

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 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 JOHN WILSON.

MR. WILSON INTRODUCED THE BOARD.

MOTION BY MS. STEIMLE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 14, 2026. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

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

MR. WILSON TO WAIVED THE 5 MINUTE LIMIT FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND OPENED THE FLOOR FOR DISCUSSION.

JIM LAWSON FROM FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, ANNIE SWIFT REPRESENTING REPUBLIC SERVICES, BRITTANY MCKENZIE AND TED GEOSLIN REPESENTING RUMPKE, AND HANNAH LUBBERS WITH ADAMS-CLERMONT SOLID WASTE DISTRICT WERE IN ATTENDANCE.

HANNAH LUBBERS PRESENTED A SLIDESHOW. THE ADAMS-CLERMONT SOLID WASTE DISTRICT HELPS TOWNSHIP WITH WASTE CONTRACTS. THE AIM IS TO DIVERT 25% OF WASTE AWAY FROM LANDFILLS IN THE FORM OF RECYCLING. THERE ARE SEVERAL AGREEMENT OPTIONS: OPEN MARKET AND CONTRACTS. HANNAH'S DEPARTMENT WOULD PUT OUT BIDS FOR WASTE COLLECTION. THIS COULD TAKE UP TO 1 YEAR TO FINALIZE.

BRITTANY MCKENZIE FROM RUMPKE PRESENTED AN OVERVIEW OF THEIR SERVICES. THERE IS A (6) 33 GALLON BAG LIMIT OR THE EQUIVILANT OF (2) 95 GAL. CARTS. THE COST OF EACH CART IS \$3.50 PLUS FUEL CHARGE. THE FUEL CHARGE VARIES MONTHLY DEPENDING AND THE COST OF FUEL IN THE PRIOR MONTH. THERE IS ALSO A 1 LARGE ITEM PICKUP PER WEEK WITH A WEIGHT LIMIT OF 75 LBS. RESIDENTS SHOULD CALL THE 1-800 NUMBER TO SCHEDULE THE PICKUP. RECYCLING CAN BE SCHEDULED FOR THE SAME DAY AS GARBAGE PICKUP. PREFERRED PRICING IS AVAILABLE. THE USE OF RUMPKE AS THE GARBAGE COMPANY WOULD NOT BE MANDATORY. MR. DURBIN QUESTIONED THE MONTHLY FUEL SURCHARGE. THE FUEL CHARGE GOES UP AND DOWN BASED ON THE PRIOR MONTH'S FUEL COST. MS. STEIMLE ASKED IF IT IS A LINE ITEM ON THE INVOICE. THE REPLY WAS THAT IT IS ITEMIZED.

MR. WILSON ASKED WHAT RUMPKE CONSIDERS A LARGE ITEM. THE RESPONSE WAS: A WRAPPED MATTRESS, AND OTTOMAN WHICH INCLUDES THE CHAIR. THERE IS A 75 LB. WEIGHT LIMIT. MR. WILSON GAVE AN EXAMPLE OF AN ITEM THAT WAS NOT PICKED UP. HE WAS TOLD THAT THERE WAS A LIMIT OF 10 ROLLS OF CARPET. HE SAID THAT HE RECEIVED DIFFERENT ANSWERS DEPENDING ON WHO HE SPOKE TO. BRITTANY SAID THAT SHE WILL

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HAVE A MEETING WITH CUSTOMER SERVICE REPS. THERE ARE OLD CODES IN THE SYSTEM THAT ARE CAUSING CONFUSION. THIS IS BEING CORRECTED. MS. STEIMLE ASKED WHO TO CALL WITH COMPLAINTS. BRITTANY SAID TO CALL HER DIRECTLY.

