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REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

The Fairfield Township Trustees held a Regular Trustee Meeting Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at the Administration Building, 6032 Morris Road, Fairfield Township, OH 45011, for conducting Township business. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Berding, Board Chairperson at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL: Fiscal Officer, Shelly Schultz

Trustee Chairperson, Michael Berding	Present
Trustee Vice Chairperson, Shannon Hartkemeyer	Present
Trustee, Joe McAbee	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION

- A. Moodys Rating System – Mrs. Lapensee stated Ms. Schultz, our Fiscal Officer, received an email from Moodys asking if we had any reason to keep our rating since we are debt free. Ms. Schultz – The email stated to keep our rating up, we have to pay \$3,000 a year annual fee. Since we have no debt coming up, we don't have to keep it. Mrs. Hartkemeyer – I'd like to investigate that a little bit more. Butler County, aren't they debt free? Ms. Schultz – They are general debt free but they're not totally debt free because I know they have debt. Mrs. Hartkemeyer – If we would need to borrow again in the future would we retain our current debt rating? Ms. Schultz - We would have to go through everything to get it back. I'm unsure about the debt rating. Mrs. Hartkemeyer – I'd like to get the answers to that. Ms. Schultz – Okay, I can get the answers to that unfortunately he needed an answer in seven days like three weeks ago. I told him that I'd get back to him after the meeting. What if I email you that answer and then since there's no motion or anything, can they just email me back their preference? Katie Barbieri, Attorney – Yes, if you're going to act on your own, then you can get the answers separately. They can't form a consensus. Ms. Schultz – I can make the decision after hearing from you if you'd like. Mr. McAbee – Paying the \$3,000 what does that get us? Ms. Schultz- Just membership. Mr. McAbee – Does that guarantee that we'd have the same rating anyway? If they check our finances, they're not going to give us the same rating we have before. Ms. Schultz – They would reevaluate likely. Mr. McAbee – So to me the \$3,000 it's a membership due basically. Mrs. Hartkemeyer – Can we push back on that and find out why we must pay now and we've never had to pay before?

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Ms. Schultz – I think it was a percent of the debt because it's based on how much debt you have outstanding. The \$3,000 fee is zero debt outstanding. So, I'm guessing it got paid through the debt offering. I can get those answers and then I'll just email you and you can give me your opinion and then I'll make the decision based on what you tell me.

Mr. Berding – So if we were to apply for a loan, they would rate us on our current financial situation, no matter what our Moodys rating is, right?

Mr. McAbee – They would give us a rating and that would help set the pricing for the debt, right? Is that how that works?

Mrs. Hartkemeyer – How fast could they do something like that? Like if we needed take debt for some reason is that like a 30-day or 90-day thing?

Ms. Schultz – I'm unsure.

Mr. Berding – I would be in favor of canceling our membership because I don't remember getting a membership card and I don't go to the gym anyway so I wouldn't want to pay \$3,000 to hold onto a rating if we don't have any intent of borrowing money. We do need to borrow the money though but the \$3,000 now isn't the issue.

Ms. Schultz – Kim emailed Andy Brossart and asked his opinion, and he said we do not need to maintain it.

- B. Temporary Road Closures – Mrs. Lapensee stated we have received a request to close a section of Tonya Trail around Halloween for a block party. We do not have a policy for this request; therefore, we have created one and would like your opinion/approval on what we have so far.

Mr. McAbee – Closure in the right-of-way?

Mrs. Lapensee – Yes, it would be at the end of the cul-de-sac in the right-of-way.

Mr. Berding – We're talking about a temporary road closure for a small amount of time to have a private event?

Mrs. Lapensee – Yes, like a party or block-party for Halloween.

Mr. Berding – So we currently don't have a policy, right? So, we should come up with a policy even if it says you can't close a road, right?

Mrs. Lapensee – Chuck wrote something up and basically the proposal has a purpose, eligible events such as a neighborhood block parties, cul-de-sac gatherings, national night out, business grand openings, chamber of commerce events, community festivals, farmers markets, charity walks or runs, holiday celebrations, car shows, outdoor business events or township sponsored events. It includes the street classifications that would it be allowed on to include residential streets, cul-de-sacs, local commercial streets owned and maintained by the township, streets within commercial developments where the township has jurisdiction. Temporary street closures will not be approved under this policy for collector streets, arterials, county roadways, state highways or private streets not dedicated to public use. So, the applicant shall provide written notice of the proposed street closure to all residents, businesses, and property owners directly affected by the proposed closure. Notification shall be provided no fewer than 14 calendar days prior to the event unless otherwise approved by the township administrator. The notification shall include at a minimum name of the event, date of the proposed street closure, location, limits

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of the closure, applicant contact information and information regarding how questions or concerns may be directed to the township and neighborhood approval. The township administrator may require written acknowledgement or approval from affected residents, businesses, or property owners where the proposed street closures are expected to materially impact property access, parking, deliveries, business operations, or the reasonable use and enjoyment of adjacent properties. The township administrator may also require modifications to the proposed event, traffic control plan or closure limits to minimize impacts to adjacent properties as a condition of permit approval. And then just different requirements that the applicant completed applications, a site map, event description, attendance, event schedule, traffic control plan, proof of insurance, written permission from affected property owners when applicable. Application should be submitted at least 14 days in advance and 30 days in advance for large public events. Then our review process will include me, public works, fire and police departments or others as necessary and then we will consider emergency vehicle access, traffic impacts, public safety, parking availability, access to surrounding businesses, event size, noise impacts, previous compliance history, construction conflicts, weather related concerns, and then commercial area requirements when events occur in commercial area. Applicants may also be required to notify affected businesses, maintain pedestrian access to businesses, maintain ADA compliant access, provide certified traffic control personnel if required, maintain customer parking where feasible, provide additional insurance, pay associated costs with traffic control, police details or township personnel when required. Depending upon the event, the township may require type three barricades, METCD compliant signage and detour signs, cones, certified flaggers, police traffic control, temporary no parking areas or zones. All devices must comply with a green manual. Then it goes into insurance and then we could establish a few if we wanted to. Then it talks about permit conditions and if we want it or if we ever revoke it for whatever reasons.

Mr. Berding – I think we need to define what large event is. For a large event there should be several attendees. Okay? Define what a large and small event is.

Mrs. Lapensee – That would be something we need to figure out.

Mr. McAbee – Alcohol? No alcohol? Why don't we say they can do it but there is a \$5,000 charge to do it. That should probably discourage it. Insurance? I don't know what kind of insurance you would get to be in the street. I would be very concerned about our exposure, especially if we agree to let it work.

