

Minutes

February 11, 2025

1. **Opening of Meeting**

Ms Ulrich called the meeting to order at 6:08pm.
All trustees and the fiscal officer were present.

2. **Executive Session**

Mr Weckbach recommended the board of trustees convene into executive session in accordance with ORC section 121.22 (G)(3) to discuss pending or eminent litigation and also in accordance with ORC section 121.22 (G)(2) to discuss the sale of township property and also in accordance with ORC section 121.22 (G)(4) to discuss collective bargain sessions and also in accordance with ORC section 121.22 (G)(1) to discuss employment and compensation of public employees
Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert
Vote - Ms Ulrich - Yes, Mr Unger - Yes, Mr Wahlert - Yes
Executive session convened at 6:09pm

Ms Ulrich called the meeting back to order at 7:00pm.
All trustees and the fiscal officer were present.

Mr Weckbach had nothing to report from executive session.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **Meditation (Moment of Silence)**

5. **Approval of Minutes**

Mr Baker recommended a motion for the approval of the minutes from the board of trustees meeting on 1-28-25.
Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert
All voted Yes. Minutes approved.

6. **Presentations**

- a. Presentation by Chief Walls Introducing and Swearing-in a Newly Promoted Employee

Chief Walls introduced and administered the Oath of Office to the department's newest Career Firefighter:

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- Jason Barrett

- b. Presentation by Energy Alliances - Electric Aggregation

Rich Surace from Energy Alliances was in attendance to provide an update on the aggregation program.

- c. Presentation of Year End Finances Available for Supplemental Capital Appropriation

In 2024, the Board of Trustees provided direction for a new approach to capital that would allow departments to make progress on deferred maintenance. As part of this new process, a year end review of budgetary surplus from the prior year would be conducted and up to 75% of the surplus could be reallocated for capital needs. Below is a summary of budgetary surplus by fund:

Fund Number	Fund Name	2024 Surplus	75% of Surplus	
Requested Amount				
1000	General	\$1,535,272	\$1,151,454	
\$1,151,000				
2011, 2021, 2031,				
2231	Road Funds	\$900,266	\$675,200	
\$250,000				
2261	Law Enforcement			
	Trust Fund	\$226,520*	\$169,890	\$0
2111	Fire District	\$1,343,717	\$1,007,788	
\$1,000,000				

*100% of savings for the police department is from the Law Enforcement Trust fund for asset forfeiture. These dollars are restricted in use. Outside of this fund, Fund 2081 - Police District, saw a deficit of \$12,825 compared to budget.

7. Citizens Address

Rich McVay - He spoke about Energy Alliance rates. He submitted an open records request for the electrical aggregation. He mentioned Duke's energy riders. He said it's getting difficult to make ends meet when on a fixed income. He has reached the limit of what he is willing to spend. He spoke about the building cost for the new fire stations.

Carrie Davis - She feels like we're spending our money really fast. She spoke about the energy aggregation and said that is at the board's feet. She mentioned attending PUCO meetings. She spoke about a 37% increase. She said the \$Million on a fire truck sucks. She spoke about upcoming events at Nothgate Mall. She spoke about Black History Month. She mentioned Colerain was part of the underground railroad. She said "Bravo to you guys for hiring that realtor."

Todd Ellis - He spoke about Flock Safety. He gave a background on the company. He said they are working with over 430 law enforcement agencies. They helped solve over 10% of all crime. He said Flock doesn't own any data.

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Kevin Caminiti - He is with Pro-Line regarding traffic cameras. He spoke about Verkada cameras. He mentioned they are more than cameras that are fully integrated. He mentioned a free of charge trial.

8. **Administrative Reports**

Fire Chief Walls - For January 2025 we had 832 EMS incidents, 197 fire incidents, we had 37 calls into the Pleasant Run EMS contract area, 2 calls into the West College Hill contract area, We had a fire in the 2300 block of Wilson Ave. another in the 5500 block of Dry Ridge Rd. Property value lost was \$48,000 and property value saved was \$310,000. Our average response time was 5:31.

Police Chief Cordie - For the month of January we responded to 3458 calls for service, an average of 112 per day. We had 88 traffic stops with 6 OVI's. We handled 135 auto accidents and made 75 arrests. We wrote 228 citations.

Ms Mays - For the month of January we had a total amount of 7576 vehicles enter our parks, with the most coming at Clippard Park. Colder weather is not conducive of walks in the park. We collected 113 bags of trash.

Mr Miller - Activity is slower when it's colder. We had a total of 29 zoning permits. We had 4 new single families. He spoke about DR Horton Landominiums being built.

Mr Weckbach - He spoke about the strategic planning for the year. There are roughly 300 milestones to hit for the year. He mentioned the local scout troop in attendance.

