

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

Also Attending: Derek Reed, Fred Shaulis, Dave Duncan, Dan Spicer, Rob McKain, Chris Putnat, Steve Walk, Renee Rambo, and Jim McEwen

Dorene Spicer made the motion to accept the minutes with the date being corrected on the return of fire extinguishers to 2-6-2026 not 5-6-2026 this was seconded by Ed Samec.

RESIDENT CONCERN

Steve Walk, a resident of Paris Township, brought up the concern of the fire department drive not being plowed during the recent snow storm. Mr. Walk reported bringing equipment over to clean the drive so the emergency vehicles could get out. Mr. Walk feels that the fire department drive needs to be addressed before the roads in case of an emergency. Mr. Walk also brought up one of the fire fighters getting stuck in the drive due to the snow. Fred Shaulis responded to Mr. Walk. Chris Putnat also addressed the situation and tried to explain that Mr. Walk was not accusing anyone of not doing their job but thought it was a concern of Mr. Walk. Discussion took place and was brought up several times that the snow was coming down faster than anyone could keep it cleaned off of the fire department drive and the roads.

LOUD CARS

Chris Putnat reported a loud and noisy car driving fast on Wayland and worried about the kids getting on the busses. Ed Samec is going to contact the Sheriff's department to see if patrols could come and patrol the area.

ZONING MEETING

Dan Spicer reported that zoning's next meeting will be March 12, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Shearer Community Center.

Dan Spicer also reported talking with Todd Petz and having the wind & solar reviewed. Todd Petz recommended scaling the wording down for the wind & solar.

CEMETERY FOUNDATIONS

Fred Shaulis reported that concrete for the foundations at the cemetery will be \$26.48 per cubic foot for 2026.

THANK YOU

Fred Shaulis would like to thank the trustees for purchasing the new frontend loader. It came in handy with all the snow.

ZONING ISSUES

Zoning inspector, Dave Duncan, reported receiving a call about a resident wanting to tear down an old house and rebuild and wanted to know what needed to be done.

Dave Duncan also reported receiving a phone call from a resident about if a permit was needed for installing a whole house generator. A permit is not needed for this installation.

Chris Putnat requested a list of prices for permits.

STATION STAFFING PAY PERIOD 2-1-2026 thru 2-15-2026

Days staffed with two personnel – 1
Days staffed with one person - 0
Days unstaffed - 14

SQUAD 2111

Chief Reed reported to Fred Shaulis that the Squad 2111 is in need of maintenance and oil change.

AED'S

Chief Reed reported that the AED's arrived. Chief is in the process of setting the AED's up.

2025 CERTIFIED ROAD MILEAGE

Enginers office looking for 2025 certified road mileage. Paris Township has 9.063 miles of public roads.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Spring clean-up will be Saturday, May 9, 2026 from 8-12. Dorene Spicer reported that Solid Waste will not be having the township pay for tire disposal. Dorene Spicer will call WTR for two 40 yard dumpsters with a third on reserve if needed. Falls Cycling will be contacted for metal container.

COMMUNITY CENTER FLOOR

Dorene Spicer reported that Concrete Coatings cleaned and sealed the community center floors. Concrete Coatings recommended that high traffic areas get cleaned every 3-5 years and the not so high traffic areas be cleaned every 5-6 years.

BLASIMAN FIRE EQUIPMENT

Dorene Spicer reported that Blasiman Fire Equipment returned the fire extinguishers.

FEBRUARY RENTALS

Dorene Spicer reported that the community center was rented six times in February. Two resident and four non-resident.

OHIO LABOR LAW POSTER

Dorene Spicer reported that Ohio Labor Law Poster was received and posted on the bulletin board.

SAVVY CITIZEN

Dorene Spicer reported that Savvy Citizen looks like the best deal for text message/email communication with the residents, that sign up for the service. The cost is a \$300 setup fee then \$129/mo. Rich McConnell will be the contact person for Savvy Citizen. Ed Samec made the motion to try Savvy Citizens at the cost of \$129/mo with a setup fee of \$300. This was seconded by Dave Kemble. Roll Call: Dorene Spicer, yes; Dave Kemble, yes; Ed Samec, yes. Motion Carried. Resolution #23-2026

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ed Samec made the motion at 6:42 pm to go into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, litigation or compensation of a public employee or official. This was seconded by Dave Kemble. Roll Call: Dorene Spicer, yes; Dave Kemble, yes; Ed Samec, yes. Motion Carried. Resolution #24-2026
Regular meeting resumed at 6:56 pm.

INCREASE IN ACCOUNT FUNDS

Ed Samec made the motion to increase account fund 1000-110-111-000 by \$9,000 and 1000-110-121-000 by \$3,000. The funds will be moved from account fund 1000-110-599-000. This was seconded by Dave Kemble. Roll Call: Dorene Spicer, yes; Dave Kemble, yes; Ed Samec, yes; Motion Carried. Resolution #25-2026

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

Dave Kemble reported that the Portage County Commissioners will be having a special meeting on wind farms, large wind farms and solar farms on March 26, 2026 at the EMA building on St. Rt 59 at 6:30 pm.

CELL TOWER

Dave Kemble reported that the signing check for \$10,000 was received from Crown Castle for renewing the contract for the cell tower.

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