



Hanover Township Board of Trustees

March 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Larry Miller was excused for absence. Mr. Johnson called the regular Board meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Mr. Johnson gave the opening invocation. Mrs. Ramsey led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mr. Sullivan, Fiscal Officer, took a roll call with Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Ramsey present. Other officials present: Road Superintendent Scot Gardner, Deputy Sheriff Ted Sensel, Fire Chief Fred Stitsinger and Bruce E. Henry, Township Administrator.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Mrs. Ramsey, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2026 and regular meeting minutes of March 18, 2026 and approve warrants for release/distribution as well as approval of all administration reports. Upon roll call by Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Ramsey voted yes to approve all.

Guest Presentation: There were no guest presentations.

Citizen Participation:

Damon and Andrea Mayer 1362 Boyle Road Hamilton, Ohio 45013 stated they supported Hanover Township and wished to volunteer to serve on a citizens' campaign committee including keep track of funds donated and used for the fire levy campaign. The Board welcomed their support and participation.

Cammie Mitrione 2305 Stahlheber Road made several comments regarding the meeting agenda, packets and keeping citizens informed. Mrs. Mitrione stated she thought the Board meeting agenda should be made available to residents in advance of the Board meeting online. Making Trustee packets available ahead of time also would be good for residential review and involvement. Ms. Ramsey and Mr. Johnson explained how things change up to the Board meeting and the Board understands the need to keep abreast and take action, if necessary, on items that come up last minute. Actions are made available on the township website and improvements will be made over the next several months.

Administration Reports

Law Enforcement:

Butler County Sheriff's Office

District #18
Hanover Township Contract Cars
Monthly Report for February 2026

<u>Activity Area</u>	<u>Month Totals*</u>	<u>YTD</u>
• Dispatched Calls:249		451
• Felony Reports: 01		03
• Misdemeanor Reports: 07		15
• Non-Injury Crash: 07		09
• Injury Crash: 00		02
Total Reports: 14.....		14
• Assists/Back Up: 27		38
• Felony Arrests: 00		00
• Misdemeanor Arrests: 01		01
• OMVI Arrests: 00		00
Total Arrests: 01		01
• Traffic Stops: 08		21
• Moving Citations: 03		07
• Warning Citations: 02		06
• Civil Papers Served: 0		00
• Business Alarms: 6		07
• Residential Alarms:04		04
• Special Details: 13		14
• COPS Times: 5,600 (<i>Min.</i>)		8,471 Min.
• Vacation Checks: 18		46
• School Safety Checks		104

Reporting for Deputy Tanner and Deputy Sensel.
Prepared by BEH.

Hanover Township Fire Department
Monthly Report for February 2026- Fred Stitsinger Fire Chief



Hanover Township Fire Department February 2026 Incident Report Monthly Fire Department Stats

EMS RUNS		FIRE/MVA RUNS	
Hanover Twp.	40	Hanover Twp.	12
Milford Twp.	1	Milford Twp.	0
Morgan Twp.	0	Morgan Twp.	0
Reily Twp.	0	Reily Twp.	0
Ross Twp.	0	Ross Twp.	0
City of Hamilton	1	City of Hamilton	0
City of Oxford	1	City of Oxford	0
Total EMS Incidents	43	Total Fire/MVA Incidents	12

TOTAL EMS AND FIRE INCIDENTS: February 2026: 55 TOTAL FOR 2026: 1

RECEIVED MUTUAL AID 1 TIME(S):

- Hamilton Fire Department responded to EMS call due to Hanover crews being on another call.

PROVIDED MUTUAL AID 3 TIMES:

- M181 responded into Oxford for a crash.
- M181 responded into Hamilton for an EMS call.
- M181 responded into Milford Twp. for an EMS call.

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS FOR THE MONTH:

- Fatal single vehicle crash into a pole at Millville Ave. and Boyle Rd.

TOTAL PART TIME HOURS WORKED / HOURS BUDGETED FOR THE MONTH: 1,911.50 / 2,016

PARTIAL OR FULL SHIFTS NOT STAFFED: 25

PARTIAL OR FULL SHIFTS NOT STAFFED 2026: 45

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS
(March 18, 2026)**

Millville Cemetery Operations Report February 1 through February 28, 2026

0 Grave sold to Township residents (@ \$1,400) -----	000.00
0 Full Interments-----	000.00
0 Baby interments-----	0.00
0 Cremations-----	0.00
Foundation and Marker installation fees-----	0.00
Grave Transfer-----	0.00
Donations-----	0.00
 Total: -----	 \$ 0.00

Other Cemetery activities:

1. fixed graves
2. cleaned office and garage
3. picked up and removed flowers from stones
4. fixed mailbox.
5. Cleaned up wood chips on Sir Douglas.

