



Hanover Township Butler County, Ohio

**Board of Township Trustees Special Meeting  
March 29, 2022  
(8:30AM)**

Larry Miller, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30AM. Gregory L. Sullivan, Fiscal Officer, took roll call with Mr. Buddo, Mr. Miller and Mr. Johnson present. Also present was Bruce E. Henry, Township Administrator. The agenda approved for the meeting was as follows:

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- 1. Call to Order: Larry Miller, Presiding
- 2. Roll Call: Township Fiscal Officer/Clerk- Gregory L. Sullivan
- 4. American Relief Fund Act Allocation: Project Rankings and Updates
- 5. Comprehensive Township Project Needs List
- 6. Refinancing of Outstanding Debt: Status
- 7. Approve Fire Station Mound System Repair: Motion
- 8. Resolution No. 25-22 Wind and Solar Utility Siting Position
- 9. Remaining Meeting Schedule 2022
- 10. Other: BCEO and ODOT Notifications
- 11. Adjournment

**Reminder:** Next Regular Board Meeting is set for April 13, 2022

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Mr. Henry provided a comprehensive listing of Township projects that included the Board's ranking of projects to be funded under the American Relief Act, Community Development Block Grant, and local funds. There was considerable discussion regarding priority needs. Before any more needed Road Department equipment is purchased, the Township must be able to provide a housing structure to protect new and existing equipment from the elements. Mr. Henry pointed out that planning and development of specs would take some time which should include the restroom and shower facilities for the Road Department. The Board concurred and then Mr. Miller made a motion to authorize the Township Administrator to work with the Road Department to develop plans for a pole barn type facility and indoor restroom with shower facilities which was seconded by Mr. Johnson. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all three Trustees voting yes.

Board members asked questions regarding the various roofing projects. Mr. Henry responded the Community Center and Road Department needed the most attention.

Although funding is needed, the Board expressed that the Park Restroom is a top priority and should be started this year if possible.

The next item of discussion concerned the consolidation of lease purchases and financing outstanding on equipment. After consultation with our financial advisor it was determined only one item may be sufficient for savings but the cost of refinancing may outweigh the advantage. There was not sufficient savings to consider consolidation since our rates were generally very competitive.

Mr. Henry discussed the condition of the fire station mound system and subsequent malfunctioning. The Trustees asked questions about the system. The operational specs were obtained from Cincinnati United Contractors. The mound system serving the Fire Station is need of repair and servicing. Progressive Plumbing who has served the Township on other projects recommended Jeff Michael Excavating as the repair work required requires certain state certifications which Jeff Michaels possesses. Mr. Michaels has the blue prints of the system and has prepared an estimate for repairs. For the repair work and replacement pump the estimate for the work is \$3,065.00. A motion is recommended to approve up to \$3,200.00 by Jeff Michael Excavating.

**Motion** by: Mr. Buddo, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the motion as described above. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with the vote being: all three Trustees voted yes.

**Wind and Solar Power Utility Siting:** The County Commissioners asked the Township to review the summary provisions of Senate Bill 52 regarding wind and solar power utility siting and state a position on the matter. After review, the Board believed there was not sufficient sized areas away from residential areas that would be good locations. Generally, the Board believed that siting such facilities in the Township would be a detriment.

Mr. Buddo introduced a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-22B expressing the Township's position. Mr. Miller seconded the motion to approve the resolution. after discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all three Trustees voting yes.

### **Resolution No. 25-22B**

#### **Hanover Township's Position in Regard to Senate Bill 52 and Authority Granted to County Government**

*Whereas*, Hanover Township was recently advised by Butler County regarding provisions outlined in Senate Bill 52 regarding wind and solar utility siting; and,

*Whereas*, Hanover Township was asked to review said provisions and express a position regarding the siting of wind solar facilities in the Township; and,

***Be it resolved by the Board of Township Trustees of Hanover Township Butler County, Ohio***

***Section I.*** That the Township is not well suited for locating wind and solar utilities as understood by the Board.

***Section II.*** That the Township through its Board of Trustees believes that such utilities should not be permitted in the Township as contemplated in the aforementioned bill.

**Section III.** That the Township Administrator is authorized to present the findings and position of Hanover Township to Butler County.

The foregoing resolution was adopted in an open public meeting and is a reflection of the official action taken by the Board of Trustees of Hanover Township Butler County, Ohio on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.

