

**Florence Township Trustees  
11011 Chapel St., Wakeman, OH 44889  
Regular Meeting  
2-18-2026 8pm  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**TRUSTEE ROLL CALL**

Bill Turnbull	Present
Orville Saylor	Present
John Krumwiede	Present

**VISITORS**

Jeff Blodgett, Zoning Inspector  
Fire Chief Nick Halliwell  
Russ Yates, Road Supervisor  
Sean Finnegan  
Michael Lee

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES 2/4/2026**

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES	Bill Turnbull
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	Orville Saylor
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO: 0

**APPROVAL OF FUND BALANCE/PAYMENTS**

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES	Bill Turnbull
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	\$390,550.47	\$16,901.11	\$373,649.36
2011 MLV	\$15,841.19	\$5,946.90	\$9,894.29
2021 Gasoline	\$40,887.86	\$3,248.45	\$37,639.41
2031 Road & Bridge	\$33,414.22	\$7,155.27	\$26,258.95
2041 Cemetery	\$24,483.74	\$1,500.00	\$22,983.74
2191 Fire	\$30,233.71	\$16,574.21	\$13,659.50
4901 Fire Equipment	\$167,990.67	\$48,062.84	\$119,927.83
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$703,401.86</b>	<b>\$99,388.78</b>	<b>\$604,013.08</b>

**NEW BUSINESS**

Erie County Sheriff's report for January was 134 incidents in the township. Fire Chief, Nick Halliwell, reported 16 calls for January for the fire department.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**ROADS**

Russ Yates, Road Supervisor, provided an update on department activities. The 2020 Chevy is scheduled for undercoating on 2/19/26 at 8am. The transmission also needs maintenance, it's at 22,000 miles. An estimate was received for \$850 but Mr. Yates found the kit somewhere else for approximately \$120. A trailer needs paint maintenance.

**CEMETERY**

There is are deeds prepared for signature.

**ZONING**

Zoning Inspector, Jeff Blodgett, provided an update on recent activity. Mr. Blodgett explained the need for a resolution to control data center construction within the township until the

Zoning Commission could draft language for the Zoning Resolutions. The Erie County Prosecutor has been contacted. The trustees discussed moving forward to protect the interest of the township residents.

**Motion #2026-08**

MOTION TO APPROVE moving forward with resolution preparation to control data center construction within the township.	Orville Sayler
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	John Krumwiede
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO: 0

**FIRE**

Fire Chief, Nick Halliwell, informed the trustees of current department activity. Interviews have been completed on three candidates for the fire department. Brett Rosenkoetter has Firefighter II certification and Nick Hargate has Firefighter I certification. James Berry is currently enrolled in the EMT program and will need to attend Firefighter I training.

**Motion #2026-09**

MOTION TO APPROVE the hiring of the three candidates recommended by Chief Halliwell.	Orville Sayler
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	John Krumwiede
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO: 0

Chief Halliwell asked if the trustees would be attending a Henrietta Township Trustee meeting to discuss the possible formation of a fire district. The trustees would like to attend in March.

Chief Halliwell informed the trustees of a data center project intended for an area at Baumhart and Middle Ridge Rds. Assistant Chief Finnegan explained activity related to the data center construction project in Perkins Township.

Chief Halliwell submitted grant documentation for turnout gear to the Ohio State Fire Marshal.

**DISCUSSION**

The trustees discussed canceling the March 4, 2026, 8am, meeting.

**Motion #2026-10**

MOTION TO APPROVE canceling the March 4, 2026, 8am trustees meeting.	Orville Sayler
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	John Krumwiede
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO: 0

**MEETING ADJOURNED 8:17pm**

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

**Payments**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Post Date</b>	<b>Total Warrant Amount</b>	<b>Payee</b>
69-2026	2/6/26	\$452.87	Sean K Finnegan
70-2026	2/6/26	\$980.90	Nicholas A Halliwell
71-2026	2/6/26	\$1,781.42	Michelle Henke
72-2026	2/6/26	\$812.22	Misty Johannsen
73-2026	2/6/26	\$1,073.50	John K Krumwiede
74-2026	2/6/26	\$423.40	Cheryl Park
75-2026	2/6/26	\$261.51	WILLIAM J RENNIE
76-2026	2/6/26	\$1,069.65	William Turnbull
77-2026	2/6/26	\$1,006.89	Rodger Witter
78-2026	2/6/26	\$2,997.44	Russell Yates
83-2026	2/5/26	\$29.87	Brightspeed
84-2026	2/10/26	\$32.20	NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER
85-2026	2/11/26	\$492.30	VERIZON WIRELESS
86-2026	2/17/26	\$156.73	OHIO EDISON
87-2026	2/18/26	\$170.18	Rumpke of Ohio Inc
93-2026	2/11/26	\$2,823.95	US Treasury
94-2026	2/11/26	\$542.91	TREASURER OF STATE OF OHIO
95-2026	2/11/26	\$4,487.37	Ohio Public Employees Retirement System
96-2026	2/12/26	\$73.69	Coles Energy - Mickey Mart
97-2026	2/18/26	\$49.99	Spectrum Enterprise Charter Fire
98-2026	2/18/26	\$453.37	Columbia Gas
99-2026	2/18/26	\$780.76	Columbia Gas
100-2026	2/18/26	\$288.00	Columbia Gas
109-2026	2/9/26	\$178.65	Huntington National Bank
13189	2/18/26	\$70.77	MILTON J. SAYLER
13190	2/18/26	\$595.50	Jeff Blodgett
13191	2/18/26	\$602.50	Bill Turnbull
13192	2/18/26	\$216.50	John Krumwiede
13193	2/18/26	\$181.95	21st Century Media -Ohio
13194	2/18/26	\$1,971.00	VFIS
13195	2/18/26	\$3.62	Hill International Trucks N.A.,LLC
13196	2/18/26	\$150.00	Jody Faulkner
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,211.61</b>	