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REGULAR MEETING APRIL 14, 2026

Mr. Barto called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

Pledge of Allegiance

Also Present:

Fiscal Officer – Michele Nowakowski

Township Administrator – Leo Britton

Department Heads Present:

Fire – Chief Bailey

Police – Chief Kaiser and Deputy Chief Hart

Roads and Parks Superintendent – Ryan Breininger

Announcements from Trustees and Department Heads:

Mr. Schuster - Trustee

- Mr. Barto and Mr. Schuster ask for a moment of silence for passing of George Green Jr.
- Mr. Schuster asks resident Becky Bodette to do the opening prayer.

Chief Bailey would like to say that the out pouring support from the community and residents for the fire department and the Green family was very nice to see. He knows they were very appreciative as well as he was. Thank you to everyone in the township that helped and the police department for the showing and procession as well.

Ryan Breininger – Road and Park Superintendent

- Streets will be getting swept every month now up until winter.
- Will be starting stick pick up Wednesday and leaf pick up Thursday.

Leo Britton – Township Administrator

- Met with baseball committee regarding baseball season. They will be using all the diamonds. Their first games start April 29 and there will not be any games played at the park on the weekends. Just practice during the week. They would like some dirt put behind the backstops and have the fence behind the diamond in the corner repaired. There are big holes in the fence and balls are going through it.

Fiscal Business

MOTION: Approve supplemental appropriations, blanket certificates, purchase orders and checks numbered 51529 to 51561 and electronic payments numbered 367 through 539, totaling \$206,201.60; \$129,389.28 for accounting, \$76,812.32 for payroll.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

MOTION: Approve invoice for \$4,900.00 through Overhead Door Roofing Company for gutter repairs on Blessing/Roads Building. Invoice to be paid out of Roads Funds.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes.

Discussion regarding HVAC replacement for Shoreland Building.

Motion: To spend \$27,816.00 out of the General Fund with Shepherds Mechanical on replacing the HVAC System at the Shoreland/Administration Building.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes.

MOTION: Approve spending \$70,000.00 with Monroe Asphalt for road repairs on Angel Avenue, Holliday Drive and Jasik Drive.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes.

RESOLUTUION #16:26: Approve Revenue Budget for 2401 Storm Water Utility Fund Assessment in the amount of \$2,883.10.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes.

RESOLUTION #17:26: Approve the Appropriation Budget for the 2401 Storm Water Utility Fund in the amount of \$2,883.10.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes.

RESOLUTUION #18:26: Blight Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$5,223.00. \$210.00 to Police Fund 2191 and \$5,013.00 to Roads Fund 2021.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes

Discussion declaring necessity to levy a tax for fire department and police department and possibility of property taxes going away. Mr. Mayfield is not in favor of putting levies on at this time until we have some idea what's going on with petitions going around to eliminate property taxes in Ohio. It will destroy Townships in Ohio if it passes. Mr. Barto agrees the Township will not be able to sustain without property tax. Mrs. Nowakowski would like to move forward with putting levies on for police and fire.

RESOLUTUION :26: Declaring Necessity to Levy a Tax in Excess 10 Mill Limitation for Fire Department.

Mr. Barto moved; no second.

Resolution dies due to lack of a second.

Further discussion of whether or not they should chance putting Levies on ballot or wait.

RESOLUTION 19:26: Declaring Necessity to Levy a New 3.25 Mill Continuing Tax in Excess of the 10 Mill Limitation for Police Department.

Mr. Schuster moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

Mr. Mayfield, no; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes.

MOTION: Amend Ryan Breininger's wage portion police and general wage effective January 5, 2026. Four hours out of police fund, four hours out of general fund per pay period.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes.

MOTION: Reimbursement to Ray Barron in the amount of \$288.57.

Reimbursement for money Mr. Barron spent to travel to look at new backhoe that the road department was purchasing and delivered the check for payment as well.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes.

Trustee Business

MOTION: Approve Minutes from Regular Meeting of March 10, 2026.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

Mr. Mayfield states he would like to comment on the topic of the minutes. The minutes of the meeting are supposed to reflect just the business that was conducted at the meeting. It is not meant to be a word for word of the discussions. It is a challenge to do that to include enough information to keep people educated. Many other areas strictly just type the business from the meetings no discussion details are typed. Ours has some but sometimes can go into too much detail. Mr. Mayfield has requested when the minutes are typed, they are summarized to try to get it down to a couple sentences of the concept so they can just see that. He would like to start seeing the audio of the minutes be put online so the people that want word for word can just listen to what was said. The minutes should only reflect the business being conducted at the meeting and basic explanation.

