

Florence Township Trustees
11011 Chapel St., Wakeman, OH 44889
Regular Meeting
5-6-2026 8am
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL

Bill Turnbull	Present
Orville Saylor	Not Present (Arrived 8:35am)
John Krumwiede	Present

VISITORS

Russ Yates, Road Supervisor
 Allen Carder
 Richard Woodin
 Jeff Blodgett
 Cheryl Park

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES Regular meeting 4/15/2026

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES	Bill Turnbull
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	John Krumwiede
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 2 NO: 0

APPROVAL OF FUND BALANCE/PAYMENTS

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES	Bill Turnbull
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	John Krumwiede
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 2 NO: 0

FUND BALANCE

FUND	CURRENT FUND BALANCE	OUTSTANDING PURCHASE ORDERS	UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE
1000 General	\$488,920.45	\$58,272.08	\$430,648.37
2011 MLV	\$17,504.02	\$3,906.04	\$13,597.98
2021 Gasoline	\$60,688.27	\$3,658.36	\$57,029.91
2031 Road & Bridge	\$118,788.72	\$12,004.45	\$106,784.27
2041 Cemetery	\$24,483.74	\$1,500.00	\$22,983.74
2191 Fire	\$56,276.12	\$16,888.01	\$39,388.11
4901 Fire Equipment	\$187,609.71	\$24,031.92	\$163,577.79
4902 Fire Station Add	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total	\$954,271.03	\$120,260.86	\$834,010.17

EVENTS

Memorial Day Parade is May 25th at 1pm. Line up begins at 12:30pm at the Birmingham Community Center.

OLD BUSINESS

Motion to nullify the vote taken on Resolution #2026-24, April 15th meeting, to approve supplemental appropriation for Ohio State Fire Marshal grant award of \$13,644. It was previously approved at meeting on April 1st, Resolution #2026-18. The original vote will stand as record.

Motion #2026-27

MOTION TO NULLIFY the vote taken on Resolution #2026-24 on April 15, 2026.	Bill Turnbull
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	John Krumwiede
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 2 NO: 0

NEW BUSINESS

Erie County Sheriff’s report for April included 78 incidents in the township.

The trustees discussed an email received from a resident on Stephens Road regarding safety concerns of small children playing in the road. The resident requested installation of “Children at Play” sign. The Ohio Department of Transportation has studied the effectiveness of such signs and has advised against using them. The Department found that signage gives a false sense of safety and that the majority of drivers disregard the signs. The trustees asked for a response to the resident to explain the Erie County Sheriff handles traffic issues and Erie County Children Services should be contacted for child safety concerns.

Resolution No. 2026-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FLORENCE TOWNSHIP, ERIE COUNTY, OHIO APPROVING A TWELVE-MONTH MORATORIUM ON RECEIVING, PROCESSING, ISSUING OR APPROVING OF ANY APPLICATION FOR A ZONING PERMIT FOR NAICS 518 – DATA PROCESSING, HOSTING AND RELATED SERVICES (DATA CENTERS) UNDER THE FLORENCE TOWNSHIP ZONING RESOLUTION

Resolution #2026-25

MOTION TO APPROVE a twelve-month moratorium on issuing or approving zoning permit for data center applications.	Bill Turnbull
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	John Krumwiede
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 2 NO: 0

Resolution No. 2026-26

RESOLUTION DECLARING NECESSITY TO LEVY A NEW TAX, OF ONE POINT FIVE (1.50) MILLS, FOR EACH ONE DOLLAR IN TAXABLE VALUE IN EXCESS OF THE TEN (10) MILL LIMITATION, FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING FIRE APPARATUS, MECHANICAL RESUSCITATORS, UNDERWATER RESCUE AND RECOVERY EQUIPMENT, OR OTHER FIRE EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES, BUILDINGS AND SITES THEREFORE, INCLUDING SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLY AND MATERIALS, FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LINES OF FIRE-ALARM COMMUNICATIONS, FOR THE PAYMENT OF FIREFIGHTING COMPANIES OR PERMANENT, PART-TIME, OR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTING, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE, ADMINISTRATIVE, OR COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL TO OPERATE THE SAME, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF ANY EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED FOR SUCH PERSONNEL UNDER SECTION [145.48](#) OR [742.34](#) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, FOR THE PURCHASE OF AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT, FOR THE PROVISION OF AMBULANCE, PARAMEDIC, OR OTHER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATED BY A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR FIREFIGHTING COMPANY, OR FOR THE PAYMENT OF OTHER RELATED COSTS AS PROVIDED IN OHIO REVISED CODE §5705.19(I), AND REQUESTING THE ERIE COUNTY AUDITOR CERTIFY TO THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF FLORENCE TOWNSHIP ON A FORM IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE § 5705.03, THE AMOUNT OF TAX GENERATED BY THE PROPOSED TAX LEVY IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE POINT FIVE (1.50) MILLS IN EXCESS OF THE TEN (10) MILL LIMITATION.