**Road, Streets and Park
(Scot Gardner)**

1. Replaced a chevron road sign on Darrrtown Road at the curve.
2. Replaced the Stephenson Road street name sign post.
3. Repaired potholes.
4. Cleaned glass dumped on Caroldon and 129.
5. Swept up wood chips dumped on Sir Martin and 129.
6. Cleaned leaves out of catch basins in Laurel Estates.
7. Replaced a parking lot entrance reflector at the Community Center.
8. Cashed in the recycled holiday lights.
9. Replaced the tires on one of our trailers.
10. Picked up all the litter and broken glass around the recycling dumpsters.
11. Leveled ruts left by a semi-truck trying to turn around at the Community Center.
12. Replaced flags roughed up by the wind.
13. Performed ice and snow control on February 6,7,22, and 23.
14. Washed trucks after snow events.
15. Performed monthly truck, park, and stormwater inspections.

Administrator **January** Summary Report
(February 18, 2026)

- **Electric Aggregation:** Worked with Energy Alliance on contract options as the agreement with Constellation expires in May. Suggested legislative/ resolution framework for moving ahead for electric supply proposals.
- **Computer Upgrades and IT Security:** Throughout the months in December, January and February upgrades in equipment and software were made in all operations. Security software was installed and future IT security measures were discussed and implemented. There will be additional briefings in the future regarding cyber security.
- **Park Restroom:** During the harsh weather conditions and snow events, the restroom was closed. There is follow up work to be done by the contractor. Also, the township is along with engineers evaluating beyond the original scope of the contract important additions to further enhance restroom operations. Several emails and phone calls took place to move the additional work and contractual obligations forward.
- **Ballot Issue (Fire Levy):** Worked on summary information and background for the May the Primary Ballot issue. Asked for legal opinion on what if any township funds could be spent on the election.
- **Township Website:** Continuing to collect ideas for improving the website and citizen access. Website improvements over the next few months will occur.
- **Nuisances and Zoning Issues: Ongoing**- Several properties are on a list to be evaluated in March-April. No information received from County Zoning.
- **Fiscal Operations- Ongoing**: Continued monthly analysis of the financial condition of the Township and working with the Fiscal Officer to make projections of expenses. Obtained data from the Fiscal Officer and prepared Township funds analysis for the monthly Board meeting. Prepared Trustee packets and reports for two meetings in February.
- **Property tax Elimination Issues: Ongoing**- Continue to follow up with OTA materials, newspaper coverage of actions being taken by the General Assembly and local officials. The issues are confusing for local governments and the future of the property tax is uncertain. The Ohio General Assembly keeps introducing bills to partially address the concerns raised about the property tax. When available, articles covering this information will be included in board packets.
- **Personnel: Ongoing**: Reviewing Township Policies that may need updating. Also conferring with the Prosecutor on certain issues related thereto.
- **Phone System Changes:** Working with Robinson Communications and Oxford Computer Solutions to ascertain best methods for implementing approved changes and

determining other measures to save money in the long run. There will be meetings with township staff in the future to review recommended measures.

- **Drainage Issues: (Ongoing)** With the heavy rain falls and winds, the Road Department and Administration have fielded several calls/complaints. Many of the issues were clearly private property problems over which the Township has no authority.

Personnel Actions and Other Items of Note

February- March 2026

Fire Department- The following list of applicants may be hired subject to final completion of Required background and drug test/ physical requirements. All have been recommended for hire by the Fire Department, subject to successful completion and acceptance by the Township Administrator which is in process in February/March.