9. **Trustees' Report**

Mr Unger - He spoke about being a scout master. He spoke about responding to a call for a tire in the road. He spoke about a couch being left on Pippin Rd. He spoke about the Duke location in Colerain Township.

Mr Wahlert - He spoke about initiatives being considered by the board. He said the MLS description of Colerain is outdated. He said he wants to explore alternative revenue areas. He mentioned naming rights to parks. He mentioned relocating the impound lot to behind the community center to allow us to do something with the current location. He mentioned parks being "pay to play".

Ms Ulrich - She spoke about sending a bill to SORTA for trash pick up. She spoke about the CIC putting properties up for bid legally. She mentioned the Chamber of Commerce awards dinner coming up. September 27th is recycle day.

10. **New Business**

Public Safety

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- a. Motion to Authorize the Township Administrator to Execute an Agreement with Flock Safety for LPR Cameras.

Chief Cordie recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: At the January 2025 meeting, the Board voted to allow Trustee Ulrich to transfer \$50,000 of her discretionary budget and Trustee Wahlert to transfer \$20,000 of his discretionary budget to potentially lease or purchase license plate reader (LPR) cameras. The Board of Trustees also instructed Chief Cordie to evaluate several vendors that sell or lease LPR cameras. As a result of this review, Chief Cordie will present his findings to the Board of Trustees with the recommendation to execute an agreement with Flock Safety for LPR cameras.

Motion Mr Wahlert, Seconded Ms Ulrich

Discussion:

Ms Ulrich - Can you discuss the local success with Flock cameras?

Chief Cordie - Multiple agencies know that we do not have access to Flock cameras at hand. Agencies around us run the info and send it to us on major crimes. A lot of serious crimes have been solved by Flock.

Ms Ulrich - According to a Hamilton County Detective, they tracked a drug deal from Tennessee with Flock.

Chief Cordie - The Flock interface allows you to track specific areas.

Mr Wahlert - My concerns were around data distribution. Who we share data with will be determined by us.

Chief Cordie - We're the owners of the data.

Mr Wahlert - This can't do speed tests.

Chief Cordie - Correct. It does not have the capability for speed tests.

Mr Wahlert - A license plate reader will help us.

Mr Unger - My opinion on these cameras hasn't changed. People have an expectation of privacy. What was the amount for Flock contract?

Mr Weckbach - \$71,800.

Chief Cordie - That's, if I can say, written in pencil. Because there are speculations in usage and the numbers aren't set in stone.

Mr Unger - We've only approved \$70,000 for this. We would have to add to that. I think these cameras are stalking people. Do you believe that these are constitutional?

Chief Cordie - No one has an expectation of privacy on the roadway.

Mr Conover - This would not be a warrantless search.

Mr Weckbach - There is a 30 day "out" in the contract.

All voted Yes. Motion approved

- b. Resolution Declaring a Junk Motor Vehicle - 2326 Lincoln Ave.

Chief Cordie recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #18-25.

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Rationale: Recommend Adoption of the Motion to Declare and Order Abatement of the Junk Motor Vehicle at the Following Property: 2326 Lincoln Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45231 1. (OH) GPB6419, 2006, Blue, Ford, Taurus.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

No discussion.

Vote - Ms Ulrich - Yes, Mr Unger - Yes, Mr Wahlert - Yes

Resolution passed

c. Motion to Issue Noise Resolution Permit to Club Trio Lounge

Chief Cordie recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: This is the first request for a permit in 2025 for this business. The request for this permit is from May 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025, and to include March 15th and March 17th.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

No discussion.

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

d. Motion to Issue Noise Resolution Permit to Precision Site Development, LLC.

Chief Cordie recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: This is the first request for a permit in 2025 for this business. This request is for water service work within Colerain Avenue and Roundtop Road right-of-way. This work is required to establish water service to the Jeff Wyler Kia development at 9189 Colerain Avenue. The dates for the work are yet to be set but expected to take place during March and could take upwards of five days for completion.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

No discussion.

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

e. Motion Authorizing Township Administrator to Execute Contract with Vogelpohl Fire Equipment for Purchase of Fire Engine for \$982,230.00

Chief Walls recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

Rationale: An additional 2002 E-One Typhoon fire truck—one of three still in frontline service—is due for replacement as maintenance costs continue to rise, safety concerns increase, and operational reliability declines. The department has already placed an order to replace one of these aging units, with delivery expected in early 2026.