Katie Barbieri, Attorney – The policy kind of refers to it, but if you're going to have anything that is like an inflatable or things they bring in, those do tend to come with insurance requirements because they have workers and are operators of those kinds of things. So, there would be a fair amount of elements with respect to insurance and liability.

Mr. McAbee – We'd have to be listed as an additional insured, so we're protected, right?

Katie Barbieri, Attorney – True.

Mr. McAbee – I don't know if we can get this done by Halloween or not.

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Mrs. Hartkemeyer – I did see something up there about the event schedule but is there a time limitation that we want?

Mrs. Lapensee – It would probably behoove us to do that.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer – To put a time limit on it and nothing can be after X amount of time.

Mr. Berding – So we're asking staff to put some more information together and then bring it to us for next meeting and we can decide whether we're going to do it or not. That would still give them 14 days before a Halloween event. Okay?

Mrs. Hartkemeyer - Are they wanting to do a Halloween thing?

Mr. Goins – The 24th a week before.

Mr. Berding – If we put a policy together, but they apply now, they're notifying us prior to 14 day, which they've already done.

Mr. McAbee – Do you have a copy of the application.

Mrs. Lapensee – We came up with an application, and they filled it out and sent it to us.

Mr. Berding – So, temporary road closure, you're going to come up with a form or a policy and bring it back to us?

Mrs. Lapensee – Yes, we'll close the gaps of what you just said.

Mr. McAbee – I just want to make sure we have the law director's opinion on this.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer – We might want to talk to OTARMA and run this past them.

Mr. McAbee – This event shouldn't cost the township any money.

Mr. McAbee – I was hoping we could go from the 13th to the 20th for our next meeting.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer – I'd prefer the 27th. I know that's a long time, but I just might not be here on the 20th.

Mr. McAbee – That works for me.

Mr. Berding – That's fine with me too.

Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mr. McAbee to move our regular trustee meeting from October 13th to October 27th at 7 PM.

All in favor.

Mr. Berding – So we'll have a CIC meeting at 7 and then we'll go immediately following into the trustee meeting.

Mr. McAbee – Do we have business to come before the CIC or not?

Mrs. Hartkemeyer – I don't think so. I think we've met the required number of times this year, haven't we?

Ms. Schultz – The required number is one and we've met that.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer – If there is no business need, I would say let's not meet.

Mr. Berding – But if there is, we can certainly make them aware of it and call the meeting if we need to.

- C. Dispensaries – Mrs. Lapensee stated we have provided the information that you all asked for from the last meeting. Chuck and I did some research, and we looked at some surrounding communities. We looked at Hamilton and in July they repealed the prohibition and adopted new dispensary regulations. They listed the use as a conditional use in the B2 districts and they allow

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the medical marijuana and the adult recreational use and then they listed as a specific use in their business plan unit development district both. And there are certain criteria, certain distances away from schools, childcare facilities, churches, one mile away from another dispensary. It can't be adjacent to residential districts, can't be in a historic district. There are landscaping requirements. Then they have certain definitions that they have a lot of definitions in their code. Then we looked at the City of Fairfield. The City of Fairfield allows it as permitted use in their C3 district and C3A district, which is their business districts. It's like permitted use with standards and then there are certain standards that it must meet. So that's their retail facilities, but then they also allow cultivation and processing, testing laboratories, and cultivation facilities. Level one, level two, marijuana processor medical. Those are all permitted uses in their M2 district, which is industrial. So, there are also certain conditions that they must meet for that. And then where I used to work at Symmes Township, they did it as a conditional use and they allowed it in their retail district and there's certain requirements that you must meet and the one big difference is they only allow one. They restricted it to one cannabis retail unit and then there's certain conditions, certain setbacks. They have certain acreage requirements.

Mr. McAbee – The other two cities that permitted it didn't have a number cap?

Mrs. Lapensee – No, they don't have a number cap.

Mr. McAbee – So if you meet the requirements and they've set the requirements and you meet the requirements, they can't stop it, right?

Mrs. Lapensee – I also looked at Sycamore Township and they have allowed it as a conditional use and then there's certain requirements that are attached to it like buffer boundaries, streetscapes, they have sign standards. The biggest difference there is they make you do a development agreement through the CIC, Sycamore Township CIC, and then they restrict it to where there shall not be a cannabis dispensary within three miles of another cannabis dispensary. I think when I talked to Greg, he said there couldn't be anymore than two because of the distance requirements, the way they set it up geographically limited that way. So, very similar to Symmes but they capped it at two.

Mr. Berding – I think if we're looking at other revenue sources and we have residents that are going to Hamilton, they're going to be going to Fairfield, they're going to be buying their products, they're going to stay at home and on their computer and order it online and go pick it up in Hamilton or into Fairfield and they're going to bring it back and use it. So, it doesn't eliminate whether we have any kind of police issue or emergency response issues.

Mr. McAbee – You were saying it won't affect our police and fire any more than it would if they go somewhere else and get it, right? Is that what your point was?

Mr. Berding – Correct. I wouldn't suspect that it would cause any more issues with them using it.

Mr. McAbee – How is the money they promised us collected?

Mr. Berding – It's the fee that they pay the State of Ohio.

Mrs. Lapensee – It's a sales tax. So, it's just like any other fee that gets collected. It's 10% and then we get 36% of the 10%.

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Mr. McAbee – That would have to be a mighty large business for us to get \$100,000 a year or more out of the 3% of the sales tax. That would be a big number, wouldn't it?

Mr. Berding – It depends on how expensive marijuana is. I don't have that answer. If you get a prescription or go and buy something and it's \$100 you'd only get \$3.50 off of it. But if they do that every other week for a year, I don't have the answers. I was basing my opinion off what Monroe was collecting and what other townships were collecting and if I remember right, I think the figure was like either \$400,000 or \$600,000 a year that they were collecting.

Mrs. Lapensee - \$450,000 to \$600,000 is what this company projects to give us or collect for the township.

Mr. McAbee – Can we find out who in Fairfield Township is buying it? Has anybody in Fairfield Township called you and said we need to get this done.

Mr. Berding – Zero. For months and months we've been talking about how to generate revenue. This is one way to generate revenue without increasing taxes. No one has come to me and said I want you to pass this, except for the person from the company that called and wanted to start his business here.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer – I'm interested in listening to arguments and hearing more, but now, I'm not really feeling compelled to move forward with this. I might in the future, but not now. But I'm open to hearing more.