Colin Anthony-Ruckel 1327 Campbell Avenue Hamilton, Ohio 45011 Firefighter/EMT \$19.00/ hour

Elizabeth Brennen 7899 Springfield Road Oxford, Ohio 45056 EMT-B \$18.00/ Hour

- WILLIAM BITNER – 8113 W MILL ST APT 35 CLEVES, OH 45002 – FF/EMT – \$19.00/HR
- JACOB VANCLEAVE – 342 OLD ST APT B MONROE, OH 45050 – FF/EMT - \$19.00/HR
- EDWARD TANNER – 1279 ELIZABETH DR HAMILTON, OH 45013 – FF/EMT - \$19.00/HR
- HUNTER SETTLES – 417 MEADOW LN TRENTON, OH 45067 – FF - \$17.00/HR
- AUSTIN SETTLES – 417 MEADOW LN TRENTON, OH 45067 – FF - \$17.00/HR
- MICHAEL SCHWAB – 2247 BUNKER HILL WOODS RD OXFORD, OH 45056 – FF - \$17.00/HR
- FRANK SAWYER – 766 SCHWARTZ DR HAMILTON, OH 45013 – EMT - \$18.00HR
- DYLAN ROBINSON – 120 S 2ND ST APT 212 HAMILTON, OH 45011 – EMT - \$18.00HR

Fire Department Recommended pay increases by Chief Stitsinger within approved pay plan:

CHAD RUTHER	FF/EMT	\$19.54	5.4%
JACOB DORSEY	FF/EMT	\$19.00	5.5%
CALEB ANGLIN	FF/EMT	\$19.00	5.5%
MADISON HALL	FF/EMT	\$19.00	5.5%
CASEY WARD	FF/EMT	\$19.00	5.5%
CONNOR WELLS	FF/EMT	\$19.00	11.7%
MATT MYERS	FF/EMT	\$21.60	4.9%
ANDREW DENNETT	EMT	\$18.00	5.9%
SUSAN LUTTRELL	PARAMEDIC	\$24.00	5.9%
REBEKAH HOBBS	FF/EMT	\$20.00	5.3%
ANNA CLAIRE	FF/EMT	\$19.54	5.4%
TY ALLEN	FF/EMT	\$19.54	5.4%

Cemetery- No new hires. Discussing options with private contractors as back up to current efforts. Seeking three proposals with required insurance coverages.

Road Department- No new hires.

4) *Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Reports by fund for this month of 2026 are attached to this report. See charts of expenditures and revenues.*

Fiscal Year 2021

Jan- Cash Balance: \$2,327,500.47
Feb- Cash Balance: \$2,555,744.03
Mar- Cash Balance: \$2,326,232.58
Apr- Cash Balance: \$2,936,429.83
May- Cash Balance: \$2,865,179.70
June- Cash Balance: \$2,814,391.86
July- Cash Balance: \$3,162,801.28
Aug- Cash Balance: \$3,018,684.99
Sept- Cash Balance: \$3,529,740.57
Oct- Cash Balance: \$3,487,179.01
Nov- Cash Balance: \$3,355,784.52
Dec- Cash Balance: \$3,269,634.31

Fiscal Year 2022

Jan- Cash Balance: \$3,106,359.45
Feb- Cash Balance: \$3,061,133.65
Mar- Cash Balance: \$3,780,417.05
Apr- Cash Balance: \$3,703,934.16
May- Cash Balance: \$3,643,272.43
June- Cash Balance: \$3,498,499.98
July- Cash Balance: \$3,866,009.07
Aug- Cash Balance: \$3,903,052.77
Sept- Cash Balance: \$4,264,684.95
Oct- Cash Balance: \$4,201,970.71
Nov- Cash Balance: \$4,092,018.29
Dec- Cash Balance: \$4,039,299.87

Fiscal Year 2023

January Cash Balance: \$3,559,160.92
February Cash Balance: \$3,475,575.97
March Cash Balance: \$3,496,580.72
April Cash Balance: \$4,121,487.83
May Cash Balance: \$3,861,490.93
June Cash Balance: \$3,739,555.00
July Cash Balance: \$3,675,692.32
August Cash Balance: \$3,496,048.90
September Cash Balance: \$4,067,959.69
October Cash Balance: \$3,996,729.39
November Cash Balance: \$3,722,684.18
December Cash Balance: \$3,673,455.14

Fiscal Year 2024

Jan- Cash Balance: \$3,483,832.60
Feb- Cash Balance: \$3,459,266.38
Mar- Cash Balance: \$4,241,433.98
Apr- Cash Balance: \$4,075,635.16
May- Cash Balance: \$3,968,743.91
June- Cash Balance: \$3,838,123.51
July- Cash Balance: \$3,939,306.18
Aug - Cash Balance: \$4,836,347.62
Sept- Cash Balance \$4,399,868.62
Oct- Cash Balance: \$4,390,868.62
Nov- Cash Balance: \$3,984,735.41
Dec- Cash Balance: \$3,799,408.75

