

**Florence Township Trustees
11011 Chapel St., Wakeman, OH 44889
Regular Meeting
3-18-2026 8pm
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL

Bill Turnbull	Present
Orville Saylor	Present
John Krumwiede	Present

VISITORS

Russ Yates, Road Supervisor
Richard Woodin
Fire Chief Nick Halliwell
Assistant Fire Chief Sean Finnegan
Michael Lee
Skip Halliwell

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES Regular meeting and Public Hearing 2/18/2026

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES	Bill Turnbull
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	John Krumwiede
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	\$494,412.35	\$14,146.38	\$480,265.97
2011 MLV	\$15,079.84	\$4,670.06	\$10,409.78
2021 Gasoline	\$47,003.24	\$2,855.22	\$44,148.02
2031 Road & Bridge	\$112,149.58	\$7,155.27	\$104,994.31
2041 Cemetery	\$24,483.74	\$1,500.00	\$22,983.74
2191 Fire	\$62,905.48	\$14,965.99	\$47,939.49
4901 Fire Equipment	\$207,309.08	\$48,062.84	\$159,246.24
Total	\$963,343.31	\$93,355.76	\$869,987.55

NEW BUSINESS

Erie County Sheriff's report for February included 65 incidents in the township.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ROADS

The 2026 township road project plan, for county contract, is due to Erie County Engineer by March 20th. The grant funding request is due by April 30th. The trustees discussed chip seal for Harmon Rd between Florence-Wakeman and West Rd, Nash from the marker to Burr Rd, Cable Rd between Reiger and SR 113, and Burr Rd from Florence-Wakeman to Nash. The estimated cost for the projects, based on \$1.75 per square yard, is \$78,965.93.

Resolution #2026-11

MOTION TO APPROVE submitting the discussed roads to Erie County Engineer for the 2026 Chip/Seal.	Bill Turnbull
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	Orville Sayler
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO: 0

Russ Yates, Road Supervisor, provided an update on department activities. Cable Cemetery fence post needs replaced and a flag replacement. Cold patch will be installed on township roads, weather depending, next week. The blade edge for the truck is due to arrive soon. A list of street lights that need maintenance will be submitted to First Energy. Street signs need replaced at Dean Rd and SR 113 as well as Harrison Rd and SR 113.

CEMETERY

A deed requires signatures. The trustees received an email regarding cemetery maintenance last year. The concern was grass clipping on grave markers. Trustee Krumwiede will reach out to the contractor for remedy.

ZONING

Status update on expiring terms:

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

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

Motion #2026-12

MOTION TO APPROVE the reappointment of Ron McLoda to the Zoning Board of Appeals term expires 3/20/2031.	Bill Turnbull
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	John Krumwiede
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO: 0

Trustee Sayler will talk with Milt Sayler about renewing his term.

FIRE

Chief Halliwell provided an update on department activities. The department received a grant award from Ohio State Fire Marshal for \$13,644 for four sets of turnout gear. Applicant, Zach Knott, would like to be reinstated to the department and has met the interview requirements.

Resolution #2026-13

MOTION TO APPROVE the reinstatement of Firefighter Zach Knott to the FTFD.	Orville Sayler
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	John Krumwiede
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO: 0

Chief Halliwell asked for status updates on the Fire Levy for the November ballot and the Capital Project Fund for the fire station addition. Both are waiting for resolutions from the Erie County Prosecutor.

Chief Halliwell asked for an executive session.

Executive Session was entered at 8:30am in accordance with O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(1) to consider personnel issue.

Motion #2026-14

MOTION TO APPROVE entering into Executive Session at 8:21pm.	Orville Sayler
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	Bill Turnbull
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO: 0

Regular session resumed at 8:33pm.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Krumwiede explained there is a low cable on Harmon Rd.

Audience Participation

Skip Halliwell asked why draft minutes of the last trustee meetings were not printed and available for viewing by the public. The fiscal officer explained that approved minutes were posted on the township website.

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:43pm

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

Payments

Number	Post Date	Total Warrant Amount	Payee
88-2026	2/19/26	\$395.84	OHIO EDISON
89-2026	2/19/26	\$146.84	OHIO EDISON
90-2026	2/20/26	\$866.86	OHIO EDISON
91-2026	2/20/26	\$1,686.77	Huntington National Bank
92-2026	2/25/26	\$80.51	OHIO EDISON
101-2026	2/24/26	\$29.13	RURAL LORAIN COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
102-2026	2/24/26	\$29.13	RURAL LORAIN COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
103-2026	2/25/26	\$141.37	Spectrum Business Charter TWP Hall
104-2026	2/20/26	\$38.52	Thomas Knott
105-2026	2/20/26	\$311.44	Rodger Witter
106-2026	2/20/26	\$2,064.33	Russell Yates
110-2026	2/27/26	\$63.23	Brightspeed
111-2026	3/6/26	\$452.87	Sean K Finnegan
112-2026	3/6/26	\$980.90	Nicholas A Halliwell
113-2026	3/6/26	\$1,781.42	Michelle Henke
114-2026	3/6/26	\$645.60	Misty Johannsen
115-2026	3/6/26	\$1,073.50	John K Krumwiede
116-2026	3/6/26	\$814.57	Cheryl Park
117-2026	3/6/26	\$1,069.65	William Turnbull
120-2026	3/6/26	\$43.34	Thomas Knott
121-2026	3/6/26	\$278.41	Rodger Witter
122-2026	3/6/26	\$2,156.58	Russell Yates
125-2026	3/3/26	\$566.77	OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION
126-2026	3/3/26	\$1,614.33	SUNRISE CO-OPERATIVE, INC.
127-2026	3/9/26	\$29.87	Brightspeed
128-2026	3/10/26	\$33.40	NORTHERN OHIO RURAL WATER
129-2026	3/11/26	\$492.30	VERIZON WIRELESS
130-2026	3/17/26	\$181.77	OHIO EDISON
135-2026	3/4/26	\$108.57	John Deere Financial
140-2026	3/12/26	\$1,567.49	US Treasury
141-2026	3/12/26	\$423.35	TREASURER OF STATE OF OHIO
142-2026	3/12/26	\$3,588.54	Ohio Public Employees Retirement System
13197	2/19/26	\$38.88	Michelle Henke
13198	3/6/26	\$869.67	Jeffery W. Blodgett
13199	3/6/26	\$1,020.66	ORVILLE EMERSON SAYLER
13200	3/6/26	\$141.55	MILTON J. SAYLER
13201	3/3/26	\$50.00	RINEHART WALTERS DANNER
13202	3/3/26	\$48.08	JUDCO, INC.
13203	3/3/26	\$70.48	BORN IMPLEMENT
13204	3/3/26	\$300.00	Dewey Pelton
13205	3/3/26	\$100.00	Erie County Fire Chiefs Association
13206	3/3/26	\$100.00	Erie Undercoating LLC
13207	3/18/26	\$20.00	Nick Halliwell
13208	3/18/26	\$725.00	Sedgwick
13209	3/18/26	\$360.00	Ohio Tire Terminal
13210	3/18/26	\$119.00	21st Century Media -Ohio
13211	3/18/26	\$90.00	Chris Hipp Landscaping
13212	3/18/26	\$150.00	Jody Faulkner
13213	3/18/26	\$35.00	Public Utilities Commission
	Total	\$27,995.52	