

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Lawrence Township Trustees

Regular Meeting

January 8, 2026

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. All Trustees were present.

Minutes from the December 29, 2025 regular meetings were approved.

Fiscal Officer Ackerman advised that Trustee Donald Ackerman and Trustee Michael Haueter were sworn in to office on January 5, 2026 to serve their newly elected four-year term. Trustee Ritterbeck made a **motion**, seconded by Haueter to appoint Trustee Ackerman as Chairman Trustee for 2026. Ackerman:yes; Haueter:yes; Ritterbeck:yes. **Motion** passed. Ritterbeck made a **motion**, seconded by Haueter to appoint the following committee chairs: Ackerman: Health Board Representative and Zoning Commission; Ritterbeck: Health & Recreational, Cemetery and Street & Road; Haueter: Wellhead Protection, Safety and Website. Ritterbeck: yes; Haueter: yes; Ackerman: yes. **Motion** passed.

RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Ritterbeck made a **motion**, seconded by Haueter, to approve **Resolution 10-26 Current Expenses and other Expenditures during the Fiscal Year ending December 26, 2026 the sum of \$4,087,735.27 are set aside and appropriated.** Ackerman:yes; Haueter:yes; Ritterbeck:yes. **Motion** passed. Trustee Ritterbeck made a **motion**, seconded by Haueter to approve **Resolution 11-26 to Pay Trustees and Fiscal Officer Wages Based on Annual Budget and Mileage Reimbursement of \$.725 Cents per Mile, including Township Employees on Township Business.** Ackerman:yes; Haueter:yes; Ritterbeck:yes. **Motion** passed.

PUBLIC SPEAKS

Resident Kevin Anslow advised Trustees that there is a speed limit sign of 35 mph at the top of Kerns Dr. but none going down towards St. Rt. 212. A resident asked Trustees to look into what appears to be a home being built next to their residence on French Hill, asking if a permit was issued. They contacted the Health Department and were advised there was no septic permit. Zoning Inspector Weekley advised that there was no permit issued and he will check with the Health Department and Regional Planning and visit the property tomorrow and issue a stop work order until all appropriate permits have been issued. Same resident asked if a Hidden Driveway sign could be placed before their driveway as it is hazardous to get in and out with the location and cars exceeding the speed limit going by. Road Superintendent Myers will look into getting a sign installed. Road Superintendent Myers reported that he is measuring roads to be included in the paving program with the Tuscarawas County Engineers Office and will have the list completed by next meeting, if any Trustees would like any road added to the list, let him know. Snow and ice have kept the road crew busy, working on ditching, and reported that the same resident seems to be using the trash bin near the basketball court at the park to dump their household trash. Road crew have picked up the overflow trash and have the name and address of the resident leaving this trash and will contact the sheriff office to have them reach out to the resident and have them stop dumping their household trash. Trustees reminded residents that the trash bin is for residents using the walking trail and basketball court only. Zoning Inspector Weekley advised Trustees the next Zoning Commission meeting is Monday, January 12th and after discussion, appointing Lori Feeny to Board of Zoning Appeals alternate is put on hold at this time. Trustee Ritterbeck advised that he spoke with Mike Jones from the Water Department and also the Health Department regarding the Burlson property. The EPA has become involved and there is a meeting next week with all of these entities. Ritterbeck made a **motion**, seconded by Haueter to provide limestone for the park parking lots not to exceed \$1,500. Ackerman:yes; Haueter:yes; Ritterbeck:yes. **Motion** passed. Ritterbeck made a **motion**, seconded by Haueter to enter into a Liquid-Cooled Generator Maintenance Agreement with Millersburg Electric for a one time per year annual maintenance agreement required with the 10-year warranty plan in the amount of \$420 for 2026. Ackerman:yes; Haueter:yes; Ritterbeck:yes. **Motion** passed. Fiscal Officer Ackerman advised Trustees that tax refund expected from MWCD has been received and she will make an appointment with Scott Reynolds of Tuscarawas County Community &

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Economic Development to review grant opportunities for the Township. Trustee Haueter made a **motion** to go into Executive Session to discuss potential new hires, seconded by Ritterbeck at 7:54 p.m. Ackerman:yes; Haueter:yes; Ritterbeck:yes. **Motion** passed. Trustees came out of Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. Trustee Haueter made a **motion**, seconded by Ritterbeck to make a conditional offer of employment to a potential employee. Ackerman:yes; Haueter:yes; Ritterbeck:yes. **Motion** passed. A motion to adjourn was made and so ordered.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

_____, Fiscal Officer
Ann Marie Ackerman

_____, Chairman
Michael Haueter

_____, Trustee
Matthew Ritterbeck

_____, Trustee
Donald Ackerman

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