AT HERITAGE FIRE. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT IT NEEDED TO BE SENT BACK TO THE FACTORY IN CALIFORNIA WHERE THEY FOUND A BAD MOTOR THAT NEEDED TO BE REPLACED. THE COST OF THE MOTOR REPLACEMENT WAS \$675.00.

CHIEF COOPER INFORMED THE TRUSTEES THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS A HUGE ALLOTMENT OF FIRE RADIOS THAT ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO BE USED. THE RADIOS ARE OUTDATED, SOME ARE BROKEN AND ALL ARE UNABLE TO BE UPDATED. THE RADIOS JUST CAN'T BE SOLD SINCE THEY HAVE PROGRAMMING ON THEM THAT NEEDS TO BE ERASED. THE MOTOROLA REPRESENTATIVE ADVISED THAT WE SHIP THE RADIOS TO THEM AND THEY WILL ERASE ALL THE PROGRAMMING AND RECYCLE ALL THE RADIOS AT NO COST TO THE DEPARTMENT. THERE IS A TOTAL OF 48 RADIOS. CHIEF COOPER ASKED THE BOARD TO APPROVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SENDING THE 48 FIRE RADIOS TO MOTOROLA TO HAVE ALL THE PROGRAMMING REMOVED TO BE RECYCLED DUE TO BEING UNUSABLE. MOTION BY MR. WILSON TO SHIP THE RADIOS TO MOTOROLA TO BE RECYCLED. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

CHIEF COOPER STATED THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS 10 MOTOROLA MINITOR FIRE PAGERS, 6 SINGLE BASE PAGER CHARGERS AND 2 AMPLIFIED PAGER CHARGERS THAT ARE NO LONGER WORKING AND CANNOT BE REPAIRED DUE TO AGE. HE ASKED THE TRUSTEES FOR APPROVAL TO PLACE THEM ON GOVDEALS TO SELL IN AS IS CONDITION DUE TO BEING UNUSABLE. MS. STEIMLE ASKED IF THERE IS ANY DATA ON THE PAGERS. CHIEF COOPER RESPONDED THAT NO THERE IS NOT. THEY ARE JUST LIKE A SCANNER. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SELLING THE PAGERS AND CHARGERS ON GOVDEALS TO SELL IN AS IS CONDITION. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

THE TRUSTEES WERE PRESENTED WITH 2 BIDS TO SEAL COAT AND RE-STRIPE THE FIRE HOUSE PARKING LOT. HOUCK'S BID WAS \$4633.00. PINNACLE PAVING'S BID WAS \$5625.00. HOUCK'S BID WAS IDENTICAL AS THE LAST TIME AND DID NOT MEET THE CHIEF AT THE STATION. CHIEF COOPER STATED THAT HE WALKED AROUND THE STATION WITH THE PINNACLE PAVING REPRESENTATIVE AND DISCUSSED THE LOT. HE SAID THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL SEAMS OPENING AND THERE IS ALREADY 1400 FEET OF SEAMS AND HE WOULD GET THOSE SEAMS FILLED IN IS WHY HE DOUBLED IT ON THE BID. MS. STEIMLE ASKED WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME THE PARKING LOT WAS SEALED. SHE WAS TOLD IT HAS BEEN 2 YEARS. MR. WILSON MADE A

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MOTION TO USE PINNACLE PAVING TO SEAL COAT AND RE-STRIPE THE FIRE HOUSE PARKING LOT AT A COST OF \$5625.00. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

ZONING-OLD BUSINESS

APRIL ZONING REPORT WAS PRESENTED. THERE WERE 18 ZONING APPLICATIONS ISSUED IN APRIL. THE TRUSTEES WERE UPDATED ON VIOLATIONS: 1 WAS CLOSED, 26 ARE ACTIVE AND 31 ARE PENDING.

BOTH ZONING BOARD MEETINGS WERE CANCELLED IN MAY.

THE NEXT WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION WILL BE MAY 19TH AT 6:30 PM. MS. STEIMLE STATED THAT THE GROUP WILL REVIEW THE DRAFT AND ITEMS TO DISCUSS. THE MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THEY WELCOME EVERYONE'S THOUGHTS. THE DRAFT IS CLOSE TO BEING READY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, AND AT THAT TIME, WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE AND COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLINE AND AT A MEETING.

ROAD-OLD BUSINESS

THE APRIL REPORT WAS PRESENTED. THERE WERE 6 BURIALS, 4 FOUNDATION ORDERS TAKEN, AND NO GRAVES WERE SOLD.

ALL THE CEMETERIES HAVE BEEN MOWED. FOUNDATIONS WERE POURED EARLIER IN MAY AND AGAIN TODAY.