Cash Balance 2025

January Cash Balance: \$3,858,401.73
February Cash Balance: \$3,696,211.51
March Cash Balance: \$3,650,367.59
April Cash Balance: \$4,461,364.96
May Cash Balance: \$4,389,043.10
June Cash Balance: \$4,301,659.86

Cash Balance 2026

January Cash Balance: \$3,850,743.32
February Cash Balance: \$3,720,825.97

July Cash Balance: \$4,197,570.56
August Cash Balance: \$3,757,669.48
September Cash Balance: \$4,583,380.03
October Cash Balance: \$4,427,180.65
November Cash Balance: \$4,182,198.38
December Cash Balance: \$3,953,472.37

Of Note- Budget Information

- 1) **Total Expenditures all funds for February 28: \$204,876.10 / Revenue: \$74,958.65**
- 2) **Total General Fund cash on hand February 28: \$1,498,223.09 (40.27%) of Total funds**
- 3) **Total Fire/EMS Fund cash on hand February 28: \$412,756.89 (11.09%) of Total funds**
- 4) ***Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Summary Reports by fund for this month of 2026 are attached to this report.***

General Notes and Observations

December 2023: Examining Impact of increased costs associated with all operations and possible strategies to address these issues.

January-February 2024: Evaluating Fund Balances and estimated 2024 Revenue and Expenditures to ascertain which needed projects can move ahead. Need a strategy session with the Board of Trustees.

March through May 2024: There is a need to hold a strategy session regarding future costs of Fire/EMS Operations as the Township looks to the future to keep operations effective in light of inflationary conditions. Also need to examine performance objectives for various operations. Need to examine methods to retain experienced quality personnel.

June through July 2024: Value Engineering associated with the Park Restroom needs to be completed and preparation of new design-build specs for bidding in July. Work with the County Land Bank to secure funds to help eliminate nuisances.

August through October 2024: Park restroom Project Construction. Examine operational costs and make decisions regarding future levies.

November 2024 through March 2025: Planning for large expenditures and future direction including consideration of Fire Tax Levy issues and major expenditures for the Road Department.

April through June 2025: Develop information for fire levy decision ballot issue. Need to examine equipment and building needs for the Road Department and Cemetery.

July-August 2025: Continue to set priorities by the Board related to fire operations, road department and cemetery operations and discerning physical plant items to be addressed.

September-October 2025: Need for continued evaluation of capital needs as well as how to keep up for increased costs of operations. Fire Levy is critical for future operation of the Fire Department.

November-December 2025: Develop long term strategy for the financial operations and leadership of the Fire Department.

January-April 2026: Review operations considering property tax issues/ changes and Fire Department operations/levy discussion to fund needed services in advance of the May Primary election.

Summarized Financial Reports were presented to the Board.

Old Business

Electric Aggregation

Mr. Henry presented the following update report on aggregation. Letters from Direct Energy will be going to residents in April according to Direct Energy.

Electric Aggregation and Power Supply Information

The Hanover Township Board of Trustees voted to place electric aggregation on the November 8, 2016 election. Hanover Township voters approved the measure which allowed Hanover Township to become an electric aggregator as licensed through the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Hanover Township was approved to provide electrical services aggregation to qualified residents as authorized by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio through Certificate #17-1132E (1).

Electric aggregation is the process by which the Township negotiates a bulk price on the electric commodity for its residents who purchase their electric from Duke Energy. Individual consumers would then decide if they wanted to opt-out of the Township negotiated price and continue to provide for their own electric supply. Duke Energy would continue to carry, service, and bill for the electric supply. Residents of Hanover Township who purchase their electric from Butler Rural Electric Cooperative already enjoy a similar group-purchasing benefit and are not be affected.

This program is under the direction of PUCO and is provided by the Township. The Township does not receive any fee or compensation for this service. Residents' participation is completely voluntary. Residents are given the choice to opt-out of the program if they do not wish to participate. Residents will be receiving a new opt out letter explaining a 19-month agreement with **Direct Energy for 9.76 cents per kilowatt hour. Opting out or in can occur at any time with no penalty.**

Energy Alliance serves as a consultant to the Township and any questions can be answered by calling 513-745-2424. On the Energy Alliance website, there is a Hanover Township page that details more information. There is a section entitled "Frequently Asked Questions" with the link being Hanover Township (Butler County) – Energy Alliance.

Park Restroom Update

The Township Administrator and Road Superintendent have been discussing and meeting with the Luminant Architects and contractor to resolve the immediate next step covered by contract. In addition, information was sought regarding long term protection for the restroom piping

during extreme cold. A potential resolution has been developed. Covered contract work should start when weather permits. The additional solution sought by the Township should be ready for review in March.