Mr. Mayfield states Kim is getting beat up regarding what to or not to put in the minutes. She tries to do her best and put everything in there but moving forward we are requesting her to just type main topics and cut back on the details regarding discussions. Mr. Barto feels that typing less may warrant more public records request about the meetings but he feels we will just have to see.

MOTION: To start posting the audio online of the Trustee Meetings within 7 days of the meeting. Effective starting with the January 2026 Organizational Meeting.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.
Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

Mr. Brittson discusses health, dental and optical renewal pricing and options of plans. Trustees chose switching to Aetna. There will be a 20% to 25% increase for 2026 per person.

MOTION: Approve health insurance renewal and switch to Aetna for Medical, vision and dental.

Mr. Mayfield moved; Mr. Barto seconded.
Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes, Mr. Barto, yes.

MOTION: Spend up to \$4,000 to purchase the property located at 6031 Bridgeview.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.
Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes.

Motion: Waive Park Rental fees for Shoreland School May 18, 19, 27, 28, 2026.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.
Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes. Mr. Barto, yes. Mr. Mayfield, yes.

MOTION: Approve to sell previous backhoe on Gov Deal.

Mr. Barto, moved; Mr. Mayfield, seconded.
Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes. Mr. Mayfield, yes.

Fire

MOTION: Approve hiring Logan Willis to the Washington Township Fire Department as a probationary EMT \$15.00. Effective April 14, 2026

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.
Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

MOTION: Approve road closures for fireworks display June 27, 2026 from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at the following intersections: Shoreland and Raintree, Summit and Jasik, Shoreland and Holliday, Summit and Coveview and Summit Street and 131st

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.
Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes.

Police

MOTION: Approve to use Joey's Towing for police tows.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.
Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Mayfeild, yes.

Discussion on FLOCK cameras in township.

MOTION: Approve 90-day trial period to install FLOCK cameras in the Township

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.
Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes.

Zoning

Discuss ongoing blight issues at Raintree Village.

Mr. Brittson has been having weekly conversations with Danielle Gordon management at Raintree Village regarding updates on cleaning up properties within the park.

Resolution #20:26: for 5321 Pageland 1308 (D) blight cleanup.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes.

Resolution #21:26: for 2947 Northshore 1308 (H) approve \$60 a week for the summer to maintain grass.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes.

Resolution #22:26: for 2947 Northshore 1308 (D) blight cleanup.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes.

Mr. Barto ask if anyone has anything else for discussion. Chief Bailey addressed the board regarding approval of the levy for the police but not the fire department. His concerns were addressed and further discussion occurred on the matter.

DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Clinton Sico

5300 Belpre

Mr. Sico says he appreciates the diligence of Chief Bailey. He appreciates Leo Britton comments earlier in the meeting. He also appreciates Jerry Mayfields comments and how he votes on things. He can tell he is objective on things.

Karen Mayfield

2244 Terramar

Mrs. Mayfield would like to thank Chief Bailey for speaking up at the end of the meeting. She strongly encourages the Trustees and with all due respect, it is a difficult decision, to take into consideration what Chief Bailey said. She respects each of their positions. She states she knows they are all being thoughtful in this. She strongly encourages them as a resident to please revisit the vote on the fire levy. She states she is thrilled they approved going through with the police levy. She loves both the police and fire department.

Advises people out there not to sign the petitions regarding doing away with property taxes so it doesn't make the ballot. If it does get on the ballot the township will be fighting a whole new battle. Mrs. Mayfield states she appreciates Chief Bailey, Chief Kaiser, Trustees and Shelly for doing their due diligence being proactive versus reactive.

MOTION: With no additional business or comments, Mr. Barto moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

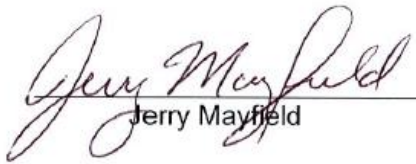
APPROVED:




Don Barto



Mark Schuster



Jerry Mayfield



Kimberly Kay