Resolution #2026-26

MOTION TO APPROVE resolution declaring necessity to levy a new tax of 1.5 mills for fire protection.	Bill Turnbull
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	John Krumwiede
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 2 NO: 0

Invitation to Bid has been drafted for the full width level course of asphalt for Church, Denman, and Furnace Roads. Trustees reviewed language and understand that approval will allow the publication to meet the timeline requirements to allow bid opening to occur at the trustee meeting on June 3rd at 8am.

Motion #2026-28

MOTION TO APPROVE the “Invitation to Bid” draft presented for public posting.	Bill Turnbull
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	John Krumwiede
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 2 NO: 0

Trustee Turnbull explained that he asked ADT to provide an estimate for paving in Birmingham and Florence Cemeteries.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ROADS

Allen Carder has returned to work. Russ Yates, Road Supervisor, reviewed current department activities. A contractor has assessed the needed repair for the roof at the road garage at an estimated cost of \$350. There is a catch basin that needs to be installed on Furnace Road before the asphalt project begins. Roadside mowing will begin as well as berm cutting. There are tree issues on Church Road and Harmon Road that need addressed. We are waiting on parts for the chipper.

There was discussion pertaining to an application received for a part-time service person. Mr. Yates said the upcoming workload would support a staff addition for “as needed” hours based on project scheduling.

Motion #2026-29

MOTION TO APPROVE hiring Allyn Gibson for “as needed” service hours at a rate of \$21.75.	Bill Turnbull
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	John Krumwiede
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 2 NO: 0

Mr. Yates discussed the need for a 12” bucket for the mini excavator. After some discussion the trustees agreed to purchase based on a quote from AIM in Columbus.

Motion #2026-30

MOTION TO APPROVE 12” bucket from AIM.	Bill Turnbull
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	Orville Saylor
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO: 0

Mr. Yates explained he would like to take a couple vacation days at the end of the month.

There was discussion on the cemeteries mowing contractor. It is believed that Cable and Florence Cemeteries are not being mowed as frequently as Birmingham Cemetery. Trustee Krumwiede will contact the contractor.

CEMETERY

Cheryl Park, Cemetery Manager, informed the trustees there was a cremation burial this past weekend.

ZONING

Jeff Blodgett, Zoning Inspector, explained he is active with permit requests. He informed the trustees that a property owner on Main will be operating a service business. Part of his property is C2 and the other part is residential. The Zoning Commission is working on three amendments, lot of record, mini storage units, and solar panels. The next area of focus will be junk cars and data centers. There is a property on Joppa Road that has an increased amount of junk vehicles. Mr. Blodgett will work with the Erie County Prosecutor to draft a letter to the resident and/or property owner to promote resolution.

FIRE

The fiscal officer requested approval of “Then & Now” purchase order for \$326.78 for travel expenses of Ben Roberts for CFSI recertification and additional training attended in Perrysburg in March.

Resolution #2026-31

MOTION TO APPROVE “Then & Now” purchase order for \$326.78 for travel expenses.	Bill Turnbull
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	Orville Saylor
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 3 NO: 0

Trustee Krumwiede informed the trustees on upcoming discussion with Henrietta Township regarding the Fire Service Contract renewal. The current contract expires December 31, 2026.

Audience Participation

Richard Woodin informed the trustees of the Zoning Commission meeting Wednesday, May 13th at 7pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED 9:04am

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

Note: Meeting audio failed to record.