Mr. Berding – May I ask how you want to hear from? Do you want to hear from these elected officials in these communities directly or do you want to reach out to them if you so choose? Do you want to talk to other Butler County townships. Again, if you say no and Trustee McAbee say no, it's no and let's move on to something else. I'm just trying to open our minds up to other possible revenue sources. Trustee Hartkemeyer you're not right now.

Mr. McAbee – I say no.

Mr. Berding – If we put it to a vote tonight, I would say yes because of the money. People always ask me do you do the right thing when people aren't looking but also do you do the right thing when people are looking if it's not a popular opinion. I think since it's not causing our police chief any headaches and it's not causing our fire chief any headaches and the people of Fairfield Township, the residents of Fairfield Township have that legal hobby that they have and they're using and they're using anyway and if it can become a revenue source for us and it could be regulated, it may, but I have no scientific data, but it may cut down on some of the illegal purchases in our community that are maybe or may not be happening because now they could just buy it legally and not worry about buying it from someone in their car in the Walmart parking lot. Could that even help? So, I don't know. I don't know all those answers. But I do know other communities don't have the issues of higher violence because this is out there or higher crime because this is out there and they are bringing significant revenue on a legal activity. I don't drink any beer. I don't drink any alcohol. But I'm okay with us having liquor stores and the state recovering some money from that and then communities getting money from that. The casinos, I don't gamble, but the state of Ohio is raking in money with the casinos and allegedly it's going to the schools. Allegedly. This dispensary person would guarantee us a

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certain amount of money, and I don't, again, we don't have any kind of document that says what that amount is as far as their guarantee. But again, it's a revenue generator. It's something that our safety services don't have an issue with and people in our community are using their legal right to use it.

Mr. McAbee – Do you know that there are people in our community driving to Hamilton to make their purchase?

Mr. Berding – Well, no. I don't even know if the one in Hamilton is opened yet or Fairfield.

Mr. McAbee – How about getting the information from the business and see what kind of guarantee he'll give us. I want to know the minimum amount they're going to guarantee. Then I'll say no. At least I have some more information.

Mr. Berding – When we stop communicating, we don't move forward. I respect both of your opinions and if neither of you were no, I'm okay with that.

- D. Flock Cameras – Mrs. Lapensee stated we have received a request to cancel our Flock Camera contract from a resident. Does the Board want to discuss this request?

Mr. Berding – We didn't receive a letter from anyone in our police department to stop?

Mrs. Lapensee – No.

Mr. Berding – I asked Chief Chabali to provide some information. So, could you summarize some of the information you provided?

Chief Chabali - Automated license plate readers or flock are used by neighborhood homeowners' associations and by businesses and law enforcement. It relates to crime solving and prevention. Cameras identify and catalog objective vehicle details such as make, model, color, and license plate. Alerts can be instantly sent to police if a vehicle is linked to an active investigation or a hot list, for example, stolen vehicles, wanted suspects. As it relates to missing people, the tracking capabilities, the system quickly locates vehicles connected to Amber Alerts, silver alerts, and endangered children. As it relates to custom retention schedule, recently Flock suggested only a 7-day retention period. We're going to keep ours at 30 for the following reasons. Recently flock recommended 7 days' retention, we have found that 'numerous crimes were reported after 7 days as the crimes are not found by the complainants, complainants were out of town when the incident occurred or the complainants failed to notify us for some unknown reason. I'm also providing information taken from our website. Information collected by Flock includes license plate numbers, vehicle make, model, color, body style, date and time of the detection, camera location, direction of travel, information not collected by flock cameras. The system does not utilize facial recognition technology. It does not take frontal pictures of vehicles. It only takes pictures of the back of the vehicle. Hopefully, it catches a plate. Sometimes it doesn't. Sometimes it catches a partial plate. Identify drivers or passengers or collect personal personally identifiable information such as race, race, ethnicity, religion, political affiliation, or other protected characteristics beyond the vehicle and license plate information captured in the public view on public streets. The system is not used for traffic enforcement such as speed enforcement or traffic light enforcement. As it relates to data and security retention, all data collected through Flock is securely encrypted during transmission and storage. Information is retained in accordance with

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departmental policy and applicable law unless preserved for a criminal investigation or another authorized law enforcement purpose. Flock data is automatically deleted after the department's established retention period of 30 days. As it relates to policy and authorized use, access to flock data is restricted to trained and authorized personnel and is permitted only for legitimate law enforcement and public safety purposes. All searches and system activity are electronically logged and subject to auditing and supervisory review to ensure compliance with departmental policy. Information obtained through Flock system is used solely to support public safety, criminal investigations, the recovery of stolen vehicles, the location of missing or endangered persons, and other lawful public safety functions. Here are just a few examples of our successes using Flock. School bus with children traveling on bypass 4 observed a male masturbating in a moving vehicle. The bus camera only caught a glimpse of a blue sedan. Investigators used flock to further their investigation, identified the suspect, and filed charges for indecent exposure. Multiple children on the bus observed him and were exposed to seeing his genitalia. A male was observed masturbating inside the Barnes & Noble bookstore. After a thorough follow-up, his rental vehicle with out-of-state plates was located by flock. Suspect was charged and arrested. Bank robbery at Aur-Group was solved via flock. We have solved numerous hit and run crashes, including the death of a Hispanic female riding her Ebike and a pedestrian hit and run occurring at Princeton and Rose Hill Cemetery. Most of our retail thefts are solved via flock. We have assisted other agencies in locating critically missing people. We have a hot list. Our patrol officers have made countless arrests following up on warrants, stolen vehicles and vehicles used in numerous crimes in our municipality or other communities. Technology allowed our detectives to locate a missing person reported. A family member had not heard from the other family member, and the kids were left behind. Following an investigation, the vehicle showed as having been on the west side of Montgomery County in the Englewood Clayton area. Now having an idea of where the vehicle had been, deputies in that area kept an eye out and the next day or so found the vehicle at a gas station business. Flock simply got the detectives and deputies in the right area to look for the vehicle until they found it. Recent alerts resulted in officers locating multiple individuals with outstanding warrants. One of those cases with a driver charged for driving under suspension. Flock alert helped officers locate a stolen vehicle after it entered a township. The driver was charged with multiple offenses and a subsequent investigation provided additional leads connecting the vehicle and its occupants to other recent theft offense investigations. It also assisted in a significant theft investigation involving approximately \$34,000 in rental equipment stolen from the Fairfield Township Home Depot. Although surveillance video did not provide sufficient leads for a vehicle plate. The detectives used vehicle information to identify the rental truck. The investigation showed the vehicle traveled to Detroit, Michigan the same evening and later linked the same vehicle to a similar theft in Columbus. Proactive virtual fence as it relates to that they can instantly ping law enforcement when a flag vehicle connected to an active Amber Alert or local hot list enters a monitor area. The mere presence of Flock cameras can deter criminals from targeting neighborhoods. Flock systems operate on a ruling database. Data is not sold and is not automatically deleted in 30 days. The

