

Shearer Community Center

August 6, 2026

All Trustees were present for this regular meeting presided over by Chairman Kemble. Chairman Kemble called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm by asking everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Also Attending: Ashley Fodrey, Dave Duncan, Dan Spicer, Rob McKain, Ray Sheets and Chris Putnat.

Dorene Spicer made the motion to accept the minutes seconded by Ed Samec.

MEET THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES

Charles Garrett announced that on August 22, 2026 at the community center from 1:00-3:00 pm there would be a picnic to meet democratic running personnel, Jenny Adams for Commissioner, Jeff Clapper Ohio House district 27 and Mike Roberto Ohio Senate District 27. All are welcome to come and join in the festivities.

2026 CAR SHOW

Rob McKain wanted to than Ed Samec and the Fire Department for putting on an awesome car show. Ed Samec reported that 70 cars registered along with some that didn't register. Ed Samac from donations raised \$784.00 for the fire department. Little John was present and Sheriff Zuchowski won the 50/50 pot and donated it all back to the Fire Department. Thank you Ed Samec and the Fire Department for all your hard work.

ZONING

Dan Spicer reported that the next zoning meeting will be August 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Shearer Community Center. Zoning will be going through as much as the zoning book as possible.

McLAIN TREE TRIMMING

Fred Shaulis reported that the trees on McLain needs trimmed. Fred Shaulis had an estimate of \$4,500 to trim the trees from Bickel Tree Service. Ed Samec made the motion to have Bickel Tree Service trim the trees on McLain. This was seconded by Dorene Spicer. Roll Call: Dorene Spicer, yes; Dave Kemble, yes; Ed Samec, yes. Motion Carried. Resolutio #58-2026

HOT WATER TANK AT COMMUNITY CENTER

The community center had no hot water. Fred Shaulis checked out the hot water tank and pressed the reset button. Fred Shaulis is watching to make sure the water stays hot.

WAYLAND POST OFFICE

Fred Shaulis and Dave Kemble reported that the Wayland Post Office is in need of repairs.

REGIONAL PLANNING

Ashley Fodrey asked when the next Regional Planning would be. Dave Kemble will let Ashley Fodrey know when it is.

ZONING COMPLAINTS

Dave Duncan reported issuing the following permits:

6-2026 - David Teeple	agricultural permit
7-2026 - Phillip Grafton	agricultural permit

Dave Duncan reported signing the mylar for the Wayland Road property that had the zoning board of appeals meeting on July 22, 2026. Variance was awarded to the property owners who filed the appeal.

Dave Duncan reported issuing a citation to 8804 Newton Falls Road will be turning over to the prosecutor.

AMOUNTS & RATES

Dave Kemble made a motion to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. This was seconded by Ed Samec. Roll Call: Dorene Spicer, yes; Dave Kemble, yes; Ed Samec, yes; Motion Carried. Resolution #59-2026

HOSE TESTING

Dave Kemble reporting for Chief Reed that hose and ladder testing is completed with no failures this year.

RUNS FOR July 2026

Fire - 12 M/A given - 3
EMS – 20 M/A received - 11

STATION STAFFING PAY PERIOD 7-01-2026 thru 7-31-2026

Days staffed with two personnel – 03
Days staffed with one person - 0
Days unstaffed - 13

TANKER

Dave Kemble reporting for Chief Reed that the periodic maintenance is completed on the tanker. The muffler and flex pipe had to be replaced due to rust. The following was replaced, primer valve and miscellaneous piping due to the valve sticking and not shutting off and rusted.

BOOT PURCHASE

Dave Kemble reported for Chief Reed that a pair of fire boots needs to be purchased for Joe Merritt from Fire Force at the cost of \$345.00 plus shipping.

AMBULANCE COT REPAIR

Ed Samec made the motion to accept the estimate of \$7,180 for cot repairs. This was seconded by Dorene Spicer. Roll Call: Dorene Spicer, yes; Dave Kemble, yes; Ed Samec, yes; Motion Carried. Resolution #60-2026

FIRE DISTRICT

Ed Samec gave a run down of the fire district meeting on July 28, 2026. The fire departments are turning away from forming a fire district. The fire departments are looking at using the fire stations and having somebody at each fire station 24/7 with each station having a part time chief. Ed Samec reported that the next meeting will be at the end of September.

