



Hanover Township Board of Trustees

May 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Larry Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. 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, Mrs. Ramsey and Mr. Miller present. Other officials present: Road Superintendent Scot Gardner, Fire Chief Fred Stitsinger and Bruce E. Henry, Township Administrator. Deputy Sensel was on a detail at the Sheriff's Office and could not be present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Ramsey to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 15, 2026 and approve warrants for release/distribution as well as approval of all administration reports. Upon roll call by Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Miller and Mrs. Ramsey voted yes to approve all.

Guest Presentation: Dr. Patrick J. Haney and Dr. Sarah Larson from Miami University Center for Public Management discussed the past citizen surveys conducted by the Miami in 2007 and 2012. The surveys contained 39 questions concerning various areas of service including zoning. Surveys were originally conducted by mail with about a 40% response rate but enough to statistically provide a good review. Trustee Johnson and Trustee Miller complimented the work of the previous surveys and the Township found the information to be very useful. Dr. Johnson spoke to the Board about different projects that were underway in various other communities. Dr. Haney and Dr. Larson spoke about scheduling a new survey that would likely consist of 39 questions or less which would be a four-page document (most cost effective), available online and by mail. Dr. Haney stated that many of the senior citizens prefer a written document to review and respond. After input from Hanover Township, the earliest a survey could be sent out would be mid to late August or September. Each Trustee asked questions about the survey structure and return rate. The Fiscal Officer asked if a question could be put on the survey about the Township newsletter and the importance of publishing a newsletter. Trustee Miller and Jeff Buddo, former Township Trustee, stated that a number of residents liked the newsletter as it was a good source of information. Dr. Haney stated he and Dr. Larson would research costs as well as survey timing and will come back to a future Trustee meeting.

Citizen Participation: Steven Herman of 4308 Stephenson Road Hamilton, Ohio addressed the Board presenting information about the agenda item regarding discussion of Data Centers. Mr. Herman presented information regarding the position taken by some of the Butler County jurisdictions but other areas across the State of Ohio. He spoke to the large amount of electricity needed to support such centers and concerns that various energy grids were not capable of supporting these large centers. Mr. Herman stated that a moratorium would be appropriate to allow a more study of the situation. He stated he was glad that the Board would be discussing this matter.

Administration Reports

Law Enforcement:

Butler County Sheriff's Office

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

<u>Activity Area</u>	<u>Month Totals*</u>	<u>YTD</u>
• Dispatched Calls:147		788
• Felony Reports: 01		04
• Misdemeanor Reports: 05		28
• Non-Injury Crash: 00		12
• Injury Crash: 01		05
Total Reports: 07.....		32
• Assists/Back Up: 18		55
• Felony Arrests: 00		00
• Misdemeanor Arrests: 00		04
• OMVI Arrests: 00		00
Total Arrests: 00		04

• Traffic Stops: 15	62
• Moving Citations: 04	15
• Warning Citations: 01	09
• Civil Papers Served: 1	01
• Business Alarms: 1	09
• Residential Alarms: 03	11
• Special Details: 09	24
• COPS Times: 5,600 (<i>Min.</i>)	18,371 Min.
• Vacation Checks: 08	59
• School Safety Checks: 53	333 Min.

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

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



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

EMS RUNS		FIRE/MVA RUNS	
Hanover Twp.	51	Hanover Twp.	12
Milford Twp.	0	Milford Twp.	0
Morgan Twp.	0	Morgan Twp.	0
Reily Twp.	0	Reily Twp.	0
Ross Twp.	1	Ross Twp.	0
City of Hamilton	2	City of Hamilton	1
City of Oxford	0	City of Oxford	0
Other	0	Other	0
Total EMS Incidents	54	Total Fire/MVA	13



TOTAL EMS AND FIRE INCIDENTS: April 2026: 67 TOTAL FOR 2026: 2

RECEIVED MUTUAL AID 4 TIME(S):

- Received mutual aid from Hamilton Fire Department for a motorcycle crash.
- Received mutual aid from Ross Twp Fire Department M102 for MVA on 130.
- Received mutual aid from Ross Twp Fire Department for possible structure fire.
No Structure fire, sump pump malfunction.
- Received mutual aid from Ross Twp Fire Department for possible structure fire.
E102 disregarded due fire being open burn.

PROVIDED MUTUAL AID 4 TIMES:

- M181 responded into Ross Twp for a MVA.
- M181 responded into Hamilton for a medical call.
- E181 responded into Hamilton for a fire alarm.
- E181 responded into Ross Twp for a crash.

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS FOR THE MONTH:

- Motorcycle crash on Hamilton Richmond Rd.