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camera does not use facial recognition, nor do they monitor live streams instead of capturing instead capturing still images only when a vehicle is present. Individual agencies control their own data and sharing permissions. Flock does not sell this information and access by federal entity entities is not automatic. Private users such as home associations and homeowner associations cannot access law enforcement database. The Electronic Frontier Foundation, EFF, sites in its 2025 review that out of 12 million searches across 3,900 law enforcement agencies, only 48% of agencies described specific incidents that warranted investigation and response. In essence an administrative review. That doesn't necessarily mean that personnel were found to have violated policy. It just means that it warranted a review. 48% of 12 million searches. It's not a pattern that reflects negatively on how the system operates across thousands of jurisdictions. Agencies with strict enforceable policies do not encounter these issues. Technology abuse occurs in the private and public sectors depending on technology. These abuses are dealt with criminally or administratively as it relates to case law. Carpenter versus US and Chatrle versus US. Please note the following. License plate readers and settler location tracking are legally distinct. Courts have consistently ruled that automated license plate readers flocks are not mass surveillance. In the same vein as Carpenter and Chatrle flock captured captures point in time public records whereas cell phone data constitute highly invasive continuous tracking of a person's private life. Safeguards and oversight are built into the system. role-based access controls, audit logs, retention limits, and case-based research are designed to constrain use, support lawful investigations, and balance public safety benefits with civil liberties protection. As it relates to public expectation of privacy, exterior vehicle movements. The fourth amendment does not protect a person's movements in public spaces or the exterior of their vehicles. Capturing an image of a license plate on a public road is not a search. Unlike settler tracking and both Carpenter and Chatrle which ruled on geofence warrants, the supreme court focus on continuous intimate tracking of a person's location. License plate readers do not track individuals but photograph points in time locations of public facing vehicles. As it relates to flock system and data ownership, searchable, not retrospective tracking, flock safety is not used to constantly map an individual's life. Instead, law enforcement searches them retrospectively using specific objective data like a partial plate or a full plate or a vehicle description during an investigation. Commercial restrictions. Under Ohio law, private companies like Flock System are prohibited from commercially selling flock data. In contractual agreements with law enforcement, flock enforces strict limitations prohibiting the sale of or monetization of sensitive law enforcement data. Unlike cell phone tower dumps, which sweep up personal tracking data for thousands of innocent bystanders, Flock operates by sending hot lists. Courts have also uniformly held that there is no reasonable expectation of privacy on public roadways. Most images captured by Flock are not used for any investigation and are permanently deleted at regular intervals without ever having been accessed. Today we received a public records request. We have a link that ties into our internet, and you can get any kind of information that you desire other than an active investigation. We cannot reveal that information. It includes if you go to our website audit reports, usage reports, contracts, policies, other related documents provided with any necessary

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redactions made in accordance with the Ohio Public Records Act. And again, our redactions are limited to confidential law enforcement investigatory records. Data is used for law enforcement purposes only. Data is owned by Fairfield Township Police Department and never sold to third parties, immigration enforcement, traffic enforcement, harassment intimidation.

Mr. McAbee – Anybody who want to see this can go to our police department website and you can find flock camera information.

Chief Chabali – I know this has been brought up before that there have been police officers who have abused the system, it has happened. That number is minotiae compared to how many lawfully do it. What I want you to consider is that the only agencies in a municipality, whether it's a city, a county or a township, that do internal investigations significantly are police departments. We cleaned the trash out and someone would be fired for abusing that system. Any technology has its ups and downs. When you log in, it's like a fingerprint. Without this technology, we would be hard-pressed to be as successful as we have been.

Mr. Berding – Just to be clear, there has been no Fairfield Township officers investigated for illegal or improper use of the flock system. All our neighboring communities are continuing to use it. Thank you for providing all that information to the public and now they can view it at our meetings. If they have any questions, they can reach out to the police department.

- E. Country Music Festival – Mrs. Lapensee stated we found out last week that the music festival was being moved from the VOA to the fairgrounds. We've not been contacted by anyone, but we just wanted to make sure you were aware and that we should probably start planning for our eventual participation in the event.

Mr. Berding – Can you go into more detail about what you mean by our participation in the event, our requested participation?

Mrs. Lapensee – No one has really requested us and no we're not required to do it. It's a special event that's being put on by the fair board.

Mr. McAbee – Just by the City of Hamilton, all the roads are in Hamilton. So, the traffic is going to be in Hamilton. We can set up the DUI stand on Route 4 and we'll just make some money.

Mr. Berding – This event is happening approximately 11 months from now. No official from the fair board, from the county, from the prosecutor's office, from the sheriff's office or anything has officially reached out to me or to the administrator or the fiscal officer about hosting or hosting this event. And my understanding in watching the news conference and I was able to read the MOU; thank you channel 5 I'm sure you're watching. Nowhere in the document is it mentioned that Fairfield Township will be responsible for anything or be asked to provide anything. So as far as I'm concerned, it's the City of Hamilton and the fair board. It's their event. Now it's taking place inside our borders? Yes! But it's their event and they're responsible for everything associated with it. Now, if they start asking for our help with resources, then we can have those conversations about maybe our employees working directly for them or off duty, those types of questions. But as far as I'm concerned, no one has reached out to me or this board collectively.

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Mrs. Hartkemeyer – I did receive a phone call Friday shortly before the press release and they advised me what was happening.

Mr. Berding – Yes, but they have not asked us formally to enter any kind of contracts or provide any kind of services. So as far as I'm concerned, it's their event. It's happening. If they ask for help, then that's a conversation to have later. I have no knowledge of them asking the fire chief or the police chief.

Chief Chabali – They asked me If I wanted to participate in a meeting two Fridays ago. I was on vacation and I said no and they said that was fine, but nothing else was exchanged.

Mr. McAbee – I agree with you, we're not hosting, we're not sponsoring. And, I know we don't have the staff to cover it.

Mr. Berding – If the event hires our personnel on off duty type situations that's beyond our control.

