

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Meeting

Plain Township Board of Trustee Meeting

The Plain Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at 8:00 a.m. at the Fire Station, 9500 Johnstown Road, New Albany, OH 43054.

Ms. Mollard called the meeting to order. Ms. Mollard led the Trustees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call: Members Present: Kerri Mollard and Jill Beckett-Hill. Others present: Administrator Ben Collins, Fiscal Officer Bud Zappitelli, Chief Connor, Assistant Chief Ecleberry, and Finance Officer Courtney Rogers. Visitors present: Mike Durik and Hans Schell, as well as many firefighters for Firefighter Dozier's proclamation.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Mollard requested an executive session for employment.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Ms. Mollard made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of \$898,006.38.

Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 25111901)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Mollard made a motion to approve the October 5, 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting minutes with corrections. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye (Resolution 25111902)

NEW ALBANY CITY COUNCIL LIAISON – MIKE DURIK

Mr. Durik thanked the Trustees for attending the council meeting last night and for providing a township update.

City Council approved the annexation of a couple of acres of land off Beech Road. It will be zoned the same as the rest of the owner's property. Council also authorized the city manager to negotiate a new trash collection contract. Next, council went into budget sessions. City council increased the budget for Activities and Events. July 4, 2026 is the 250th anniversary of America and the city is planning to have a larger celebration for the 4th. This will include a larger fireworks display, an ice cream social, concerts and other things. Council is also going to add a winter ice-skating rink at the Hinson Amphitheater for winter 2026-2027. City council also approved to share the cost of the wreaths with the township for the Wreaths Across America event.

This Sunday is the New Albany tree lighting event. Mr. Collins shared that the engine dedication will be on December 8th at 11am.

ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Collins mentioned that the township is approaching Consortium One's renewal for trash and recycling collections. The first phase will be the recycling processing. That bid will open on Thursday. Trash collection will be handled later.

Leadership New Albany has a meeting this week to discuss the next class. Fire Marshal Sponaugie will be participating in the next class. Captain Herren will attend next year. Mr. Collins, along with the Trustees and Fire Chiefs, will be attending the Chamber of Commerce's Delta Awards later this year.

Mr. Collins reported that there has been significant development progress for QTS. They have approximately 70 acres for additional data centers. Mr. Collins has not received an update for the city regarding the Google noise study. He believes they are waiting until the leaves have fallen off of the trees.

Mr. Collins stated that he has been working with legal counsel on a zoning matter. The property owners are making acceptable progress at this moment.

The maintenance luncheon is still scheduled for Monday, November 24th at 11am. The maintenance staff are currently painting the rental space at 45 Second Street and getting quotes on flooring. There are no interested parties currently.

The tenant at 39 Second Street has moved in and started operations.

Ms. Beckett-Hill made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 251119A1. Be it resolved to increase the purchase order for the law firm of Brosius, Johnson and Griggs from \$15,000 to \$20,000 for legal services provided to the board of trustees out of fund 1000-110-53011 (General – Legal Counsel). Ms. Mollard seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

Ms. Beckett-Hill made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 251119A2. Be it resolved, that the Plain Township Board of Trustees hereby accepts the renewal of Standard Vision insurance coverage for a twelve-month term beginning January 1, 2026 with a 7.17% increase in premium at the rates below, and to authorize the township administrator to sign any agreements.

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Employee only	\$8.92	\$9.56
Family	\$18.96	\$20.32

Ms. Mollard seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye

Ms. Mollard made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 251119A3. Be it resolved, that the Plain Township Board of Trustees hereby accepts the renewal of Delta Dental insurance coverage for a twelve-month term beginning January 1, 2026 with a 2.9% increase in premium at the rates below, and to authorize the township administrator to sign any agreements.

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Employee only	\$40.50	\$41.67
Employee + Dependent	\$78.05	\$80.31
Employee + 2 or More	\$148.48	\$152.79

Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Zappitelli asked if the increase for the legal counsel purchase order is because of work on the substation and bond counsel. Mr. Collins explained that it is not related. The increase is related to zoning and other matters.

Mr. Zappitelli also asked if the employee cost of the healthcare premium was going to change for 2026. Mr. Collins stated that it has not been addressed yet. The township typically sets the employee share at 10%. With the premium increase for 2026, the employee share drops below that. Mr. Collins said that he will do a review to make sure the employee share covers any additional difference between the new plan design and the HRA.

ZONING

Mr. Collins reported that he is still monitoring the storage units on Walnut Street. The owners requested a change to the signage. The development plan includes a 40 square foot sign with only a sign on one side. The owners would like to turn it perpendicular to utilize both sides for signage. That is allowed under the current zoning.

ROAD/MAINTENANCE

Mr. Collins reported that the maintenance staff is attending a concrete maintenance seminar. Mr. Pharris has a quote to do some concrete repairs at the pool. Ms. Beckett-Hill asked how significant the concrete work is that needs to be done. Mr. Collins reported that edges need to be ground down and a lot of re-leveling needs to be done. The New Albany Parks District is responsible for some of the concrete work, but the township has not received a response from them about managing their portion. Mr. Collins' concern is that the township will fix its own portion but there will still be a ledge because the sidewalk has fallen. Mr. Collins would like the board to authorize township's portion of the work, and he will continue to reach out to the Parks department. Ms. Beckett-Hill also cautioned about spending money to caulk because it does not hold up well, in her experience.

Ms. Mollard made a motion to allow an allowance of up to \$7,500 for concrete repair at the Plain Township Aquatic Center as requested. Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 25111903)

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Connor requested that the board move up Resolution F3. Chief Connor also reminded everyone that there will be an open house today from 1-3p to honor Firefighter Scott Dozier's retirement.