However, delaying the replacement of another 2002 Typhoon will only lead to higher costs and increased strain on the fleet. Even with present day approval, this piece of apparatus will not see delivery until 2028, underscoring the importance of its approval. As fire apparatus age, they require increasingly expensive repairs. Inflation, supply chain disruptions, and rising manufacturing costs have significantly driven up the price of new fire trucks. Deferring replacement further will likely result in even greater expenses, making proactive investment the most fiscally responsible approach.

Beyond financial considerations, the truck's reliability is a growing concern. NFPA 1911 guidelines recommend retiring fire apparatus over 25 years old, and this unit is



rapidly approaching that threshold. Securing a replacement now will help mitigate escalating maintenance costs while ensuring the department has a dependable, modern fire truck before prices rise even further.

The department has historically extended the service life of its apparatus well beyond industry standards through a robust Fleet Services Division. However, the age of the fleet is becoming increasingly problematic. The department's five frontline engines average 17.4 years, with the three oldest at 23 years. The reserve fleet is even older, averaging 31.6 years, with the oldest unit at 32 years. In 2024, reserve apparatus were used to replace frontline engines 35% of the time, underscoring the fleet's limitations. To maintain effective fire, rescue, and EMS services, it is imperative to move forward with replacing another 2002 E-One Typhoon. Doing so will enhance operational readiness, reduce maintenance costs, and ensure the community continues to receive reliable emergency response.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert

Discussion:

Mr Unger - Is this the same engine coming as the one we're replacing?

Chief Walls - Yes, it's the same engine.

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

Public Services

- a. Resolution Approving ODOT Project PID119068 - Poole Road Sidewalks

Ms Mays recommended ADOPTION of Resolution #19-25.

Rationale: The Township received a Transportation Alternatives Grant for the construction of sidewalks on Poole Road from Colerain to Cheviot. This piece of legislation is required by ODOT before formal bidding can occur. The state is anticipating issuing bids later this year and will likely award a contract for construction to be completed in 2026.

Motion Mr Unger, Secondde Ms Ulrich

No discussion:

Vote - Ms Ulrich - Yes, Mr Unger - Yes, Mr Wahlert - Yes

Resolution passed.

Development

Administration

- a. Motion to Authorize Township Administrator to Execute an Electrical Aggregation Contract at or below \$0.0949 kWh .

Ms Mays recommended ADOPTION of the Motion.

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Rationale: At the February 14, 2023 Board of Trustee meeting, the Township authorized the Township Administrator to enter into an agreement for electric aggregation at a rate not to exceed \$0.0689 cents per kWh. The existing rate and price that the Township receives is set to expire on the May of 2025 Duke bill. The agenda item as posted in the packet does not contain the updated Energy price, as prices can fluctuate on a daily basis. The final price will be made available at the Trustee meeting but will not exceed \$0.0949 per kWh.

Motion Mr Unger, Seconded Ms Ulrich

Discussion:

Mr Unger - Part of the reason electric is so expensive is because the country has moved to other forms of energy generation.

All voted Yes. Motion approved.

11. Old Business

a. Discussion and Potential Action - Trustee Compensation

Per State of Ohio law (ORC 505.24) through 2028, Trustees will receive an automatic salary increase of 1.75% per year. Trustee compensation for Colerain was \$25,162 in 2024 and is set for \$25,602 in 2025.

Trustee Wahlert has requested that the Board engage in a discussion surrounding Trustee compensation.

Discussion:

Mr Wahlert - Originally I asked for trustee compensation reduction. Mr Unger recommended freezing pay increases.

Mr Weckbach - The increase for 2025 is \$420.

b. Discussion and Potential Action - Superintendent Position

Trustee Wahlert requested that a discussion be held on the currently vacant Superintendent position for the Public Services Department.

Discussion:

Mr Wahlert - What are you looking for in a candidate for this position?

Ms Mays - They will bring structure, expertise, leadership. Which will help us have better organized operations.

Mr Wahlert - I'm looking for someone who is detail oriented and good leader.

12. Consent Items

a. Contract - Verizon Wireless - Network Extender - \$0 - Term N/A

The attached agreement provides for a free network extender for Verizon Wireless that will enhance the ability to access the Verizon network inside the Township Administration building.

b. Quotation- Zix email encryption, threat protection, and continuity - EXP

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This renewal will allow the Township to continue to use email securely.

Motion to approve all consent items Mr Unger, Seconded Mr Wahlert
All voted Yes. All consent items approved.

13. **Fiscal Office Report**

No report

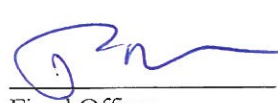
14. **Executive Session**

15. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn Mr Wahlert, Seconded Ms Ulrich

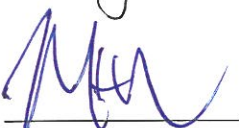
All voted Yes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23pm


Fiscal Officer


Trustee


Trustee


Trustee