MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD OCTOBER 27, 2026

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TATE TOWNSHIP MET IN REGULAR SESSION WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: TRUSTEE JOHN 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 OCTOBER 13, 2026. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

MOTION BY MS. STEIMLE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 19, 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.

MS. STEIMLE STATED THAT SHE HAD SPOKEN TO HANNAH LUBBERS THE DAY BEFORE. SHE WILL SEND HER THE SURVEY QUESTIONS TO FINALIZE THE SURVEY BEFORE SENDING IT OUT.

NEW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: NONE

MS. STEIMLE STATED THAT SHE HAD SPOKEN TO DESMOND REGARDING THE 2025 CBDG ON PATTERSON ROAD. THE PROCESS HAS BEEN STALLED SINCE SPRING DUE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW. THIS REVEALED CONCERN AROUND BATS. THAT HAS RESOLVED AND IT IS NOW TIME TO WORK ON THE BID PACKAGE TO BE SENT OUT SOON. THE TARGET DATE IS END OF SEPTEMBER 2027 TO HAVE THE PROJECT COMPLETED.

MR. DURBIN REPORTED THAT THE CLOVERLICK DAM REMOVAL IS READY TO BEGIN.

MR. WILSON SPOKE TO BRITTANY MCKENZIE FROM RUMPKE YESTERDAY REGARDING PRESENTING INFORMATION AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 24TH. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH WILL BE THE BACKUP DATE IF SHE CANNOT MEET ON THE 24TH.

ZONING:

MR. BAIRD PRESENTED A PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION TO REZONE PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF PATTERSON ROAD IN THE VICINITY OF AIRPORT ROAD, AND PROPERTY ON BOTH SIDES OF AIRPORT ROAD NORTH OF PATTERSON ROAD FROM “A” AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT TO “R-2” RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT. MS. STEIMLE SUGGESTED THAT HE CONTACT THE PROPERTY OWNERS TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY OBJECTIONS BEFORE ACTING. LETTERS WILL BE SENT ASKING THE OWNERS TO CONTACT MR. BAIRD.

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FIRE-
CHIEF COOPER PRESENTED THE TRUSTEES WITH AN UPDATE ON THE LADDER TRUCK. HE RECOMMENDED TAKING THE LADDER TRUCK OUT OF SERVICE COMPLETELY DUE TO THE ADDITIONAL ISSUES THAT WERE REVEALED THROUGH THE INSPECTION. MS. STEIMLE ASKED IF WE SHOULD PURCHASE A USED TRUCK TO USE WHILE THEY WAITED FOR A NEW TRUCK IN 5 YEARS.

CHIEF COOPER INFORMED THE TRUSTEES THAT HE WAS CONTACTED BY TIM ROSE AND CLERMONT SOIL & WATER ABOUT FUNDING FOR GRAIN BIN RESCUE EQUIPMENT AND REPLACEMENT OF OUR LADDER TRUCK. HE SET UP A MEETING WITH CLERMONT, BROWN & HIGHLAND COUNTY TO DISCUSS THIS NEEDED FUNDING IN HOPES THAT WE CAN GET THE SUPPORT FROM CONGRESSMAN TAYLOR. HE STATED THAT HE HAS THE TOTAL SUPPORT OF THIS GROUP TO HELP TRY TO SECURE FUNDING WHEN THE NEXT ROUND OF FUNDING OPENS. THE GROUP IS TRYING TO SET UP A MEET AND GREET WITH THE CONGRESSMAN AND HIS STAFF. IT COULD BE UP TO 6 MONTHS BEFORE WE HEAR ANYTHING FROM BEGINNING TO END.

IF WE ARE UNABLE TO SECURE FUNDING FOR A NEW TRUCK FROM THE ABOVE, IT IS CHIEF COOPER'S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT LOOK AT PURCHASING A USED LADDER TRUCK AND SET THE BUDGET FOR THE TRUCK TO BE NO MORE THAN $500K. A NEW LADDER TRUCK EQUIVALENT TO OUR IS $2-2.4 MILLION DOLLARS. AN AFG GRANT, IF AWARDED, WOULD ONLY FUND $1 MILLION DOLLARS OF IT WHICH IS WHY HE RECOMMENDED PURCHASING A USED TRUCK.

CHIEF COOPER RECOMMENDED THAT THE TOWNSHIP SHOULD LOOK INTO APPLYING FOR A FEMA AFG GRANT THIS NEXT CYCLE FOR A NEW PUMPER. THE 2026 AFG GRANT CYCLE HASN'T OPENED YET, BUT WE NEED TO BE READY FOR IT WHEN IT DOES. AWARDS WOULD BE ANNOUNCED IN 2027 AND HAVE TO BE AWARDED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2027. A FIRE ENGINE CAN COST ANYWHERE FROM $900K-1.2 MILLION TODAY AND TAKE 14-24 MONTHS TO BE BUILT. AFG AWARDS HAVE BEEN RIGHT AROUND $800K FOR A FIRE ENGINE. THIS WOULD BE 95% FUNDED BY FEMA AND 5% FUNDED BY BFTD. THE GOAL IS TO REPLACE OUR 1993 ENGINE AND 1996 RESCUE WITH A NEW RESCUE PUMPER. THE COST FOR THE GRANT WRITER IS $2,500. IF AWARDED, THE TOWNSHIP WOULD HAVE A 5% AWARD FEE TO PAY THE GRANT WRITER. CHIEF COOPER RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NATIONWIDE FIRST RESPONDER GRANTS, LLC FOR GRANT WRITING SERVICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM FOR REPLACEMENT OF RESCUE TRUCK. IF A GRANT IS NOT AWARDED THE GRANT WRITER WILL REWRITE THE GRANT A 2ND TIME AT A COST OF $500. MR. WILSON MADE A MOTION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NATIONWIDE FIRST RESPONDER GRANTS, LLC FOR GRANT WRITING SERVICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM FOR REPLACEMENT OF RESCUE TRUCK. 2ND BY MR. DURBIN. ROLL CALL: MS. STEIMLE, YES, MR. WILSON, YES, MR. DURBIN, YES.

OLD BUSINESS-NONE

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OLD PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- NONE

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