TOTAL PART TIME HOURS WORKED / HOURS BUDGETED FOR THE MONTH: 2,177 / 2,160

PARTIAL OR FULL SHIFTS NOT STAFFED: 8

PARTIAL OR FULL SHIFTS NOT STAFFED 2026: 68

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS
(May 20, 2026)

Millville Cemetery Operations Report April 1 through April 30, 2026

0 Grave sold to Township residents (@ \$1,400) -----	0.00
2 Full Interments-----	3,000.00
0 Baby interments-----	0.00
2 Cremations-----	1,900.00
Foundation and Marker installation fees-----	582.00
Grave Transfer-----	0.00
Donations-----	0.00

Total: ----- \$ 5,482.00

Other Cemetery activities:

1. fixed graves
2. cleaned office and garage

3. picked up and removed flowers from stones
4. cut grass four times
5. weed eat two times
6. removed stump

Road, Streets and Park (Scot Gardner)

1. Called in to cut up a large tree that fell across the road.
2. Worked on potholes.
3. Repaired holes in the curbs on Bevington Lane.
4. Performed weed spraying.
5. Removed a large pine tree blown over by high wind at the walking trail.
6. Hauled pea gravel to the little diggers in the Playground.
7. Removed three dead trees from the walking trail.
8. Cut grass on all Township properties three times.
9. Put #2 stone over leach field drain pipe at the walking trail.
10. Brian and Roger from the Cemetery did flagging for pothole repair work.
11. Hauled load of #2 stone to the end of Salman Road washed out by rain.
12. Cut back tree limbs that rubbed school buses on the curve on Nichols Road.
13. Cut a tree limb hanging out in the road on Hogue Road.
14. Planted flowers and mulched at the Veterans Memorial, the park planter, the Community Center and the Firehouse.
15. Performed monthly truck, park, and stormwater inspections.

Administrator April Summary Report (May 20, 2026)

- **Electric Aggregation:** Worked with Energy Alliance in seeking electrical company proposals. The top four were considered with Direct Energy offering the best overall option for a 19 month period. Energy Alliance recommended locking at 9.76 cents per kilo watt hour which is below Duke's current rate of 10.5 cents per kilo watt hour. Sent information to the County Prosecutor for review. No issues raised. An electrical supplier agreement was signed for the referenced period. Letters from Direct Energy (the new electrical service supplier, 9.76 cents per kilo watt hour) went out to qualified residents in late March and continued through the first half of April. Fielded several phone calls and in person visits from residents asking questions.
- **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 as we transition to a Microsoft platform with greater email capacity for all operations.
- **Park Restroom:** Has functioned properly for two months after the harsh weather ended.

- **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. Worked to ensure all proper documents had been reviewed and filed. Fielded phone calls about the levy and handed out information sheets explaining the issue and need. Attended League of Women Voters meeting and Town Hall meeting about the levy.
- **Township Website:** Continuing to collect ideas for improving the website and citizen access. New sections were added regarding county services available to residents. Laying ground work for new email addresses to be added when the current contract is ends and work out new arrangements.
- **Nuisances and Zoning Issues: Ongoing**- Several properties were on a list to be evaluated in April- May. No updates on any Hanover Township related complaints 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. Also examining changes as it relates to switching systems over to a more efficient process. Saving on short term invoicing has already been implemented.

- **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

April 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 of required steps and acceptance by the Township which is in process in April-May.

Hire subject to above:

Braydon Sullivan 4610 Layhigh Road Fairfield, Ohio 45014 as EMT-B at \$18.00/ Hr.
Rylee Miller 2611 Moeller Drive Fairfield, Ohio 45014 as EMT-B at \$18.00/Hr.

Cemetery- No new hires.

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

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

December Cash Balance: 3,673,455.14

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
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

Cash Balance 2026

January Cash Balance: \$3,850,743.32
February Cash Balance: \$3,720,825.97
March Cash Balance: \$3,840,195.45
April Cash Balance: \$4,455,588.26

Of Note- Budget Information

- 1) Total Expenditures all funds for April 30: \$185,810.50 / Revenue: \$303,183.87**
- 2) Total General Fund cash on hand April 30: \$1,698,897.75 (44.24%) of Total funds**
- 3) Total Fire/EMS Fund cash on hand April 30: \$359,178.83 (10.31%) 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

Mr. Henry presented the following update reports listed under Old Business.

Computer System, Email and Website Changes: Chris Brucker of Oxford Computer Solutions made a presentation to discuss the matters listed here as part of Guest Presentations as directed by the Board President. Mr. Brucker stated that as discussed at previous Board meetings, the Township has been moving ahead to set up a new email system, Website transfer, setting up process for the new phone system, and converting to a total Microsoft package of applications.