**Board of Trustees**

**Vote**

**Attest:**

Larry Miller  
Jeff Buddo  
Douglas L. Johnson

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Gregory L. Sullivan  
Fiscal Officer/ Clerk

The next item concerned the remaining meeting schedule. A copy of the update schedule was provided to the Board. There no suggested changes. Mr. Henry indicated the schedule is posted on the website and on the Community Center doors.

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The next item was a notice from the Butler County Engineer's Office:

Betsy Horton <HortonB@bceo.org>

Mon 3/28/2022 10:19 AM

To:

- administrator hanovertownshipohio.org;
- Doug Johnson <djohnson28@cinci.rr.com>;
- Fred Stitsinger <htfd82@yahoo.com>;
- Greg Sullivan <gsullivan79@gmail.com>
- Nicholas Okuley <OkuleyN@bceo.org>

Good morning,

We send this notification to maintain safety on our county bridges and increase awareness of bridge weight limit postings in Hanover Township. The Minton Road Bridge #0.646, located between US 27 and Morman Road (about 0.6 miles east of US 27), will be getting a lowered weight limit posting within the next month.

Attached is a photo of the new posting for the Minton Road bridge, which potentially affects schools, emergency services, sanitation services, and school districts. Butler County Sheriff Deputy Tim Adams will enforce this posting.

Please use our website as an informational resource or contact Nick Okuley, copied on this email, with any questions. <https://www.bceo.org/resources/truck-weight-limit-enforcement-program/>

Have a great day,

**Betsy Horton**

Public Information Specialist

Direct: 513-785-4151 | Cell: 513-205-5965

**Butler County Engineer's Office**

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The next item was a communication received from ODOT about the four way stop at Morman Road and Old Oxford.

- administrator hanovertownshipohio.org

Good morning Bruce,

I completed a field review at the SR 130/Morman Rd intersection last month. The all-way stop control ODOT installed in October 2021 seems to be working well. I wanted to reach out to you to see if the Township has any feedback. Have you heard any compliments, complaints, or feedback regarding this intersection from the public?

Also, during my field review, I noticed rutting and tire tracks in the new grass (old gravel area). ODOT would appreciate help from the Township reaching out through your social media and newsletters to remind people not to park or drive in the grass area.

Thanks,

**Tom Mazza**

*Traffic Studies Engineer*

ODOT District 8

505 South State Route 741, Lebanon, Ohio 45036

513.933.6591

[transportation.ohio.gov](http://transportation.ohio.gov)

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Pay Plan Comments: Mr. Henry explained a minor adjustment had to be made in one of the ranges originally approved. Within the plan there is language that allows the Administrator to make minor adjustments. Mr. Henry discussed the Personnel Action forms made up for the Fire Department operations which will be implemented at the earliest date possible when the Fiscal officer and Department are ready.

Next Regular Board Meeting: April 13, 2022.

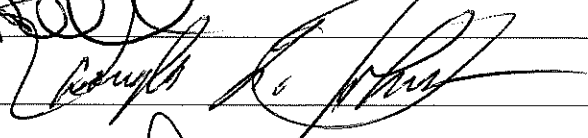
Mr. Buddo made motion to adjourn the March 29, 2022 Special Meeting; Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Upon roll call by the Fiscal Officer all three Trustees voted yes.

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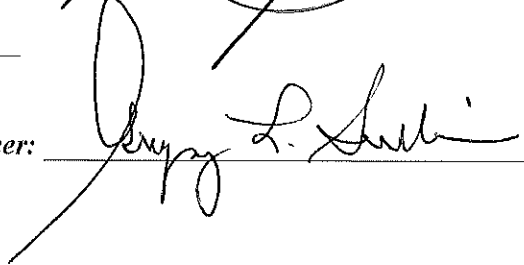
**Minutes Approved for March 29, 2022 Special Meeting by the Board of Trustees as Witnessed by their Signatures:**

*Larry Miller, President:*  \_\_\_\_\_

*Jeff Buddo, Trustee:*  \_\_\_\_\_

*Douglas L. Johnson, Trustee:*  \_\_\_\_\_

*Date:* 4/13/2022

*Verified by: Gregory L. Sullivan, Fiscal Officer:*  \_\_\_\_\_