Ms. Mollard made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 251119F3.

WHEREAS, SCOTT DOZIER has served as a full-time member of the Plain Township Fire Department since November 3, 1997, and served as a part-time member beginning February 18, 1995; and

WHEREAS, SCOTT DOZIER began serving as a volunteer firefighter on July 10, 1986 and has dedicated nearly forty years to the fire service and the protection of life and property; and

WHEREAS, SCOTT DOZIER holds the honor of badge number 1 as the most senior firefighter of the Plain Township Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, SCOTT DOZIER received the Chief's Award in 2003 for outstanding service as a Plain Township firefighter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PLAIN TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

That upon his retirement, FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC SCOTT DOZIER be recognized for his outstanding service as a member of the Plain Township Fire Department, and that on behalf of the citizens of Plain Township, as well as for ourselves individually, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for his exemplary service and many contributions to Plain Township and the community.

Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

Chief Connor explained that at tomorrow morning's roll call, the dispatchers will announce Firefighter Dozier's last day over the airwaves.

Chief Connor explained that Captain Herren is finishing up his degree, so there is a resolution F4 for tuition reimbursement.

Chief Connor shared that the new rescue engine is at the station. The department has been training on it for the past two days. Assistant Chief Ecleberry shared that the new rescue engine has additional capabilities and rescue equipment that the older engines do not have. The department is excited to get the engine in service.

Chief Connor also updated the board on the SAFER grant. He reported that the FEMA site is back up and some dates have been extended. He does not know how that will affect the timeline for hiring firefighters. Chief Connor will discuss this with the department's grant representative and communicate back to the board.

Ms. Beckett-Hill made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 251119F1. Be it resolved to increase the purchase order for Parr Public Safety Equipment by \$783.55 for upfitting a new Chevy Tahoe for the Battalion Chief to include all necessary equipment, hardware, antennae, lights, sirens, mounting, wiring, and installation from \$32,669 to \$33,482.55 out of fund 4910-220-55000 (Capital Equipment-Fire - Fire Equipment).

Parr Public Safety Equipment
6106 Bausch Road
Galloway, Ohio 43119

Ms. Mollard seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

Ms. Beckett-Hill made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 251119F2. Be it resolved to pay Heritage Fire Equipment \$15,000 for mounting equipment for the new engine/rescue out of fund 4910-220-55000 (Capital Equipment-Fire – Fire Equipment). Ms. Mollard seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

Ms. Mollard made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 251119F4. Be it resolved to approve tuition reimbursement for Captain Joe Herren of up to \$2,623 for courses to be completed at Franklin University in 2026. Captain Herren is completing an Associate of Applied Science degree in Public Safety. To be paid out of fund 2111-220-58018 (Fire -- Other Expenses - Training). Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

FISCAL OFFICE

The October 2025 Bank Reconciliation and Month-End reports were presented, as well as credit card statements.

Ms. Mollard inquired about a refund that was issued. Ms. Rogers explained that it was for a firefighter training class that was cancelled due to low registration. Ms. Mollard also asked about an annual conference that the fire chiefs used to attend. She thought it would be good to look at what training opportunities are available for 2026.

Mr. Zappitelli reported that the fiscal office met with Mr. Schell, the incoming trustee. Mr. Zappitelli appreciated the opportunity to review policies and procedures with him.

NEW ALBANY JOINT PARKS DISTRICT

Ms. Mollard shared that she is willing to talk with Dave Wharton regarding the concrete at the pool.

NEW ALBANY PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD

Ms. Beckett-Hill will be at the school board meeting on December 8th, the last meeting of the year. The township will attend a school board meeting in January or February to provide an update.

MCCOY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Mr. Collins reminded the trustees that the township will have a McCoy Board vacancy come January 2026. With the McCoy board being reconstituted, Mr. Collins wonders if some of the individuals who were previously appointed by the foundation, who no longer have a specific appointment, could be appointed to an open seat of another member entity. The trustees interviewed three individuals at a previous meeting, so the township has two remaining candidates to choose from. Ms. Beckett-Hill asked Mr. Collins to add this to the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Collins also reported that the quote to repair the elevator at the McCoy Center is \$12,000. They are also working to get additional ADA seating in place before the season starts.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Mollard attended the New Albany Sustainability Collaborative meeting. She enjoyed learning about the things that the school and city are doing. She shared that composting does not happen locally, it is shipped to a processing facility in Toledo. Mr. Collins shared that Compost Exchange has a proposal for a new facility on the east side.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Mollard made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 8:44 a.m. pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G)(1) for compensation. Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

Mr. Collins joined the Executive Session.

Ms. Mollard made a motion to close out of executive session at 9:24 a.m. Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

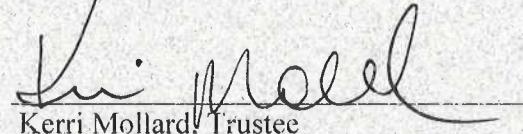
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ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Mollard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 a.m. Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

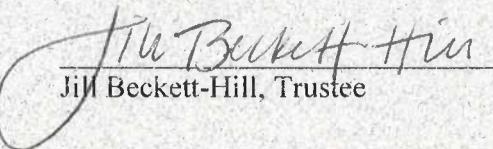
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David Ferguson, Trustee

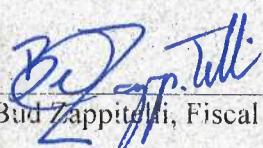


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Bud Zappitelli, Fiscal Officer