

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Lawrence Township Trustees

Regular Meeting

May 28, 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 Ackerman. All Trustees were present.

Minutes from the May 14, 2026 meeting were approved.

PUBLIC SPEAKS

Mrs. Barb Scott, representing the Community Business Association (CBA) advised Trustees that the electric sign on St. Rt. 212 is no longer operational. The CBA received a quote of \$34,989 to replace the sign and attempted to apply for a grant from the Reeves Foundation but was advised they are not a 501C3 organization and cannot apply for grants but if they could get a sponsor, they would consider the grant. The CBA is asking Lawrence Township to be the sponsor to apply for the grant requiring no funding from Lawrence Township. Trustee Ritterbeck advised that he spoke with legal council and the Reeves Foundation and there is not issue with the Township applying as their sponsor. Trustee Ritterbeck advised Mrs. Scott to get a new quote for the sign and be sure it would cover all costs when the next round of funding from Reeves Foundation opens up. Resident Kevin Anslow felt that his mailbox was hit by the road crew mowing along the roadway. He repaired the mailbox. Bolivar Fire Chief Lynch thanked Fiscal Officer Ackerman for her help with the Ohio Fire Marshall Grant, thanked Betty Milliken for the newsletter and it looked great, and thanked road crew for their repairs on Kerns Drive.

MEETING

Ackerman made a **motion**, seconded by Haueter to submit the grant to the Reeves Foundation on behalf of the CBA for a new electrical sign at no cost to the Township. Ackerman: yes; Haueter: yes; Ritterbeck: yes. **Motion** passed. Road Superintended Myers advised Trustees that the repairs last year on Ridge Road are settling on the shoulders and edges and he spoke with Marathon and they are going to hire a contractor for the repairs and will reach out to the Township on what is required, first round of road side mowing is complete, working on ditching and dry patching, road and road signs have been checked and Myers thanked Bolivar Fire Chief Lynch for his help shooting water through a plugged culvert. Trustee Ackerman advised Trustees he received a call from Jeff Ziegler who is selling some property on Russell Dr. and he currently owns the cul-de-sac and wants to deed it to the Township and Reynolds advised it has already been surveyed, thanked residents for participating in the Memorial Day festivities and the cemetery looked good, asked residents to support the upcoming Strawberry Festival, thanked Deputy Shaw for following up on a wellness check and asked if Kimble had a permit for something they are building and Weekley advised that where they are building is in Franklin Township. Zoning Inspector Weekley advised Trustees the Zoning Commission is having a public hearing July 14, 2026 regarding data centers and the next Zoning Commission meeting is June 8, 2026. Weekley will follow up with the Health Department regarding the building on French Hill and the septic issue, the sign at the old vet clinic, sign at Ohio Billing, sign that Lawver put up and Dollar General tree line buffer. Myers asked Weekley to check with Lawver regarding the aprons for the driveways that have not been installed. Trustee Ritterbeck thanked Deputy Shaw for adjusting his schedule to help with traffic during the Strawberry Festival 5K run. Fiscal Officer Ackerman asked Trustees to consider an alternative to residents who move to out of the Township into a nursing home or extended family and upon death the Non-Resident fees apply. Trustee Ritterbeck made a **motion**, seconded by Haueter to go into Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss pending litigation and employees. Ackerman: yes; Haueter: yes; Ritterbeck: yes. **Motion** passed. Trustees came out of Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. A motion to adjourn was made and so ordered.

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ATTEST:

APPROVED:

_____, Fiscal Officer
Ann Marie Ackerman

_____, Trustee
Michael Haueter

_____, Trustee
Matthew Ritterbeck

_____, Chairman
Donald Ackerman

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