HALL RENTAL

Dorene Spicer reported the following hall rentals for the month of July. 0 non- residents, 3 resident and 1 no charge rentals.

MOWING

Dorene Spicer reported that a resident from Newton Falls Road complained of her cable wires getting chewed up from mowing. This is a county road and the county out sources the mowing of the road sides.

SAVVY

Dorene Spicer reported that 107 residents have signed up for Savvy. Our next billing cycle is due and Dorene Spicer was asking if we want to continue with the Savvy Citizens. Dorene Spicer made a motion to continue with Savvy Citizen for 6 months from 9-23-2026 – 3-22-2027. This was seconded by Ed Samec. Roll Call: Dorene Spicer, yes; Dave Kemble, yes; Ed Samec, yes. Motion carried. Resolution #61-2026.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Dorene Spicer reported that Board of Elections sent of report of everything at the community center that needs attention for voting. Dorene Spicer shared the list with Fred Shaulis.

225 HOUSE DEMO

Dave Kemble reported that the house on 225 will be demoed in the fall. The fire department will do some practicing on the house prior to demoing.

SHED AT CEMETERY

Ed Samec made the motion for Luketic Construction to demo the shed at the Cemetery and pour a concrete pad 11x14 to put the new shed on. This was seconded by Dave Kemble. Roll Call: Dorene Spicer, yes; Dave Kemble, yes; Ed Samec, yes. Motion carried. Resolution #65-2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dave Kemble made the motion at 6:50 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 Ed Samec. Roll Call: Dorene Spicer, yes; Dave Kemble, yes; Ed Samec, yes. Motion carried. Resolution #63-2026

Regular meeting resumed at 7:08 pm

ZONING

Dave Kemble reported putting zoning board on hiatus until November 2026. Zoning will have their already planned meeting in August 2026 but will not have another meeting until November 2026.

ZONING MEMBERS

Dave Kemble made the motion not to remove Dan Spicer or Kara Suzelis from zoning at this time. The decision was based on opinion of a private attorney and the prosecutor's office. Ed Samec seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dorene Spicer, abstain; Dave Kember, yes; Ed Samec, yes; Motion Carried. Resolution #64-2026.

MEETING RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SETTING REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS, AND ESTABLISHING RULES FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARIS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

It was moved by **Ed Samec**, seconded by **Dorene Spicer** that the following resolution be adopted in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (F) for Notices of Meetings:

Regular Scheduled Meetings:

The Paris Township Board of Trustees shall meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Shearer Community Center located at 9355 Newton Falls Road commencing at 6:00 PM and concluding at the end of business. Notice of meetings will be published on the Paris Township Trustees website located at **paris-township.com**.

Special Meetings:

Notice of the time, place, and purpose of all special meetings shall be published on the township website, social media if available, posted on the outside door of the Shearer Community Center and if applicable any other news media outlets; and at least twenty-four hours advance notice shall be given to the news media that have requested notification; except in the event of an emergency requiring immediate official action. Business beyond the scope of the stated purpose for a special meeting shall not be discussed.

Special Emergency Meetings:

In the event of an emergency requiring immediate official action, the Trustee or Trustees or Trustees designee calling the meeting shall notify the news media that have requested notification immediately of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting.

Specific Business:

Any person, upon request and payment of a reasonable fee set by the Paris Township Board of Trustees, may obtain reasonable advance notification of all meetings at which any specific type of public business is to be discussed. Such requests shall be directed to the Paris Township Fiscal Officer. Requests for notification by email at no cost shall include the requestor's name, address, telephone number, email address, and specific type of public business that is of interest.

News Media:

News media shall direct requests for notification, including the requestor's name, address, telephone number, and email address, to the Paris Township Fiscal Officer. The Paris Township Board of Trustees understands that news media have no duty to publish notices received in response to such requests.

The Board of Trustees finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in a meeting open to the public in compliance with the laws including Section 121.22 (F) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Roll call votes as follows:

Dorene Spicer, _____

David Kemble,_____

Ed Samec, ____

I, Fiscal Officer of the Board of Paris Township Trustees do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution of the Board of Paris Township Trustees of Portage County duly adopted _____ and appearing upon the official records of said Board (Resolution _____).

Fiscal Officer, Board of Paris Township Trustees