Mr. McAbee – As long as they don't take our staff off regular schedules because they can make a whole lot more money off duty.

Mr. Berding – So this conversation was to take place to inform the public that we have not entered in any kind of agreement. No one from the fair board has called to say, "hey, we need your help doing this event." So far as this board is concerned officially, we have had no notification that they want any of us to participate in this event. And if that does happen, we will bring it up in a meeting and we'll have discussions about it publicly. But for now, everyone should go to the event and have a good time. I just want to be clear, some people that live near me have asked me, "what do you know about that?" I'm like, "thanks for telling me because I didn't even know it was even going on." So, I just want to make that clear.

Mr. McAbee – I do like country music, but I will not be attending.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer – I think we should be proactive and know what they're doing. I think we need to understand what they're doing so that if there is something that comes up that impacts the township that we're not caught off guard and it might be that we're not asked to do anything except in like a capacity where our officers could be hired on their own accord. That's one thing but I think it would behoove us to pay attention to what they're doing and get involved.

Mr. Berding – I agree with Trustee Hartkemeyer. We should at least know what's happening since it is happening within our borders and to be part if we're invited to discussions go and be part of those meetings. But if they go to make an ask of Fairfield Township, no promises can be made to say, "okay, well, I'll take that to the trustees and we'll have that discussion."

Mrs. Lapensee – We had scheduled a meeting tomorrow with West Chester Township about what have they learned. What should we know? What should we be aware of? So, it's tomorrow at 1 o'clock if you would like to attend.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer – I'm interested in learning what the best practices are and maybe some things that needed to be changed or improved because I don't want to go into this blind.

Mr. McAbee – Why did West Chester get rid of it?

Mrs. Lapensee – People can read the headlines. I don't need to repeat it.

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COMMUNICATION –

Jason Purviance, 3606 Millikin Road – The country music festival. I understand that it was dropped on everybody's lap, surprised, which I think could be great long term. I think everything you guys say up here is a lot of concerns that most people have. I hope this goes off well, but we'll see. I hope that you guys stay in touch with them and kind of steer the ship and don't just sit back and let them decide what kind of involvement they want us to have as a community. There's going to be a lot of traffic driving through the township. So, I think that needs to be addressed. The sidewalk policy that you guys will be talking about later, I understand that we need to have something in the books to keep our community in good standing. I just ask that you do the same for roadways. Specifically, it was Anchor Drive and Albert's Way in front of Walmart and Kohl's. I know that is not a road that the township takes care of the development that owns that area, but that road is not fun to drive on. So, if you guys understandably hold citizens accountable for the condition of their sidewalk, please hold those developers to the same. Going to vote on the data centers later for a six-month moratorium. I think that's an easy yes. I did send you guys a bunch of ideas for supplement for data centers. I just wanted to know if you guys had any questions on that. Anything that I could elaborate on, obviously not here right now, but just later, you know, if you guys have any questions, please let me know. For dispensaries, you said you haven't had anybody ask you to pass this. Well, here I am. Please enact or in the moratorium. I get drug tested at work. I can't partake. But for all the reasons that Trustee Berding mentioned. I don't think we should be the moral police, right? It's legal in Ohio. This is an easy source of revenue for the township. You guys recently passed two \$5 fees for us to renew our license plate. If we're to that point where you guys need to have two \$5 fees every time, we renew our plates, I think \$500,000 a year in tax revenue is a no-brainer. And flock I've been up here multiple times. I sent an email asking for a sit down, stopped up and saw if we'd be able to talk. I don't have any reason to believe that Fairfield Township is abusing this. That's not my concern with flock. The number that you gave is about 48% of that 12 million, that's \$58,000. That's still a very large number. Since the last time I was up here, Oxford did vote to end Flock's contract. So, we do have a neighbor that has voted to end the contract and that ended immediately. Columbus paused Flock. Last week Hamilton County paused Flock. Wisconsin moved to cancel Flock after Flock approached them trying to sell them 5 years of speed and traffic data taken by Sheboygan's Flock cameras. Now, we're told from Flock that they cancel or that they delete all their photos after 30 days. But they just tried to sell Sheboygan 5 years' worth of data. 30 days doesn't equal five years. I hadn't been able to confirm it, but the Lebanon mayor said he wants to cancel the 20 cameras that they have. His quote was that the standard is not whether the tool is useful, it's whether you can be told the truth about what it does. And I don't know about you guys, but from the information that Flock has put out for what truly happens with Flock system and not just Flock. Please, when you cancel Flock, do not replace it with any other ALPR system. I think that's a misnomer anyway. They're not just reading license plates. They're taking much more information than that. If this was an AL just an ALPR system that was able to read flag and give information back if a car was wanted, that's one thing. But this is logging in with much more information than that. So, I'm sure my three minutes are well up. But

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thank you very much. I appreciate you.

Michael Combs, 3025 Foxhound Drive - Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Your meetings are always interesting; Joe, you should become a comedian. I'm still doing the follow-up on our conversation at the last meeting about parking issues with commercial vehicles in our residential areas. I spoke to Mr. Goins a couple times. He's on top of it as usual. But you still have paperwork in front of you guys that you haven't attended to where you can pass this law, get it in front of the chief so that we can contact these people. For example, like the people in my neighborhood, Chuck has been out. If you try to get a fire truck through there, it's not happening. Number one. Number two, they have notified them and they just ignored it. So, it's not like they take their parking as a serious issue. This law would make it easier for our police chief number one to reach out to them. I'm not expecting them to go out and start towing everything but at least reach out to these people. All you have to do is pass it. It's not been attended to in the last few meetings and I'm going to continue to come to every meeting and listen to you guys about everything. Once again, this gentleman talks about flock. I don't disagree with your flock. I mean, if I come up missing and you can run my plate and tell my wife where I'm at, go ahead. But to save kids, criminals, we see it all. We're in Fairfield Township, our nice little community, but Hamilton's right next door. Okay, I can drive through Hamilton right now and lock my doors and put my weapon away and say go back home. But we have a lot of that around here. So, once again, the parking issue has if you guys will get it on the table and get it done so that our police chief and our zoning commissioner can do what they need to do. Right now, it's a joke. They send notices out. I believe there was a letter sent out. They throw it in the trash. Half of them can't read English. So, you put it on their equipment. They go out, rip it up, throw it away. Good luck. Okay. until the until the fire chief has to try to get a vehicle through there because the house down from them is on fire and they can't get equipment through, then it's going to be a bad situation. So, please get that on the table and get it passed so that we can start being proactive. Please.