Payments

Number	Post Date	Total Warrant Amount	Payee
159-2026	4/20/26	\$276.70	OHIO EDISON
160-2026	4/20/26	\$873.85	OHIO EDISON
161-2026	4/20/26	\$87.77	OHIO EDISON
183-2026	4/17/26	\$104.70	Columbia Gas
184-2026	4/17/26	\$487.23	Columbia Gas
185-2026	4/17/26	\$173.13	Columbia Gas
186-2026	4/18/26	\$49.99	Spectrum Enterprise Charter Fire
187-2026	4/18/26	\$184.34	Rumpke of Ohio Inc
188-2026	4/24/26	\$29.13	RURAL LORAIN COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
189-2026	4/24/26	\$29.13	RURAL LORAIN COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY
191-2026	4/22/26	\$50.79	Blake Alferio
192-2026	4/22/26	\$1,089.16	Corey Baumann
193-2026	4/22/26	\$49.81	Justin W Baumann
194-2026	4/22/26	\$149.45	Ronald Baumann
195-2026	4/22/26	\$695.36	Thomas Boden
196-2026	4/22/26	\$112.09	Roger D Brooks
197-2026	4/22/26	\$12.70	Kevin Eichelberger
198-2026	4/22/26	\$174.35	Patrick Finnegan
199-2026	4/22/26	\$500.42	Sean K Finnegan
200-2026	4/22/26	\$488.59	Nicholas A Halliwell
201-2026	4/22/26	\$50.79	Karl Harris
202-2026	4/22/26	\$62.27	Matthew T Kovach
203-2026	4/22/26	\$49.81	Nathan Kovach
204-2026	4/22/26	\$388.96	Matthew Lee
205-2026	4/22/26	\$765.36	Michael Lee
206-2026	4/22/26	\$38.09	Jessica Maurer
207-2026	4/22/26	\$318.80	Sean Miller
208-2026	4/22/26	\$261.53	Thaddeus R Miller
209-2026	4/22/26	\$550.87	Brandon Palmer
210-2026	4/22/26	\$50.79	WILLIAM J RENNIE
211-2026	4/22/26	\$24.90	Tara Smith
212-2026	4/22/26	\$214.17	Clayton Spiegelberg
213-2026	4/22/26	\$868.39	Kyle Urig
215-2026	4/22/26	\$852.72	Rodger Witter
216-2026	4/22/26	\$2,100.54	Russell Yates
219-2026	4/20/26	\$398.55	Huntington National Bank
220-2026	4/17/26	\$161.76	Huntington National Bank
232-2026	4/25/26	\$139.16	Spectrum Business Charter TWP Hall
233-2026	4/28/26	\$63.15	Brightspeed
234-2026	4/28/26	\$2,465.09	SUNRISE CO-OPERATIVE, INC.
242-2026	5/5/26	\$97.03	Coles Energy - Mickey Mart
246-2026	5/6/26	\$29.87	Brightspeed
13228	4/22/26	\$114.29	Nicholas Hargate
13229	4/22/26	\$314.24	Brett Rosenkoetter
13230	4/22/26	\$113.24	Matt Galloway
13231	5/6/26	\$869.67	Jeffery W. Blodgett

13232	5/6/26	\$94.36	Matt Galloway
13233	5/6/26	\$1,020.66	ORVILLE EMERSON SAYLER
13234	5/6/26	\$1,022.00	BSMH Employer Services
13235	5/6/26	\$204.67	Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc
13236	5/6/26	\$1,393.50	Yoder Hardware
13237	5/6/26	\$50.00	Birmingham Memorial Day Parade
13238	5/6/26	\$140.00	Spencer Signs & Graphics
13239	5/6/26	\$501.40	TUFFMAN EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY
13240	5/6/26	\$336.33	CARRICO TRUCKING
13241	5/6/26	\$320.00	BSMH Employer Services
13242	5/6/26	\$364.97	Atlantic Emergency Solutions
13243	5/6/26	\$1,614.49	Winter Equipment Company
13244	5/6/26	\$326.78	Ben Roberts
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	Total	\$24,371.89	