

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD MAY 26, 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 MAY 12, 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.

NEW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

LYNNE BUEDE TOLD THE TRUSTEES THAT SHE IS HEARING WHAT SHE BELIEVES TO BE A RECORDING OF BARKING DOGS FROM 8PM TO MIDNIGHT. OFFICER PIKE ASKED HER IF SHE KNEW WHAT DIRECTION THE SOUNDS WAS COMING FROM. SHE WAS INFORMED THAT TATE TOWNSHIP HAS A BARKING DOG ORDINANCE. SHE WAS ASKED TO CALL THE CLERMONT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WHEN SHE HEARS IT AND THEY WILL TRY TO FIND OUT WHERE IT IS COMING FROM.

MR. WILSON CLOSED THE NEW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PROJECT UPDATES:

MS. STEIMLE STATED THAT THE E-MAIL MIGRATION TO A NEW PLATFORM IS STILL IN PROCESS. SHE HOPES IT WILL BE COMPLETED SOON. SHE HAD A DISCUSSION WITH AN O.T.A.R.M.A REPRESENTATIVE REGARDING CYBERSECURITY, OUR CURRENT EMAIL PLATFORM, AND MIGRATION TO A NEW PLATFORM. A FINAL PLAN WILL BE READY IN JUNE FOR THE JULY DEADLINE.

MS. STEIMLE SPOKE TO SOMEONE REGARDING THE FARM BUREAU MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL. SHE WAS TOLD THAT THE TOWNSHIP DID NOT NEED TO RENEW AS A GROUP BUT COULD RENEWAL THE 3 TRUSTEES AS INDIVIDUALS, WHICH WOULD BE LESS EXPENSIVE THAN THE GROUP RENEWAL. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO RENEW THE 3 TRUSTEES' MEMEBERSHIP AT A COST OF UP TO \$400. MR. DURBIN 2ND THE MOTION. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

MS. STEIMLE STATED THAT THERE WAS A LOT OF PUBLIC INPUT AND FEEDBACK AT THE LAST ZONING WORKING GROUP MEETING. ONE AREA OF CONCERN WAS MAINTENANCE

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STANDARDS. THE NEXT WORKING GROUP WILL REVIEW ADDITIONAL TOPICS WHILE THE MAINTENANCE STANDARDS SECTION IS BEING REVIEWED IN LIGHT OF THE NEW FEEDBACK. THE NEXT MEETING WILL TENTATIVELY BE HELD ON JUNE 2, 2026.

MR. DURBIN ANNOUNCED THAT THE VILLAGE OF BETHEL HAS AGREED TO CONTRIBUTE \$1300 TOWARD THE VILLAGE/TOWNSHIP CLEAN UP DAYS.

MR. DURBIN SUGGESTED SERVING WALKING TACOS AT THE AMERICA 250 CELEBRATION, RATHER THAN HOT DOGS, ON BEHALF OF THE TOWNSHIP. THE EVENT IS STILL IN THE PLANNING STAGE

MR. WILSON STATED THAT THE PARADE FOR THE AMERICA 250 CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD ON JULY 11. HE HAS RECEIVED A QUOTE FOR 2 24"X120" BANNERS/SKIRTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP TRUCK OF \$100 EACH. THE BANNERS WILL SAY "WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR FUTURE." MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE \$200 FOR THE BANNERS PLUS \$150 FOR ADDITIONAL SMALL FLAGS UP TO A TOTAL COST OF \$350. MR. DURBIN 2ND THE MOTION. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR THE STATE OF OHIO AUDITOR FOR THE 2024/2025 AUDIT. MR. DURBIN 2ND THE MOTION. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

POLICE: OFFICER PIKE PRESENTED THE APRIL POLICE REPORT.

OLD BUSINESS:

MS. STEIMLE ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE BETHEL-MAPLE PROPERTY. MR. BAIRD REPLIED THAT THERE WAS NOT MUCH CHANGE, A LITTLE, BUT NOT SUBSTANTIAL. THERE HAS BEEN SOME WEEDEATING DONE BUT MOST OF THE TRASH IS STILL THERE. NO DUMPSTER IS ON SITE. THE TRUSTEES DISCUSSED WHETHER OR NOT TO ALLOW ANOTHER EXTENSION. MS. STEIMLE ASKED THE TRUSTEES TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL MOTION APPROVING A COST OF UP TO \$3000 TO ALLOW FOR AN INCREASE IN THE COST OF MOWING THE GRASS DUE TO THE TIME THAT HAS PASSED. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION THAT DUE TO THE PROPERTY OWNER NOT MOVING FORWARD WITH CLEANING UP THE PROPERTY THE TRUSTEES APPROVE UP TO \$3000 TO CLEAN UP THE PROPERTY. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES. MS. STEIMLE ASKED MR. BAIRD TO SCHEDULE THE CLEAN UP AND TO ASK THE CONTRACTOR IF THERE IS A PENALTY IF THE PROPERTY OWNER CLEANS IT UP PRIOR TO THEM COMING OUT. A SHERIFF'S DEPUTY SHOULD BE ONSITE DURING THE CLEAN UP.

OLD PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

SEVERAL BOY SCOUTS IN ATTENDANCE ASKED FOR AN UPDATE REGARDING THE CEMETERY FEES PAYABLE BY A LIFE INSURANCE POLICY THAT WAS DISCUSSED WHEN THEY WERE HERE

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LAST. MS. STEIMLE REPLIED THAT NOTHING WAS HEARD FROM E.C. NURRE FUNERAL HOME SO THE ISSUE MUST HAVE RESOLVED ITSELF.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY DURBIN, 2ND BY WILSON.