Mr. Berding - Thank you Mr. Combs, I know that we are right now looking into how we enforce that. We are working on it to see how we would collect fines and things like that.

Mr. Combs - I mean, a great example is the city of Fairfield. Their law director has it there and they do a good job at it.

Motions/Resolutions for the agenda:

All items under the Consent Agenda are considered by the Board of Trustees to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. Any Trustee may remove an item from the Consent Agenda by request. No second is required for removal of an item. Items removed for separate discussion will be considered after the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer, to adopt the Consent Agenda.

The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Berding – ‘aye’, Mrs. Hartkemeyer - ‘aye’, and Mr. McAbee– ‘aye’. Motion passes.

FISCAL OFFICE BUSINESS - Consent Agenda Items

- A. Recommend motion to suspend reading of the minutes of the following meetings:
1. Trustee Regular Meeting, August 11, 2026

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- 2. Special Trustee Meeting, August 17, 2026
- B. Recommend motion to approve the minutes.
- C. Recommend motion to approve payment of the bills by the Fiscal Office

MOTIONS – Consent Agenda Items

- A. **Motion** to accept the Resignation of Michael Thompson in the Police Department as of 9/3/2026.
- B. 26-82 – Resolution Approving Open Purchase Order Balances for the township.
- C. 26-83 – Resolution Declaring a Nuisance and Ordering Abatement.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT – Shelly Schultz, Fiscal Officer

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CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$2,982,640.84
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE – MEDICAL	\$80,259.82
FSA ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$7,484.98
JEDD REVENUE RECEIVED YTD (Hamilton)	\$524,296.80
JEDD REVENUE RECEIVED YTD (Fairfield)	\$134,833.35
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT BALANCE (2.95%)	\$9,112,187.45
Interest Earned in AUGUST	\$22,800.64
INVESTMENT BROKERAGE ACCOUNT	\$3,964,352.06
Interest Earned in AUGUST	\$15,647.06
GRANT MONEY RECEIVED	\$0.00
EMS BILLING RECEIPTS TO DATE	\$584,864.25
REVENUE TO DATE (66.317%)	\$13,514,420.21
REVENUE BUDGETED FOR 2026	\$20,323,548.00
EXPENDITURES TO DATE (58.122%)	\$14,618,635.86
APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2026	\$23,891,268.00
PAYMENTS MADE IN AUGUST	\$1,000,995.38
MAJOR FUND BALANCES	
A. GENERAL	\$5,121,793.52
B. ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND	\$606,638.97
C. POLICE FUND	\$562,651.12

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D. FIRE LEVY FUND	\$1,166,566.72
E. SAFETY SERVICES FUND	\$1,113,981.23
F. FIRE RESCUE, AMBULANCE, EMS FUND	\$860,402.63
G. JEDD FUND (HAMILTON)	\$655,883.20
H. JEDD FUND (FAIRFIELD)	\$185,577.45
I. TIF (STORYPOINT)	\$754,218.83
J. TIF (PRINCETON)	\$2,231,974.45
K. TIF (SEWARD)	\$671,922.34
L. TIF (BRIDGEWATER)	\$12,491.01
M. RESIDENTIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (RID)	\$1,207,736.97
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$15,151,832

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT, Mrs. Kim Lapensee

MOTIONS

Motion to approve the building permit fee for the Fire Station in the amount of \$22,379.84 to the Butler County Building Department paid from the Fire Fund #2111. Motion made by Mr. Berding to approve this motion

Mr. McAbee – Was this included in the total, no? Butler County is not going to waive this?

Mrs. Lapensee – I did ask. I haven't received a response yet.

Mr. McAbee – Don't pay them until they respond.

Mrs. Lapensee – I need you to approve something so I can go there to pick up our building permit.

The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Berding – 'aye', Mrs. Hartkemeyer - 'aye', and Mr. McAbee – 'aye'. Motion passes.

RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution #26-80 – A Resolution to authorize pay rates for the part-time employees of the Fire Department. Mrs. Lapensee stated we listed the employees by name but did not consider an employee who might have achieved paramedic status after being hired as an EMT. We are asking the board to adopt a general resolution setting the two pay amounts based on the certification attained. Based on discussion at the last meeting, we also added a Whereas clause for back pay. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. McAbee made a motion to approve Resolution #26-80, Mrs. Hartkemeyer seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. McAbee – 'aye', Mrs. Hartkemeyer - 'aye', and Mr. Berding - 'aye'. Motion passes.
- B. Resolution #26-84 – A Resolution approving the 2025 streetlight assessments.

SECTION 1: That the Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the assessment of all properties (attached) that are in established lighting districts for 2025 a total amount of \$206,631.50 (in the following amounts per district).