MR. WILSON ASKED HOW MANY CARTS ARE ALLOWED. BRITTANY RESPONDED THAT THERE IS A 2 CART LIMIT BUT THEY WILL PICK UP ADDITIONAL CANS ON SPECIAL OCCASSIONS SUCH AS HOLIDAYS. THEY WILL ACCEPT BAGS ON THE GROUND, A CART IS NOT A REQUIREMENT. MR. WILSON STATED THAT THE FUEL SURCHARGE NEVER COMES OFF THE BILL. BRITTANY STATED THAT THE CONTRACT COULD HAVE A FLAT RATE THAT COULD BE CAPPED. MR. WILSON SAID THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMANT AND THE CEMETERY/ROAD DEPARTMENTS HAVE FREE DUMPSTERS. SHE AGREED TO CONTINUE PROVIDING THE FREE DUMPSTERS. MR. WILSON ASKED ABOUT RECYCLING FEES. BRITTANY RESPONDED THAT RECYCLING IS NOT MANDATORY. MR. WILSON ASKED HOW FEES ARE OFFSET BY RECYCLING. RECYCLING COSTS LESS THAN TRASH COLLECTION. ALL TERMS WOULD BE PULLED UP BY THE CSR. CHIEF COOPER STATED THAT HIS BILL DOES NOT HAVE A BREAKDOWN OF FEES.

LYNN BUEDE ASKED WHAT THE FEES ARE. SHE IS PAYING \$82.75 WITHOUT RECYCLING. SHE SAID THAT SHE IS PAYING FOR RECYCLING AND NOT USING IT. SHE CONFIRMED THAT A 3RD CART/CAN IS OK ONCE IN A WHILE.

ANNIE SWIFT FROM REPUBLIC SPOKE ABOUT THEIR SERVICES. SHE STATED THAT THEY ALSO HAVE 75 LB. WEIGHT LIMIT FOR LARGE ITEMS. THE CONTRACT CAN DEFINE THE NUMBER OF CARTS AND THE SIZE OF THE CARTS. THEY PREFER CARTS BUT CUSTOMERS CAN USE BAGS. THEY CAN ADD A FUEL CHARGE BUT PREFER IT TO BUILT INTO THE PRICING. THEY DO NOT OFFER PREFERRED PRICING BUT DO OPEN MARKET AND CONTRACT PRICING. THE CONTRACT PERIOD WOULD BE FOR A MINIMUM OF 3 YEARS FOR THE BEST RATE. IT CAN BE DONE FOR 3,4, OR 5 YEARS. A CONTRACT OFFERS CONSISTENCY IN PRICING. THEY CAN OFFER SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS. THE CONTRACTS COULD HAVE BUILT IN MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND "ANY FUTURE LOCATIONS". CLEANUP EVENT INVOLVMENT COULD BE BUILT INTO THE SPECIFICATIONS. CARTS CAN BE BUILT INTO THE PRICING.

MR. DURBIN ASKED ABOUT THE USE OF A DUMPSTER. ANNIE REPLIED THAT A DUMPSTER IS CONSIDERED COMMERCIAL. SHE STATED THAT IT COULD BE BUILT INTO THE SPECS TO DEFINE QUALIFICATIONS.

MR. WILSON ASKED ABOUT FUEL SURCHARGES. ALL BUT 1 TOWNSHIP HAS THE FUEL SURCHARGE BUILT IN.

MS. SWIFT INFORMED THE TRUSTEES THAT IT WOULD TAKE A MINIMUM OF 4-5 MONTHS TO MOBILIZE THEIR ASSETS. FOR AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT THE TRUSTEES SHOULD CONSULT WITH HANNAH LUBBERS.

MS. STEIMLE STATED THAT SHE BELIEVES IT WOULD BE WORTH ASKING FOR A CONTRACT BID. SHE IS CURIOUS IF OTHER TOWNSHIPS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN FORMING A CONSORTIUM.

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MR. DURBIN AGREED TO REACH OUT AND SEE IF THERE IS AN INTEREST. MR. WILSON AGREED THAT IT SHOULD BE RESEARCHED AND OTHER TOWNSHIP SHOULD BE ASKED IF THEY ARE INTERESTED. HE WILL REPORT BACK AT THE AUGUST 25, 2026 MEETING. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO TABLE MAKING A DECISION UNTIL AUGUST 25, 2026. MR. DURBIN 2ND THE MOTION. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

FIRE DEPARTMENT-OLD BUSINESS

CHIEF COOPER ASKED THE TRUSTEES TO SIGN THE OHIO AMBULANCE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT PROGRAM MOU THAT SETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFER. THIS NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 10, 2026.

