Paris Township Trustees

Shearer Community Center November 5, 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.

Fiscal Officer, Linda Shaulis, was absent due to family emergency

Also Attending: Chuck Harnar, Dan Spicer, Ashley Fodrey, Derek Reed, Dave Duncan, Shauna Bailey, Chris Putnat, Ray Sheets, Patricia Kaschner, Dennis Brown and Steve Babbey.

Ed Samec made the motion to accept the minutes from October 15, 2026 seconded by Dorene Spicer.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

Resident, Patricia Kaschner reported that someone had rats on Wayland Road and the Health Department got in touch with them. Twelve (12) rats were caught. No longer has rats in house but spent $400.00 worth on stuff. Dennis Brown has not seen rats at his place of residence.

Dave Kemble will look into the situation. A-1 Pest has pictures of rats (no pictures were presented at the meeting). Patricia Kaschner reported that two (2) doors down someone (no name given) saw rats in June of 2026.

A resident brought up about residents having junk and trash in yards and has pictures.

Dave Kemble answered what questions could be answered and items will be brought back up since zoning is still here.

Dave Kemble is going to contact prosecutor about trailer (was not clarified what trailer Dave Kemble is contacting prosecutor about)

ZONING

Dan Spicer reported that zoning will be meeting at the Shearer Community Center on November 12, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

RESIDENT REQUEST

Steve Babbey, past zoning inspector, has an address for zoning inspector, Dave Duncan, 10453 Newton Falls Road, gave court document to everyone with items highlighted on the 2nd and third page. Steve Babbey thinks the property is some type of business. Steve Babbey, after zoning being put on the ballot, wants zoning enforced. Steve Babbey said "People want zoning enforced" Steve Babbey cannot speak for everyone unless the people are present or has a list of signatures from the people who Steve Babbey is speaking for and talked about a private lawyer.

Steve Babbey also brought up that loader sits in rain that $120,000 was spent on and only used 3 months out of the year.

Steve Babbey also brought up zoning 402.6 R-1 parking facilities highlighted have county measure from center of the road so trucks cannot park there.

Steve Babbey also brought up ag usage CAUV – trucks parked there (not sure what property Steve Babbey is talking about no address provided)

Pole building not being used for that use (no address given as to what property is being talked about)

Church Harnar said that farm fields inspected every year by Mr Fesemyer, who works for the county (this is done every three years unless a complaint or noncompliance from previous year. Farm fields can be idle up to a certain number of years, check with county CAUV clerk and the county will clarify). Land has to show being farmed.

Steve Babbey reported that Smith's property did CAUV for the entire property (Old sawmill). Dave Duncan will check into the issue.

Chuck Harnar reported that when driving by (property was not stated that was drove by) a lady opened door as driving by and door was in the road.

Dorene Spicer called engineers office and Ed Samec spoke to Mr. Smith about vehicles got to be moved due to worried about accidents.

Steve Babbey reported that the courts said had to be around fence (no item was mentioned as to what needed to be behind fence)

FF1 TRAINING PROGRAM

Chief Reed would like to send Kevin Fodrey and Kyle Bruce to FF1 training program at MCCTC at the cost of $1,700/ea. Both training contracts have been signed. Ed Samec made the motion to send Kevin Fodrey and Kyle Bruce to FF1 training. This was seconded by Dorene Spicer. Roll Call: Dorene Spicer, yes; Dave Kemble, yes; Ed Samec, yes. Motion carried. Resolution #72-2026

ENBRIDGE GRANT

Chief Reed reported that the Enbridge Grant in the amount of $10,000 was applied for. This grant would be used for turnout gear. If the grant is awarded the full amount, Paris Fire would be responsible for $1,853. This would purchase three (3) complete sets

RUNS FOR October 2026

Fire - 6 M/A given - 6
EMS – 13 M/A received - 6

STATION STAFFING PAY PERIOD 10-01-2026 thru 10-31-2026

Days staffed with two personnel – 7
Days staffed with one person - 1
Days unstaffed - 8

CEMETERY LOTS

Ed Samec reported selling two (2) grave sites to a non-resident.

RECYCLING

A new contract was presented from Portage County Solid Waste for four (4) front load style recycling containers at an annual cost of $2,000 for four (4) containers. Contract will be from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2029. Ed Samec made the motion to continue recycling with Portage County Solid Waste at the cost of $2,000/yr for two years. This was seconded by Dorene Spicer. Roll Call: Dorene Spicer, yes; Dave Kemble, yes; Ed Samec, yes. Motion carried. Resolution #73-2026

FIRE DISTRICT MEETING

Ed Samec attended the fire district meeting on October 28, 2026 and reported that Jeff Bixler, from Edinburg, would like resolution to join. There would be no commitment to join an could back out at any time (District only). Existing Chiefs will remain Battalion Chief and will arrange systematic equipment arrangement on equipment (vehicles). The Chief's would also work on employee availability, scheduling, and policies etc. Unified Chief salary split evenly between all townships $20,000 annually. Jeff Bixler is requesting a pay scale.

THANK YOU

Ed Samec thanked voters for passing the fire levy and for attending the meeting.

LOVES INSURANCE

Dorene Spicer reported that the questionnaire from Loves Insurance was sent back.

DUMPSTERS AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Dorene Spicer reported that dumpsters were not dumped on Monday it has been changed to Fridays. Dorene Spicer is going to call and tell them that Fridays are not good would prefer Mondays.

PLEXIGLASS

Dorene Spicer reported that the plexiglass was picked up and Fred Shaulis will install it down at the WW II Memorial.

INSURANCE

Dave Kemble reported that risk management from insurance that the little house on 225 and cemetery building were coming down and Dave Kemble is to let him know when then come down.

Resident Chuck Harnar asked about replacing building at the cemetery. Yes, a building has been purchased and will sit on a slab of concrete to replace old shed at cemetery.

Dave Kemble also asked about yearly license test and insurance suggested.

FIRE PROOF CABINET

Dave Kemble reported purchasing a fire proof cabinet for the road department building.

Upon no further discussion David Kemble made the motion at 6:50 pm to adjourn this meeting, seconded by Dorene Spicer. Roll Call: Dorene Spicer, yes; David Kemble, yes; Ed Samec; yes. Motion Carried.

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CHAIRMAN KEMBLE **FISCAL OFFICER**