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District	Amount 2025	Assess Per Parcel 2025
Allison (Stroble)	\$3,758.47	\$42.23
Alsace Meadows Section 1	\$1,197.63	\$57.03
Ashwood (Jocelyn Drive)	\$599.04	\$49.92
Avalon Station	\$745.20	\$32.40
Belmont	\$4,767.20	\$16.16
Brentwood Estates	\$1,249.30	\$20.15
Brook Meadow Sec 1 (Buttonwood)	\$1,433.34	\$79.63
Brook Meadow Sec 1 (Tammy Rae)	\$1,433.34	\$89.59
Brook Meadow Sec 1 (Jayfield Dr)	\$5,069.10	\$83.10
Brook Meadow Sec 2 B (Tara Brook Ct)	\$2,750.88	\$62.52
Brook Meadows Sec 3 (Carrington)	\$2,464.11	\$74.67
Brook Meadows Sec 3 (Prescot Ct)	\$1,104.30	\$73.63
Brook Meadows Sec 4 Blk A (Chandler)	\$1,433.34	\$75.44
Brook Meadows Sec 4 B (Bridgewater/ Stapleton)	\$3,572.73	\$67.41
Eastridge Subdivision Section 1 (Eastridge)	\$534.90	\$53.49
Eastridge Subdivision Section 2 (Fairridge)	\$253.38	\$42.23
Fairfield Ridge Section 1	\$1,810.52	\$36.21
Fairfield Ridge Section 2	\$2,908.53	\$57.03
Fairfield Ridge Section 3	\$1,813.84	\$32.39
Fairfield Ridge Section 4	\$1,140.60	\$57.03
Fairfield Ridge Section 5	\$1,368.72	\$57.03
Fairfield Ridge Section 6A	\$2,286.27	\$120.33
Fairfield Ridge Section 6B	\$318.78	\$14.49
Greencrest Manor Sec 2/3 (Greencrest Dr)	\$5,360.82	\$57.03
Greencrest Manor Sec 4/5/6 (Mill Crest Ct)	\$2,093.46	\$91.02
Greencrest Manor Sec 7A (Brooke Meadows)	\$2,754.00	\$102.00
Greencrest Manor Sec 7B (Jennie Marie Ct)	\$1,783.34	\$68.59
Hamilton Mason (Shank Farm)	\$3,803.59	\$56.77
Homewood Section 1	\$2,413.60	\$21.55
Homewood Section 2	\$1,659.35	\$21.55
Howards Subdivision (Liberty Bell)	\$4,818.96	\$34.92
Hunters Trace Section 1 & 2	\$2,384.90	\$34.07
Hunters Trace Section 3	\$2,260.45	\$42.65
Hunters Trace Section 4	\$2,559.00	\$42.65
Keevan Estates Section 1	\$991.64	\$38.14
Keevan Estates Section 2	\$675.84	\$21.12
Lakewood	\$4,710.36	\$69.27
Lakewood Section 2	\$3,948.39	\$69.27
Lakewood Section 3	\$2,978.61	\$69.27
Lakewood Section 4	\$1,177.59	\$69.27
Meadows of Indian Springs Sec 1/2/3	\$4,130.22	\$36.23
Meadows of Indian Springs Sec 4/5	\$2,173.80	\$36.23
Meadows of Indian Springs Sec 6	\$1,086.42	\$28.59
Meadows of Indian Springs Sec 7	\$1,449.20	\$36.23
Meadows of Indian Springs Sec 8	\$1,412.97	\$36.23
Meadows of Indian Springs Sec 9A/B	\$2,424.00	\$48.48
Meadows of Indian Springs Sec 9C	\$2,093.43	\$67.53
Morris Hill Est (Dust Comm)	\$502.88	\$35.92
Morris Road	\$2,144.78	\$49.88
Osage/Pleasant Ridge	\$3,037.44	\$47.46
Parkside Estates	\$2,060.56	\$47.92

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Rentschler Est Section 1	\$2053.08	\$57.03
Rentschler Est Section 2	\$674.80	\$19.28
Rentschler Est Section 3A	\$458.25	\$30.55
Rentschler Est Section 3B	\$2,481.12	\$155.07
Schul Estates	\$4,494.60	\$34.05
Schul Estates Sec 7B (Vinnedge)	\$2,093.58	\$77.54
Schul Estates Sec 9A (Jamie Ct)	\$2,586.24	\$107.76
Schul Estates Section 10	\$195.48	\$21.72
Shafers Run Section 2 and 3	\$1,248.87	\$21.91
Shafors Run Section 4	\$2,897.10	\$26.10
Shafors Run Section 5	\$1,122.30	\$26.10
Shafors Run Section 6	\$1,086.40	\$38.80
Shafors Run Section 7	\$3,366.90	\$26.10
Sylvia Acres (Red Coat)	\$5,150.40	\$69.60
Weathered Oaks	\$2,093.40	\$116.30
Weathered Oaks Sec 2 (Weston Ct)	\$684.36	\$57.03
Weathered Oaks Sec 3 (Autumn Hill)	\$2,757.15	\$83.55
Weathered Oaks Sec 5 (Forest Hill)	\$4,734.50	\$94.69
Weathered Oaks Sec 6/8/9A (Hickoryview)	\$2,228.72	\$21.43
Weathered Oaks Sec 7A/B (Winterhill)	\$4,307.05	\$78.31
Weathered Oaks Sec 7C (Conner Ct)	\$557.18	\$21.43
Weathered Oaks Sec 9A/11 (Charfield)	\$3,084.14	\$65.62
Weathered Oaks Section 10	\$7,376.18	\$78.47
Weathered Oaks Section 12 A/B/C	\$7,004.34	\$58.86
Woodberry Block A & B	\$6,344.03	\$82.39
Woodberry Block C	\$3,377.99	\$82.39
Woods of Lakewood Section 1	\$2,424.45	\$69.27
Woods of Lakewood Sec 2A & 2B	\$772.86	\$23.42
Woods of Lakewood Sec 3A Block 1	\$1,268.82	\$66.78
Woods of Lakewood Sec 3A Block 2	\$104.40	\$26.10
Woods of Lakewood Sec 3B	\$599.61	\$26.07
Woods of Shafers Run Section 1 & 2	\$1,086.40	\$27.16
Normandy Heights	\$8,939.26	\$49.94

Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to approve Resolution #26-84. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. McAbee – ‘aye’, Mrs. Hartkemeyer - ‘aye’, and Mr. Berding - ‘aye’. Motion passes.

- C. Resolution #26-85 – A Resolution imposing a six-month data center moratorium for Fairfield Township. Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mr. Berding to approve Resolution #26-85. The roll call vote was as follows: The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. McAbee – ‘aye’, Mr. Berding - ‘aye’, and Mrs. Hartkemeyer - ‘aye’. Motion passes.

Mr. Berding – Will you put this on the agenda for February 2027?

- D. *****FIRT READING***** Resolution #26-86 – A Resolution adopting a township sidewalk policy for Fairfield Township. Mrs. Lapensee stated we’ve discussed this twice now. Anytime we go out for a roadway project we’re going to look at the curbs, the gutters, the sidewalks and then since its in the right of way but it’s also the responsibility of the homeowner we’ll make sure that we send a notice to the resident letting them know that they have to replace the sidewalk if it meets the parameters as specified in our policy.

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Mr. Berding – When I was looking through this, it talks about multi-use paths. Could that be considered on property driveways on property streets as Mr. Purviance was talking about? Should we keep this as a first read and add that type of language that we could enforce because I agree with them back by Kohl's and Walmart.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer – I'd rather have a separate policy for that. I agree and we've been on them for years. I'd like a private road policy just to address that.

Katie Barbieri, Attorney - We're a lot more limited with respect to our enforcement on private roadways than we are sidewalks the way a township can regulate. I would suggest that be a separate policy because your limitations are a lot greater with respect to roadways than they are sidewalks.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer – Okay, maybe we can investigate that. In the meantime, if we could reach out to those property owners again because the part they fixed is great but the part they didn't fix is bad.