Mr. Henry explained the two-step process. Mrs. Ramsey indicated perhaps there was design flaw in that the restroom temperatures should be able to stay well above freezing especially since harsh winters will come around again in five years. Mr. Henry will review with the architects/engineer involved.

Cyber Security Update:

All township equipment has been upgraded and security protections set up. The interim cyber security plan is being implemented. Training options are being examined so that all operations personnel can receive the training.

Other

Mrs. Ramsey asked about the roof leak problem in the Fire Station. Chief Stitsinger replied that Megan Construction had made contact but couldn't get to the inspection right away. Chief Stitsinger indicated that Kelly and Carpenter Company had been contacted and would respond soon.

Mr. Henry gave a brief explanation of resolutions and motions before the Board of Trustees to be voted on, under New Business.

New Business:

Mr. Henry stated that this information had been presented earlier today and it is important to make the repairs as noted to be done by the Butler County Engineer's Office. This review by BCEO was undertaken at the request of the Road Superintendent.

**Resolution No. 25-26
Authorizing Action to Secure Contract with Butler County Engineer's Office for Road
Culvert Repairs and Asphalt Repairs**

Whereas, Hanover Township works with the Butler County Engineer's Office for special projects that are not usually handled by the township Road Department; and,

Whereas the Butler County Engineer's Office meets all applicable State and local requirements for such services; and,

Whereas, in order to save time, money and to expedite the 2026 Road Program, it benefits the Township to enter into an agreement with the Butler County Engineer's Office for services related to culvert repairs on Nickols Road, Decamp Road as well as asphalt repair/ roadway repair on Hogue Road; and

Whereas, in order to meet deadlines established by the Butler County Engineer's Office for scheduling the aforementioned projects,

Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of Township Trustees of Hanover Township Butler County, Ohio

Section I. That the Board of Trustees of Hanover Township approves entering into an agreement to participate with the Butler County Engineer’s Office for Nickols Road culvert repair (\$18,456.86), Decamp Road culvert repair (\$10,337.57) and Hogue Road asphalt and roadway repair (\$21,152.84) with a total cost of \$49,947.27.

Section II. That the Township Administrator and Road Superintendent are hereby authorized to file and sign all documents associated therewith for finalization of the agreement referenced herein.

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 18th day of March 2026.

Board of Trustees

Vote

Attest:

Larry Miller
Douglas L. Johnson
Diana Ramsey

Gregory L. Sullivan
Fiscal Officer/ Clerk

Motion made by Mr. Johnson to approve Resolution No. 25-26 and attachments regarding culvert and road surface repairs which was seconded by Mrs. Ramsey. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all Trustees Johnson and Ramsey voting yes.



Mr. Henry explained the township works with the Butler County Engineer’s Office annually to be part of a bid package for the purchase of road salt which results in cost savings to the township.

Resolution No. 26-26

Authorizing Action to Secure Contract with Butler County Engineer’s Office for Road Salt

Whereas, Hanover Township annually enters into an agreement for the purchase of road salt through the Butler County Engineer’s Office; and

Whereas the Butler County Engineer’s Office meets all applicable State and local requirements through its bid process for road salt; and

Whereas, in order to save money and expedite the bidding process, it benefits the Township to enter into an agreement with the Butler County Engineer’s Office for road salt in the 2026-2027 winter season; and

Whereas, in order to meet deadlines established by the Butler County Engineer's Office for bidding, the Township Administrator forwarded the quantity estimate for Hanover Township prior to the Township Meeting,

Now therefore be it resolved by the Board of Township Trustees of Hanover Township Butler County, Ohio

Section I. That the Board of Trustees of Hanover Township approves entering into an agreement to participate with the Butler County Engineer's Office for the bidding and purchasing of road salt for the 2026-2027 winter season.

Section II. That the Township Administrator and Road Superintendent are hereby authorized to file and sign all documents associated therewith for finalization of the contract.

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 18th day of March 2026.

Board of Trustees

Vote

Attest:

Larry Miller
Douglas L. Johnson
Diana Ramsey

Gregory L. Sullivan
Fiscal Officer/ Clerk

Motion made by Mrs. Ramsey to approve Resolution No. 26-26 regarding the purchase of road salt through BCEO which was seconded by Mr. Johnson. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all Trustees Johnson and Ramsey voting yes.