- Microsoft 365 Business Basic - \$72/user/year
 - I recommend this for most members of the Fire Department, Trustees, or employees that simply need a township email address. This is underway.
 - Features:
 - Email and calendars
 - Get business-class email with Outlook, including a 50 GB mailbox per user, and send attachments of up to 150 MB.
 - Bookings includes a web-based booking calendar and integrates with Outlook to give your customers flexibility to book a time that works best for them. Email and SMS text notifications reduce no-shows and enhance customer satisfaction.
 - Instant messaging and online meetings
 - Chat, meet, and collaborate with Microsoft Teams. Combine messaging, voice calls, video calls, and availability in one app.
 - 1 TB of secure cloud storage per user
 - Get 1 TB of OneDrive cloud storage to edit and share documents, photos, and more from anywhere, on all your devices.
 - Microsoft 365 apps on the web
 - Use always-up-to-date Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote and Outlook on the web. Simultaneously collaborate with others in the

same document in real time, across web, mobile, and different devices—no installation required.

- Microsoft 365 Business Standard - \$150/user/year
 - I recommend this for most Township employees, Fire Department Captains or Department Leads that actively create documents using the full Microsoft Office programs installed on their computer where applicable and appropriate.
 - Features:
 - Microsoft 365 apps
 - Get monthly updates and the latest features and capabilities with fully installed and always-up-to-date versions of Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and OneNote (features vary) for Windows or Mac, and Access and Publisher (PC only).
 - Get the fully installed Microsoft 365 apps on multiple PCs, Macs, tablets, and mobile devices (including Windows, iOS, and Android).
 - Email and calendars
 - Get business-class email with Outlook, including a 50 GB mailbox per user, and send attachments of up to 150 MB.
 - Connection and collaboration
 - Instantly access everything your teams may need including chat, content, tools, and people with Microsoft Teams.
 - 1 TB of secure cloud storage per user
 - Edit and share documents, photos, and more from anywhere, on all your devices with 1 TB of OneDrive cloud storage

Estimated services and pricing each year ~\$2500

- 15 Microsoft 365 Business Basic licenses - \$1080
 - Determine need for various departments and set up- up to 15 licenses.
- 8 Microsoft 365 Business Standard licenses - \$1200
 - Greg - Fiscal Officer
 - Bruce- Administrator
 - Determine need after consultation- up to 8 licenses
- Website Hosting – Completed transfer to me (\$180)
- Domain Name – Completed and protecting the domain (\$23)

Mr. Henry stated the aforementioned work will proceed in steps and the Board will be briefed as progress is made. There will be a request later to approve the final phone system and building links.

Property issues and Nuisances: With a break in the weather and warm days ahead, we are working on complaints brought to Township's attention. Some inquiries are related to zoning provisions. There are some drainage complaints that are outside of the right of way related to creek overflows. Phone calls and "soft approach" letters are in process. Current letters have been sent to properties on Millville Oxford Road, Morman Road and Old Oxford Road.

Fire Station Roof Repairs: The inspection and repairs are being handled by the Fire Department Administration.

Summary Information November Ballot Issue: A summary description is provided herewith outlining the next steps for a November Fire Levy

For the Record: After the last April Board meeting the Township was informed that the Hanover School Memorial Park playground was voted as the top playground in Butler County according to a review and vote conducted by the Journal News. The article is attached to be made part of the official record.

Endowment Fund: The Board asked for an opinion from legal counsel after the last meeting. Information was received toward the end of April and a summary was prepared by the Township Administrator which is attached. The next step is for the Board to decide what specific type(s) of Endowment Funds should be established. A Resolution setting up whatever decision is made and can be ready for the June meeting.

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

New Business:

Resolution No. 30-26

A Resolution of Hanover Township Opposing the Elimination of All Property Taxes in Ohio

WHEREAS, the **Hanover Township**, representing 8700 residents covering 39 square miles, providing essential services to this area; and

WHEREAS, property taxes are a primary source of funding for these services across Ohio and specifically in Hanover Township; and

WHEREAS, eliminating this funding would result in deep cuts to the township budget and services, as well as dramatically impacts all public safety services, schools, and services for seniors, children, and vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, the loss of property tax revenue would likely require significant increases in income taxes, sales taxes, or other statewide taxes, shifting the burden of this problem rather than solving it; and

WHEREAS, while property taxes are a serious concern for many Ohioans, eliminating them entirely without a responsible alternative is a reckless and unsustainable approach,

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

Section I. Hanover Township opposes the elimination of all property taxes in Ohio but supports responsible property tax reform that addresses affordability concerns while protecting public safety, schools, services for seniors and other critical community services.