- E. Resolution #26-87 – A Resolution authorizing the township administrator to sign an agreement with MS Consultants to provide professional services for right-of-way acquisition services to construct sidewalks and pedestrian crossing along Morris Road and Princeton Road to improve safety at Fairfield East Elementary School. Mrs. Lapensee stated we started this process a couple years ago about getting sidewalks on Princeton and Morris Roads to make it safe for the kids to get to school. Part of ODOT's requirement is that the township must enter into an agreement with these consultants to provide appraisal services for these pieces of parcels that we've identified that we'll need. We do not pay for these services, but we must enter into the contract with a consultant to provide the service. Yes, we must sign this agreement, but no we don't owe anything because ODOT already has it factored into the budgeting process, the payment of that service to the consultants separately.

Mr. McAbee – How many parcels is this? Why don't we know?

Mr. Goins – There is only 1 or 2 parcels that's going to have permanent takes, but I don't know the number of parcels related to the temporary access agreements. But I can get that for you.

Mrs. Lapensee – It's 12 parcels.

Mr. McAbee – We're taking property down Princeton Road. On which side of the road?

Mr. Berding – The south side.

Mrs. Lapensee - The school property is where we're going to do a permanent take.

Mr. McAbee – I've voiced my concerns about this before. When we started this process, it sounded like a good idea to get kids across from Weathered Oaks to East Elementary, and now we're going all the way down to Jayfield on the north side of Princeton Road and coming up and crossing a major intersection to try to get them to school. I have large concerns about that. I don't know how many people are doing it now in the ditch that we're trying to help them get there in a safe way. I have a lot of concern about that. The last time it came up at this board, it was our portion like \$750,000, right?

Mrs. Lapensee - No, it's no more than \$250,000.

Mr. McAbee – So we're going to spend \$250,000? What percentage is that?

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Mrs. Lapensee – It's 80/20 right? It's either 90/10 or 80/20.

Mr. Goins – It didn't fall on a hard percentage. We did push them to the cap that they were willing to get to a couple times.

Mr. McAbee – We're going to be partners to a \$1,000,000 with a sidewalk that I wouldn't walk on, and I wouldn't want my kids walking on. And I don't see how that makes this school safer to get to.

Mr. Berding – So it does make it safer for kids that do walk to school or parents that do walk their children to school won't be doing it in ditches. We'll be dealing with sidewalks that connect the sidewalks that connect the crosswalks that connect to the school buildings that eventually will connect to the sidewalk near Bridgewater to get families safe to Bridgewater and Target.

Mr. McAbee – I understand all of that, but I just can't believe it's going to be a road to nowhere. It's going to be a sidewalk to nowhere. That's my opinion. I understand that you guys will probably feel different.

Mr. Berding – What we don't know, what we can't predict is what happens in November should the school levy not pass is they start eliminating more busing. Will more families start using sidewalks? Will they adjust their start and stop times. Is that going to be during high traffic times. And so, if one child doesn't get hit by a car, I'm willing to pay \$250,000.

Mr. McAbee – I am too under those situations.

Mr. Berding – I don't think it's going to be something unused. And in fact, even though it says, "Safe Routes to School", it's also going to be safe routes to our playgrounds, safe routes to our veteran's memorial, to our parks, and to Bridgewater Falls. Eventually I think it's coming up connecting families up to North Elementary as well. Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adopt Resolution #26-87. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. Berding – 'aye', Mrs. Hartkemeyer - 'aye', and Mr. McAbee - 'aye'. Motion passes.

- F. Resolution #26-88 – A Resolution authorizing the administrator to enter into an agreement with M and J Properties Inc. to repair sections of curb on Red Coat Drive and Betsy Ross Drive at a price not to exceed \$17,335.00 and paid from the gas tax fund #3021. Mrs. Lapensee stated the curbs on Red Coat (112 lf) and Betsy Ross (193 lf) need to be replaced. There are two sections where we have received complaints and are included in this request. This subdivision was built in the early 1970's. Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adopt Resolution #26-88. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. McAbee – 'aye', Mrs. Hartkemeyer - 'aye', and Mr. Berding - 'aye'. Motion passes.
- G. Resolution #26-89 – A Resolution approving change order #1 for the 2026 paving program from Barrett Paving in the amount not to exceed \$379.01. Mrs. Lapensee stated during the paving we had included Jamie Drive on the paving list and at the same time, Nickey Court was paved from the new section that was added. So, it left this very small one lot piece that was originally included in Shaw Estates. So, we just went ahead when they were paving since that section was paved and Jamie was paved. Motion made by Mr. McAbee, second by Mr. Berding, to adopt Resolution #26-89. The roll call vote was as follows: Mr. McAbee – 'aye', Mr. Berding - 'aye', and Mrs. Hartkemeyer - 'aye'. Motion passes.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Transportation Improvement District (TID) – Trustee McAbee – Meeting for next week has been canceled.
- B. Emergency Management Agency (EMA) – Trustee Hartkemeyer – EMA met today. They discussed a lot of the usual exercises and different things that they are working on. Of note, it was confirmed that it was an EF1 tornado that hit Riley. The August 11th storms, there is federal funding available for disaster recovery and some small business administration monies available for that. I don't think Fairfield Township really had too much of an impact on that. Of note too, the per capita rate, there was a spreadsheet that I passed out about a year ago. It said that we were going to have the 2025 capita rate would be .55 and the 2026 per capita was going up to .60. So, this year it looks like we're going to be paying \$14,019. Whereas last year, and that was just the price increase, it was \$12,850. We do get a lot of value from EMS. They're pretty much there standing at the ready in case something happens.
- C. Ohio, Kentucky, Indian Regional Council of Government (OKI) – Trustee Hartkemeyer – We didn't have meetings in July or August. They did sponsor That Much in Common gathering at the airport, and it was interesting to hear about airport operations and to hear about what they're going to be doing at CVG.
- D. The Coalition of Large Ohio Urban Township (CLOUT) – Trustee Hartkemeyer – Nothing to report.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. McAbee – I'd like to welcome our fire chief back.

Mrs. Hartkemeyer – Anything on the calendar other than we need to add for next March that we're going to talk about the moratorium.

Mrs. Lapensee - The amounts and rates we'll do that in October.

Ms. Schultz - It's always September unless they get an extension and then it's in October. They get an extension from the calculations of the new homestead and stuff that's going on at the State.

Mr. Berding – Every time I drive by the park the pickle ball courts are filled with people playing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Regular Trustee Meeting – Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 7 PM at the Administration Building.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Berding, second by Mrs. Hartkemeyer to adjourn at 8:46 PM
All in favor.

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Minutes submitted by:

Shelly Schultz, Fiscal Officer

Michael Berding, Trustee Chairperson

Shannon Hartkemeyer, Trustee Vice-Chairperson

Joe McAbee, Trustee