

Shearer Community Center

December 4, 2025

All Trustees were present for this regular meeting presided over by Chairman Samec. Chairman Samec called the meeting to order by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Also Attending: Rob McKain, Dave Duncan, Derek Reed, Shawna Bailey, Josh Dabney, Ray Sheets, Jim & Lee Schmitz, Steve Babbey, Fred Shaulis, Laurie Luketic, Chris Putnat, Renee Rambo, and Jim McEwen

Dave Kemble made the motion to accept the minutes seconded by Dorene Spicer.

PUBLIC AND ZONING

Steve Babbey questioned what was going on with zoning? Dave Kemble explained to Mr. Babbey that zoning is going back to the 2008 version of zoning regulations. Ed Samec, to make it clear asked Dave Kemble “so the township is going on 2008 zoning version?” Dave Kemble said yes that was the last book to record. Steve Babbey also had concerns for vehicles parked in the right of way on Newton Falls Road that someone was going to hit the vehicles. Ed Samec explained to Mr. Babbey that the owner has been talked to and the owner is going to move the vehicles but needed time.

Josh Dubney was present and expressed that residents want zoning to keep things in line and does not want any high density housing communities in Paris Township. Chris Putnat agreed with everything Josh Dubney said. Further discussion took place on zoning and what residents would like to see in the future.

Rob McKain questioned Fred Shaulis about trees on McLain that need to be looked at. Fred Shaulis explained that Bickel Tree Service just removed two big trees on McLain. Rob McKain also commented on McLain needing to be chipped and sealed and a lot of holes in the road.

LAND BANK

Dave Kemble reported on a piece of property on MinYoung that is behind on taxes and the Portage County Land Bank would be taking the property over.

CELL TOWER CONTRACT

Dave Kemble reported that the cell tower contract with CCATT is ready to sign. The Trustees signed the contract and the contract will be mailed to the Lisa Borm representative for Crown Castle.

NILES RESIDENT

Dorene Spicer reported that the Portage County Health Department was in contact and the property on Niles is still working on being in compliance. The Health Department is just informing what is going on with the property.

SIGN GRANT

Dorene Spicer reported being in contact about the sign grant and where to deliver the signs.

AMAZON

Dorene Spicer gave a briefing on what was going on with the free business prime membership with Amazon for townships.

ZONING

Dorene Spicer reported for Dan Spicer that the next zoning meeting will be December 11, 2025 at 7:00 at the Shearer Community Center. Dorene Spicer also reported that Dan Spicer received three letters of interest to be on the zoning board.

ZONING PERMITS ISSUED

Dave Duncan reported issuing the following zoning permits

Country Acres	Pavilion	Permit 14-2025
Christopher Teuex	Accessory bldg.	Permit 15-2025
Bret Dean	Culvert permit	

NEWTON FALLS ROAD BURNED HOUSE

Dave Duncan reported that the house on Newton Falls Road that burned is making progress slowly. The house is studded and new windows put in.

COMPLAINT OF LIGHTS

Dave Duncan reported receiving a complaint about bright lights and shining in neighbors windows in Wayland. Trustees drove by and couldn't see any bright lights.

JEREMY DEWITT TO EMT BASIC

Chief Reed would like to send Jeremy DeWitt to EMT Basic at UHPMC at the cost of \$1,500. Ed Samec made the motion to send Jeremy DeWitt to EMT Basic schooling at UHPMC seconded by Dorene Spicer. Roll Call: Dorene Spicer, yes; Dave Kemble, Yes; Ed Samec, yes. Motion Carried – Resolution #56-2025

FIRE PERSONNEL

Chief Reed would like to recommend appointing Kevin Fodrey to the fire department as a volunteer/paid per call member. Kevin does not have any training at this time.

Chief Reed reported that Bailey Fumich passed his firefighter I exam.

2026 STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S EQUIPMENT GRANT

Chief Reed is working on the 2026 State Fire Marshal's Equipment Grant for replacement turnout gear. The max grant award is \$15,000.

RUNS FOR November 2025

Fire - 5 M/A given - 3
EMS - 11 M/A received - 6

STATION STAFFING PAY PERIOD 11-16-2025 thru 11-30-2025

Days staffed with two personnel – 2
Days staffed with one person - 1
Days unstaffed - 12

SQUAD

Chief Reed reported that the batteries were replaced in the squad

OPWC / LABELLE HEIGHTS

The final payment for the OPWC/LaBelle Heights projected our share is \$18,898.00. This will be the final payment and the project will be closed out.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

The public would like to be made aware of activities, meetings etc happening in Paris Township. Even though it is put on the website and sign, the public would like some kind of notification of an email, text etc of happenings in Paris Township. Renee Rambo and Shauna Bailey are going to head up the committee to think of how to make residents aware of happenings in Paris Township.

Upon no further discussion David Kemble made the motion to adjourn this meeting, seconded by Dorene Spicer. Roll Call: Dorene Spicer, yes; David Kemble, yes; Ed Samec; yes. Motion Carried.

CHAIRMAN SAMEC

FISCAL OFFICER