Section II. Further, that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the Governor of Ohio, members of the Ohio General Assembly, and other appropriate officials.

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 20th day of May 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. 30-26 which was seconded by Mrs. Ramsey. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all Trustees Ramsey, Miller and Johnson voting yes voting yes.

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Resolution No. 31-26

Approving Payment to Kansas State Bank for the 2025 Western Star Dump Truck

Whereas, Resolution No. 24-25 approved by the Board of Trustees the purchase of a 2025 Single Axle Dump Truck Western Star 47X with L9 Cummins Engine and snow plow attachments as reviewed with the Board was approved to be purchased through FYDA Freightliner Cincinnati, Inc. for Western Star 47X Cummins Engine L9 dump truck with snow plow attachments for \$238,420.00 under a State of Ohio purchase agreement satisfying all Ohio bidding requirements (pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 124.04), and

Whereas, FYDA Freightliner of Cincinnati had approved financing available through Kansas State Bank which was set up on a five-year lease purchase plan which included interest added in once per year, and

Whereas, the first payment was deferred from April of 2025 through the current period with interest on this period totaling \$15,508.39, and

Whereas, it is fiscally sound policy to pay off the balance owed prior to interest being added for another period, especially when considering the new requirements to be met regarding carry over and overall asset protection, and

Be it Resolved by the Board of Trustees of Hanover Township, Ohio

Section I. That Board authorizes the payment of \$253,928.29 to Kansas State Bank for the 2025 Western Star Dump Truck which terminates the originally approve lease purchase agreement.

Section II. That the Fiscal Officer issues a check before June 12th to avoid any further interest payments.

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 20th day of May 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. 31-26 regarding the transfer of funds which was seconded by Mr. Johnson. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all Trustees Miller, Johnson and Ramsey voting yes.

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Resolution No. 32-26

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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 15th day of April 2026.

Board of Trustees

Vote

Attest:

Larry Miller
Douglas L. Johnson
Diana Ramsey

Gregory L. Sullivan
Fiscal Officer/ Clerk

After explanations were made based upon previous information provided to the Board of Trustees, a motion was made by Mr. Johnson to approve Resolution No. 32-26 regarding the establishment of certain Endowment Funds for the General Fund, Park Fund and Fire Department Fund which was seconded by Mrs. Ramsey. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all Trustees Ramsey, Johnson and Miller voting yes.

Kids Fest Motion: This the 18th year for holding Kids Fest (2020 skipped due to the pandemic) which serves approximately 300 kids for the various activities. The Township spends between \$2000.00 and \$6,000.00 each year for the kid's games, advertising, port-o-lets, food, booths and displays. This amount is generally offset by sponsorships and in-kind contributions. Volunteers are in the process of seeking sponsorships. For 2026, staff is requesting a motion to approve expenses for Kids Fest 2026 at an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00. It is hoped this amount will be significantly reduced by sponsorships.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve expenses for the 2026 Kids Fest event at an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken with all three Trustees voting yes.

Kids Fest Date: June 27 1:00PM to 4:30PM

Data Centers Issue and Discussion:

The Board of Trustees reviewed information from previous articles written on this subject as well as the points made by Mr. Herman. Information was presented to the Butler County Township Association earlier in the month. After discussion among the Board members and the objective to support other townships and the County, a motion was made by Mr. Johnson which was seconded by Mrs. Ramsey to support a 12 month moratorium on Data Centers in Butler County if decided by the Butler County Board of Commissioners to decide to impose the moratorium. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all three Trustees voting yes.

Event Advertising Discussion

Mrs. Ramsey presented several questions regarding the advertising for events especially in light of the use of social media and as well as the cost of the newsletter. Mr. Henry presented the information as requested. The costs for the portable trailer signs were as follows: Kids Fest \$135.00, Haunted Harvest \$150.00, 2 signs for Veterans Day Celebration \$270.00, Fire Department Holiday Open House \$135.00. For the newsletter printing, folding and taking to the post office \$2131.58 and postage \$1042.18. There discussion about purchasing or building a portable sign trailer for use at the events. After reviewing all the items needed to design and properly advertise as well as labor to coordinate, it seemed that the turn key operation offered by Black Signs was a good deal.

Other

There being no further public business and no request for an Executive Session, Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Mrs. Ramsey seconding the motion. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with Trustees Johnson and Ramsey voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

May 20, 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:

6/17/26