3 TREES WERE DOWN FROM THE STORMS. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HELPED THE ROAD DEPARTMENT REMOVE THEM.

THE BERM AT 2915 SUGARTREE HAS BEEN WASHED OUT. THE ROAD IS BEGINNING TO BREAK OFF. 2 LOADS OF CHUNK CONCRETE THAT WAS IN STOCK WAS HAULED THERE TO SUPPORT THE ROAD. MR. STANLEY WANTS TO MEET THE TRUSTEES AT THAT LOCATION TO LOOK AT THE ROAD AND DISCUSS THE PLAN BEFORE TALKING TO THE LAND OWNER. MR. DURBIN WILL MEET MR. STANLEY IN THE MORNING. MR. WILSON STATED THAT HE HAD ALREADY LOOKED AT IT. THEY WILL NEED A RIGHT-OF-WAY FORM ALSO CALL RIGHT OF ENTRY & RELEASE FORM SIGNED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER. MS. STEIMLE WILL REVIEW THE FORM. MS. STEIMLE WILL MEET WITH MR. STANLEY LATER IN THE MORNING. MR. WILSON STATED THAT HE WILL MEET WITH MR. STANLEY AFTER MS. STEIMLE MEETS WITH HIM.

MR. STANLEY REPORTED THAT THE ROAD DEPARTMENT INSTALLED 80 FEET OF CULVERTS. 2 CULVERTS WERE ON NORTH CAMPBELL ROAD. MR. DURBIN ASKED MR. STANLEY IF HE COULD USE MORE USED ASPHALT. THE OLD WILLIAMSBURG HIGH SCHOOL WAS RECENTLY TORN DOWN AND THE TOWNSHIP WAS GIVEN 12 LOADS OF USED BLACKTOP FROM THE DEMO'D PARKING LOT. OUR ROAD DEPARTMENT PLANS TO USE IT ON CANTER ROAD. MR. DURBIN

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WILL CALL TONIGHT TO SEE IF THERE IS MORE BLACKTOP AVAILABLE. MR. STANLEY WILL INFORM THE CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER WHEN NORTH CAMPBELL IS READY TO BE BLACKTOPPED. THE CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE WILL PUT UP SIGNAGE LETTING PEOPLE KNOW WHEN THE BLACKTOPPING WILL BE DONE. MR. STANLEY WILL ASK THE COMPANY THAT IS DOING THE BLACKTOPPING IF THEY COULD ROLL THE BERMING AND THE TURN-AROUND BEFORE THEY BLACKTOP THE ROAD.

MR. STANLEY INFORMED THE TRUSTEES THAT ALL THE ROADS HAVE BEEN MOWED AND WEED-EATED.

THERE WILL BE A ZOOM MEETING WITH LYLE AND DESMOND FROM THE CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE REGARDING PATTERSON ROAD 2 MONTHS BEFORE WORK WILL BEGIN. THE CLERMONT COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE WILL OVERSEE IT AND DO THE PLANS. TATE TOWNSHIP WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING QUOTES FOR THE JOB. THE ENGINEER'S OFFICE WANTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CONSTRUCTION MEETING. THEY ARE WAITING FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW WHICH SHOULD BE CONCLUDED IN JULY. THE HOPE IS TO HAVE THE PROJECT COMPLETED THIS YEAR BUT MR. STANLEY DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT IS POSSIBLE.

MR. STANLEY ASKED MS. STEIMLE IF SHE HAD LOOKED AT THE DAMAGE ON CASE ROAD. SHE RESPONDED THAT SHE HAD NOT. SHE JUST RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM LEGAL COUNSEL YESTERDAY AND WANTED TO SPEAK TO MR. STANLEY FIRST.

MR. STANLEY INFORMED THE TRUSTEES THAT THE UPPER SECTION OF WILSON/CAMPBELL ROAD IS POOLING BADLY. HE IS STILL PLANNING TO REDITCH FURTHER INTO THE WOODS BUT IT NEEDS TO DRY UP MORE.

MOTION BY MR. WILSON AT 7:59 PM TO CLOSE THE REGULAR MEETING PER O.R.C. 121.22 (g) (1) TO DISCUSS AN EMPLOYEE. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES. MOTION BY MR. WILSON TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:59 PM. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

MOTION BY MR. WILSON TO CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:00 PM. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES. MOTION BY MR. WILSON TO REOPEN REGULAR SESSION AT 9:00 PM. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN.

OLD BUSINESS- NONE

OLD PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

KATE MARTIN THANKED THE TRUSTEES FOR THE JOB THEY ARE DOING.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY DURBIN, 2ND BY WILSON.