Motion:

The Road Department backhoe, a 416 CAT backhoe loader, year 2000, has broken down. The repair or fix is a big problem. Preliminary analysis indicates repairs to be very expensive and the effort may not be worth it. This unit has been on the Road Department list to replace. Until further information is available, the recommendation is to lease a 416 CAT backhoe loader at a cost of \$2,600.00 monthly for at least 3 months. Three proposals were requested and CAT had the lowest pricing. We will continue to analyze this situation and make a recommendation to the Board in the future.

Motion: Based upon the foregoing information Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve recommendation which was seconded by Mrs. Ramsey After discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with Trustees Ramsey and Johnson voting yes.



Community Survey/ Miami University:

Mr. Henry reviewed again the discussion with the Miami University Graduate program director, Patrick J. Haney, Ph.D. regarding the possibility of conducting another Community Survey for Hanover

Township. Previously, surveys were completed in 2005 and 2012. The survey consisted of 39 questions designed by Miami University based upon input from the Trustees and Administrator. The past summary and questions will be forwarded to Board members. The Board is interested in exploring a new survey, costs and steps for implementation. Mr. Henry stated he would set something up for the May 2026 Board meeting.

Ballot Language Proof Fire Levy- Board of Elections:

Issue 6
PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL)
Hanover Township Fire District

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Hanover Township Fire District for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$1,639,327.00 annually at a rate not exceeding 5 mills for each one dollar of taxable value, which amounts to \$175 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value for a period of 5 years commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027.

- For the Tax Levy
- Against the Tax Levy

The proof has been approved by legal counsel and includes all items outlined by the Board of Trustees in the Resolution to Proceed.

Other

Chief Stitsinger reported on the following items:

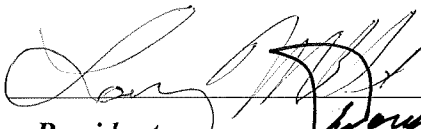
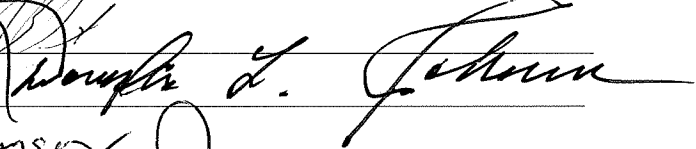
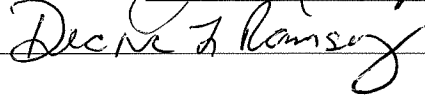
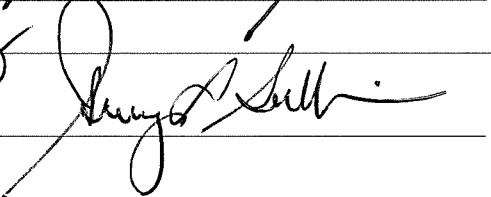
- 1) Life Paks for the squads as approved by the Board have been purchased.
- 2) Turn Out Gear - Delaying payment, being followed up on.
- 3) EMS Grant: Grant approved and a check for \$3900.00 was received.
- 4) Millville Avenue Bridge Load Limits: ODOT posted limits that impacts Fire Department Equipment. Follow up with ODOT will occur to clarify.
- 5) Officer Meetings: Next meeting is scheduled for February 24th.
- 6) Hiring of Personnel: Requested that three applicants be fast tracked as they have prior experience with fire departments such as Fairfield. Discussion occurred and Mr. Henry asked for the names as he

indicated he cleared or addressed all applications received. Captain Goble spoke up stating he did not have his computer with him and could not provide the names. He will forward the names the next morning. Mrs. Ramsey indicated the need to hire sufficient personnel to fill the on station shifts. Mr. Henry indicated he would proceed according to the Board's pleasure. Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to fast track three applicants to which the Chief referred (when names are made available) which was seconded by Mr. Johnson. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with Trustees Johnson and Ramsey voting yes.

Mr. Johnson referenced the Town Meeting in Ross Township to discuss property tax issues and implications to take place at Ross High School on March 19th at 6:00PM.

There being no further public business and no request for an Executive Session, Mrs. Ramsey made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Mr. Johnson seconding the motion. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with Trustees Johnson and Ramsey voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

March 18, 2026 Minutes Approved by the Board of Trustees as Witnessed by their Signatures:

Larry Miller, President: 
Douglas L. Johnson, Vice President: 
Diana Ramsey, Trustee: 
Verified and attested to: Gregory L. Sullivan, Fiscal Officer: 
Date: 4/15/26