

**Florence Township Trustees
11011 Chapel St., Wakeman, OH 44889
Regular Meeting
Organization
2-4-2026 8am
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL

Bill Turnbull	Present
Orville Saylor	Present
John Krumwiede	Present

VISITORS

Jeff Blodgett, Zoning Inspector
Russ Yates, Road Supervisor
Richard Woodin

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES 1/21/2026

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES	Orville Saylor
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	John Krumwiede
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO: 0

APPROVAL OF FUND BALANCE/PAYMENTS

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES	Orville Saylor
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	John Krumwiede
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO: 0

FUND BALANCE

FUND	CURRENT FUND BALANCE	OUTSTANDING PURCHASE ORDERS	UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE
1000 General	\$394,243.98	\$18,657.43	\$375,586.55
2011 MLV	\$15,840.82	\$5,800.60	\$10,040.22
2021 Gasoline	\$45,235.58	\$4,511.78	\$40,723.80
2031 Road & Bridge	\$33,414.22	\$5,455.27	\$27,958.95
2041 Cemetery	\$22,483.74	\$1,500.00	\$20,983.74
2191 Fire	\$33,311.06	\$16,547.75	\$16,763.31
4901 Fire Equipment	\$167,990.67	\$48,062.84	\$119,927.83
Total	\$712,520.07	\$100,535.67	\$611,984.40

OLD BUSINESS

A 1.5 mil fire levy would generate approximately \$179,500 annually. The prosecutor has been asked for a Resolution of Necessity. The trustees discussed meeting with Henrietta Township trustees in March for discussion of the possible formation of a fire district.

A capital project fund may be created for the fire station addition to transfer funds from the General Fund. The fund will be name Fire Station Addition. The resolution will be drafted and sent to the prosecutor for approval. Michelle Henke, Fiscal Officer, advised that the initial transfer could be as much as \$150,000 due to the 2025 carryover in the General Fund.

NEW BUSINESS

Certified Public Records training is required for each term in office. The training is available virtually. See the Auditor of State website for details.

The 2026 Permanent Appropriations were presented. Mrs. Henke explained the changes from the temporary appropriations included the balance due to Huron Township for the truck purchase, the possible transfer into the new capital project fund for the fire station addition, and increase for the township insurance renewal in 2026 for 2027.

FUND	2026 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS
General	\$516,451.00
MVL Tax	\$35,200.00
Gasoline Tax	\$162,500.00
Road and Bridge	\$196,600.00
Cemetery	\$5,000.00
Special Levy Fire	\$113,700.00
Miscellaneous Capital Projects Fire	\$114,500.00
Total	\$1,143,951.00

Resolution #2026-06

MOTION TO APPROVE 2026 Permanent Appropriations.	Orville Sayler
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	Bill Turnbull
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO: 0

There will be a public hearing for rezone of property located at 12803 SR 113 Wakeman, on Wednesday, February 18th, at 7pm. Regular meeting will be at 8pm. Mrs. Henke will post as required and send notices to property owners.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ROADS

Russ Yates, Road Supervisor, provided an update on department activities. The pressure washer is due for annual service. Mr. Yates can perform the oil change. The truck undercoating will be scheduled once the weather breaks. Current staffing was discussed, snowplowing is well staffed. The trustees will create a part-time shop worker/intern position to clean and organize equipment. A job description will be drafted for approval.

CEMETERY

There is a pending burial for Cable Cemetery. Trustee Sayler explained that plans should be finalized soon.

ZONING

Zoning Inspector, Jeff Blodgett, provided an update on recent activity. Mr. Blodgett explained the rezone status that is scheduled for the public hearing on February 18th. He also informed the trustees of a conditional use application filed by a resident at Division St and SR 113. The applicant would like to sell homemade projects in his yard. Mr. Blodgett is reviewing the application. It would be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

There following Zoning Board members have terms that expire this year:

Milt Sayler, Zoning Commission, expires 8/1/2026

Ron McLoda, Zoning Board of Appeals, expires 3/20/2026

Trustee Sayler will talk with both to see if they will renew their terms.

FIRE

No Report.

Trustee Reports

No Report.

Audience Participation

No audience participation.

MEETING ADJOURNED 9:13am

MOTION TO ADJOURN	Bill Turnbull
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	Orville Sayler
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO: 0

Payments

Number	Post Date	Total Warrant Amount	Payee
24-2026	1/22/26	\$80.51	OHIO EDISON
25-2026	1/24/26	\$29.13	RURAL LORAIN COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
26-2026	1/24/26	\$29.84	RURAL LORAIN COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
36-2026	1/25/26	\$135.00	Spectrum Business Charter TWP Hall
61-2026	1/22/26	\$59.57	WILLIAM J RENNIE
62-2026	1/22/26	\$760.11	Rodger Witter
63-2026	1/22/26	\$2,514.62	Russell Yates
66-2026	1/27/26	\$63.23	Brightspeed
68-2026	1/29/26	\$2,623.13	SUNRISE CO-OPERATIVE, INC.
81-2026	2/3/26	\$566.77	OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION
82-2026	2/3/26	\$231.00	Treasurer State Of Ohio
13172	1/22/26	\$48.15	Thomas Knott
13173	1/22/26	\$217.05	MILTON J. SAYLER
13175	2/4/26	\$869.67	Jeffery W. Blodgett
13176	2/4/26	\$317.09	Thomas Knott
13177	2/4/26	\$419.94	MILTON J. SAYLER
13178	2/4/26	\$1,020.66	ORVILLE EMERSON SAYLER
13179	2/3/26	\$862.00	Don Tester Ford
13180	2/4/26	\$147.47	Ohio Cat
13181	2/4/26	\$100.00	Lorain County Fire Chief's Association
13182	2/4/26	\$150.00	Jody Faulkner
13183	2/4/26	\$2,670.00	The Shumaker Technology Group, LLC
13184	2/4/26	\$3,902.98	Morton Salt, INC
13185	2/4/26	\$1,482.00	ERIE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
13186	2/4/26	\$56.14	Caleb A. Stidham, Erie County Treasurer
13187	2/4/26	\$2,320.92	VASU COMMUNICATIONS, INC
13188	2/4/26	\$120.00	Mike Sayler
	Total	\$21,796.98	