

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Lawrence Township Trustees

Regular Meeting

May 29, 2025

The Trustees of Lawrence Township met in regular session at 7:00PM. in the Charles E. Lundenberger Memorial Meeting Room. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Trustee Haueter.

Minutes from the May 8, 2025 regular meeting were approved.

The above bills were approved by the Board and checks were written.

PUBLIC SPEAKS

Gary Sears asked Trustees for their help. According to Sears, after initial approval from public utilities to provide gas to his new building he was advised by Columbia Gas that they would not be able to provide gas to the new facility or any additional growth in the Industrial Park. He was asked by Columbia Gas to wait one year and provide them with one million dollars to be able to provide gas. He discussed with Columbia Gas the option of Gary Sears bringing in natural gas and Columbia Gas would purchase gas from him to provide to the Industrial Park. Sears asked Trustees to gather information from Industrial Park businesses on their gas usage for 2024 along with usage during peak months. Mike Durbin advised Trustees that he attended the meeting to answer any questions regarding the Old Hill Top development and they are starting to build a new house, and he would be available to anyone to answer any questions. Kayla Patton advised Trustees that herself along with the Canal Street Diner employees would volunteer their time to pick up trash along the walking trail if the Trustees would purchase and place trash cans along the trail. After discussion, Trustees agreed to maintain the "Pack in Pack Out" at this time where those using the trail take their trash with them when they leave rather than throwing it on the ground.

MEETING

Road Superintendent Myers received an estimate from Action Now to spray park parking lots and along the fence of the basketball courts. Haueter made a **motion**, seconded by Ritterbeck to approve Action Now estimate of \$700. Ritterbeck:yes; Haueter:yes; Ackerman:obstained. **Motion** passed. Myers received several complaints about the intersection of Greenbriar and Old Orchard having only one stop sign. Myers reached out to the Tuscarawas County Engineers office and was advised to make the intersection a three way stop by adding stop signs. Haueter made a **motion**, seconded by Ackerman to approve Tuscarawas County Engineers recommendations. Ritterbeck:yes; Haueter:yes; Ackerman:yes. **Motion** passed. Myers will add stop signs and warning signs that the traffic pattern has changed. Myers indicated first round of mowing is complete, berming completed in preparation for chip & seal, dry patching and road and road signs have been checked. Zoning Inspector Weekley advised the next Zoning Commission meeting will be held June 11 to accommodate schedules and St. Rt. 212 by the Tuscarawas Valley Soccer Field entrance will be closed for 30 days along with other roads O.D.O.T. is working on in that area, just wanted residents to be advised. Trustee Ackerman indicated that there are too many signs up in the Township and building sites need to be aware of their trash and pick it up rather than trash blowing on other residents' property. Ackerman thanked those who made the Memorial Day Parade a success, thanked those who attended and Tuscarawas Valley Band and the road crew for having the cemetery prepared. Trustee Haueter has received several complaints about a property on Ft. Laurens close to Mabel Rd and it needs to be cleaned up and there is a question if the fence recently installed in on the road right of way. Weekley will follow up. Trustee Ritterbeck reminded residents of Strawberry Festival coming up June 5-7, and thanked Deputy Shaw for adjusting his schedule to accommodate the 5K race with road closures. Ritterbeck asked Myers to provide an estimate of supplies needed to do repair work on Michael Lane in Zoar. Trustees agreed to provide manpower and equipment and the Village of Zoar would be responsible for all supply expenses. Ritterbeck will provide the quote to the Village of Zoar. Martina Mann has carpet samples for Trustees to look over for the meeting hall. Fiscal Officer Ackerman presented the annual renewal of insurance from Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority and indicated Myers reviewed the equipment list and Haueter made a **motion**, seconded by Ritterbeck to approve the insurance renewal of \$18,247. Ritterbeck:yes; Haueter:yes; Ackerman:yes. **Motion** passed. Ackerman advised Tuscarawas County Auditor is still working with MWCD regarding overcharged taxes and IRS has sent a letter that it has cleared up their error made in June 2023 and Township account should reflect the correction. A motion to adjourn was made and so ordered by Chairman Trustee Haueter.