CHIEF COOPER PRESENTED THE TRUSTEES WITH THE FIREHOUSE SUBS GRANT MOU. HE AND MS. STEIMLE REVIEWED THE MOU AND SAW NO ISSUES. WE HAVE 10 BUSINESS DAYS TO COMPLETE THE FORM AND SEND OUR BANKING INFORMATION TO RECEIVE THE FUNDS OF \$25,129.00 PLUS \$600.00 FOR FREIGHT.

MR. WILSON SUGGESTED HOLDING A SPECIAL MEETING IN ORDER TO HAVE THE DOCUMENTS REVIEWED BEFORE SIGNING. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JULY 30TH AT 6:00 PM.

FIRE DEPARTMENT-NEW BUSINESS

CHIEF COOPER REPORTED THAT A BRAKE LIGHT WENT OUT ON THE 2004 ENGINE. THE HOUSING WAS EXPERIENCING DETERIORATION. THE LIGHT IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE AND IS OBSOLETE. MULLEN SAFETY SUPPLY OUT OF MT. ORAB QUOTED A LIGHT ASSEMBLY MADE BY TECHNIQ WITH A LIMITED LIFETIME WARRANTY FOR \$329.99 OR \$443.99 WITH THE HIGH OUTPUT BANK UP LIGHT. THE LIGHT MEETS NFPA STANDARDS, AND WE WILL NEED TO DO A LITTLE RETROFITTING. HE ASKED THE BOARD TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 2 COMPLETE REAR QUAD BEZEL ASSEMBLIES WITH THE HIGH OUTPUT BACK UP LIGHT FOR \$443.99 EACH FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF \$887.98 FROM MULLEN SAFETY SUPPLY LLC. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 2 COMPLETE REAR QUAD BEZEL ASSEMBLIES WITH THE HIGH OUTPUT BACK UP LIGHT FOR \$443.99 EACH FOR A GRAND TOTAL OF \$887.98. MR. DURBIN 2ND THE MOTION. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

OLD BUSINESS:

MS. STEIMLE REPORTED THAT SHE HAD WORKED WITH MR. BAIRD TO WRITE A POLICY FOR ANONYMOUS COMPLAINT PROCEDURE. THERE WILL BE A ZONING COMPLAINT FORM. THE COMPLAINANT WILL NOT NEED TO PROVIDE THEIR NAME AND WILL REMAIN ANONYMOUS. THERE WAS A DISCUSSION REGARDING NO NAME OR SIGNATURE ON THE FORM. MR. WILSON DOESN'T WANT SOMEONE TO COMPLAIN THAT THE ZONING INSPECTOR MANUFACTURED A COMPLAINT. JULIA CARNEY STATED THAT ONCE THE FORM IS SUBMITTED IT BECOMES PUBLIC RECORD. MS. STEIMLE ASKED HER HOW OTHER TOWNSHIPS HANDLE ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS. SHE RESPONDED THAT THEY ACCEPT THE COMPLAINTS BUT DO NOT PRIORITIZE

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THEM. MOST TOWNSHIPS TAKE THE COMPLAINTS OVER THE PHONE AND FILL OUT THE FORM. MR. WILSON STATED THAT HE WANTS A PHONE NUMBER ON THE FORM. MR. BAIRD RESPONDED THAT PHONE NUMBERS CAN BE BLOCKED. HE STATED THAT HE WOULD NOT DISCLOSE INFORMATION UNLESS A PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED. HE RECOMMENDED USING A FORM VS. A CALL LOG. JULIA CARNEY STATED THAT SHE HAD A CONCERN. SHE SAID THAT IT IS THE DUTY OF THE ZONING INSPECTOR TO INVESTIGATE AND ENFORCE THE ZONING CODE. MS. STEIMLE RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD NOT BE OUT LOOKING FOR VIOLATIONS BUT WOULD FOLLOW UP ON A COMPLAINT AND FILING A VIOLATION IF HE SEES ONE.

LYNN BUEDE STATED THAT PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO LEAVE THEIR NAMES BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS.

MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION UNTIL THE AUGUST 11TH MEETING. MR. DURBIN 2ND THE MOTION. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

MR. DURBIN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN, 2ND BY MR. WILSON.