

HARRISON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE MEETING

June 16, 2026

REGULAR MEETING CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Donnie Mayse called the Regular Trustee Meeting of June 16, 2026, to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:00pm at the Harrison Township Fire Department, 3625 State Route 752, Ashville, Ohio 43103. Present were Trustee Donnie Mayse, Trustee Bill Welsh, Trustee Chad Noggle, Roads and Zoning Operations Manager Austin Cline, Fire Chief Shawn Davidson, Assistant Chief Colt Cline, Township Clerk Sara LeMaster, Fiscal Officer Lindsay Mayse, and Cemetery Operations Manager Jared Conner. Visitors present were PIO Steve Sabine, Jim Deal, and Todd Younkin.

HEARING OF VISITORS:

1. Todd Younkin was present to express concerns regarding property he owns along Bulen Pierce Road. He stated that a newly installed guardrail is obstructing access to a portion of the property, preventing mowing and routine maintenance in that area.
2. All other visitors were present to observe.

ZONING: None.

ROADS:

1. Austin reported that he attended an ODOT meeting regarding the proposed overpass at U.S. Route 23 and State Route 762. During the meeting, ODOT discussed the possibility of incorporating "Harrison Township" on the overpass. The Trustees expressed interest in the proposal but requested additional information regarding the associated costs. Mr. Mayse made a motion authorizing Austin to contact ODOT and request a cost analysis for the proposed signage. Mr. Welsh seconded the motion, and the Trustees voted with three affirmative votes to approve the motion.

CEMETERY:

1. Austin shared that the cemetery road and gravel project is \$4,956.94 over budget.
2. Jared reported that a large headstone/monument in the cemetery needs repaired. He stated that Wellman's can repair and reassemble the monument for \$1,000, and Shawn Rawlins can replace the foundation for \$780. Mr. Noggle made a motion authorizing the expenditure of \$1,780 for the repair and foundation work. Mr. Mayse seconded the motion, and the Trustees voted with three affirmative votes to approve the motion.

RESOLUTION 26-48

A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER \$10,000 FROM THE CEMETERY FUND TO CEMETERY LAND IMPROVEMENTS. Mr. Mayse moved, Mr. Noggle seconded, and the Trustees voted with three affirmative votes to approve R26-48.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

1. Chief Davidson reported that an additional \$10,000 would be needed for the re-chassis of the 2017 Ford F-450 medic, increasing the total cost from \$258,000 to \$268,000. Mr. Mayse made a motion to authorize the additional expenditure of \$10,000 for the medic re-chassis. Mr. Noggle seconded the motion, and the Trustees voted with three affirmative votes to approve the motion.
2. Due to not receiving the state-funded grant for the proposed joint fire station project with the Village of South Bloomfield, the Trustees discussed the possibility of constructing a second fire station independently. Mr. Welsh made a motion to explore the construction of a second Harrison Township fire station and to authorize Fire Chief Davidson to meet with an architect to discuss potential plans and costs, with architectural fees not to exceed \$1,800. Mr. Mayse seconded the motion, and the Trustees voted with three affirmative votes to approve the motion.

Mr. Mayse made a motion to go into an executive session at 5:45pm to discuss personnel. Mr. Welsh seconded the motion and the Trustees voted: Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Mayse, yes; Mr. Noggle, yes. Chief Davidson, Assistant Chief Cline, Fiscal Officer Lindsay Mayse and Township Clerk Sara LeMaster were invited to attend the executive session.

At 5:54pm, Mr. Mayse made a motion to exit the executive session. Mr. Welsh seconded the motion and the Trustees voted: Mr. Welsh, yes; Mr. Mayse, yes; Mr. Noggle, yes.

RESOLUTION 26-49

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A PAY INCREASE FOR STEVE WELSH AS DISCUSSED BY TRUSTEES, EFFECTIVE JUNE 16, 2026. Mr. Mayse moved, Mr. Noggle seconded and the Trustees voted with three affirmative votes to approve R26-49.

RESOLUTION 26-50

A RESOLUTION TO EXTEND CHAD MATHIAS' PROBATIONARY PERIOD BY SIX MONTHS THROUGH DECEMBER 16, 2026. Mr. Mayse moved, Mr. Welsh seconded and the Trustees voted with three affirmative votes to approve R26-50.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ACTION ON MINUTES: June 2, 2026, Regular Meeting: Mr. Mayse moved and Mr. Welsh seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 2, 2026, and the Trustees voted with three affirmative votes to approve the motion.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

RESOLUTION 26-51

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND PAY THE ATTACHED LIST OF BILLS AS THE LAWFUL OBLIGATIONS OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP. Mr. Mayse moved, Mr. Welsh seconded, and the Trustees voted with three affirmative votes to approve R26-51.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further comments and all scheduled matters attended to, Mr. Welsh moved, and Mr. Noggle seconded the motion to adjourn the June 16, 2026, Board of Trustees Meeting. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.