

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Meeting

Plain Township Board of Trustee Meeting

The Plain Township Board of Trustees met in regular session at 6:30 p.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, Jill Beckett-Hill and Hans Schell. Others present: Township Administrator Ben Collins, Assistant Chief Ecleberry, and Finance Officer Courtney Rogers. Visitors present: Larry Potter.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Collins added resolution A4 regarding human resources consulting.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Ms. Mollard made a motion to pay the pending warrants in the amount of \$591,769.81.

Ms. Beckett-Hill seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye. (Resolution 26070101).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Beckett-Hill made a motion to approve the June 15, 2026 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting minutes. Mr. Schell seconded the motion. Vote: Ms. Beckett-Hill and Mr. Schell-Aye. Ms. Mollard abstained. (Resolution 26070102)

NEW ALBANY CITY COUNCIL LIAISON – MIKE DURIK

Mr. Durik was not in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Collins reported that:

- Pool operations are strong, with more than 1,000 visits reported yesterday and membership sales exceeding last year's. Daily visits are down 5%, most likely due to the increase in membership sales. Swim lessons are up approximately 22%, with openings still available for Session 3 beginning July 20.
- Trustees discussed concession options at the pool, including lower-sugar vending options and the feasibility of additional healthy offerings.
- The August Board of Trustees meeting schedule remains unchanged before the adjusted earlier meeting time begins in September.
- The City of New Albany continues work on the Bevelhymer Road-Walnut Street roundabout, including one-way northbound traffic on Bevelhymer Road through August.
- The 45 Second Street lease space remains under discussion. There is interest in a 3-month short-term lease from a boutique furniture sales company. Mr. Collins will also reach out to the benefits company that was interested in the space.
- Trustees discussed boundary adjustments to an existing annexation agreement involving the New Albany Growth Zone. The City of New Albany would like to include the rest of the land at the intersection of Walnut Street and Bevelhymer Road, as well as the 500+ acres that the New Albany Company is purchasing along Peter Hoover Road. Columbus is agreeable to the proposed change. New Albany would also like to bring Thompson Park into the city limits. No action was taken.
- McCoy board appointment changes were discussed; Plain Township has one vacancy. No action was taken.

Ms. Beckett-Hill made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 260701A1.

Whereas, the Plain Township Board of Trustees has approved a pool management contract extension, including opening and closing, with SwimSafe Pool Management, Inc. for the 2026 pool season, in the amount of \$245,373 out of fund 2171-610-53060 (Pool – Contracts).

Be it resolved, to set aside and pay the August pool management payment in the amount of \$49,076 from fund 2171-610-53060 (Pool – Contracts) according to the attached schedule.

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

Ms. Beckett-Hill made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 260701A2.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383, 42 U.S.C. 5301), as amended, Franklin County, Ohio is recognized by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development as an

urban county and entitled to Community Development Block Grant Program funds and HOME funds for urban counties; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provision of Section 307.85, Ohio Revised Code, the Board of County Commissioners, Franklin County, Ohio, is authorized to enter into agreements with cities, villages and townships in Franklin County to exercise certain powers and perform certain functions or render services on behalf of the said cities, villages and townships.

WHEREAS, Plain Township desires to reaffirm its participation and inclusion of its population in the Franklin County Community Development Block Grant and HOME programs and to reauthorize the cooperation agreement for another three years (October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2029).

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

Section 1. That Plain Township is located within the geographical boundaries of Franklin County, Ohio.

Section 2. That the attached agreement with the Board of County Commissioners, Franklin County, Ohio, is hereby reauthorized for the period October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2029 for the purpose of cooperating and participating in the Franklin County HUD Entitlement program per the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383), 42 U.S.C. 5301, as amended, and Section 570.105 b 3 (iii), Community Development Block Grant Program Rules and Regulations.

Section 3. This Board of Trustees finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning this legislation were taken in an open meeting of this Board, all in compliance with Ohio law including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. This Resolution is declared to be in full force and effect from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Mr. Schell seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

Mr. Schell made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 260701A3.

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has implemented Ohio Revised Code §9.64, enacted in HB 96 (136th G.A.), which provides in paragraph (C) that "The legislative authority of a political subdivision shall adopt a cybersecurity program that safeguards the political subdivision's data, information technology, and information technology resources to ensure availability, confidentiality, and integrity"; and

WHEREAS, the program shall be consistent with generally accepted best practices for cybersecurity, such as the national institute of standards and technology cybersecurity framework, and the center for internet security cybersecurity best practices; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Plain Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that:

1. The attached Cybersecurity Program is hereby adopted by Plain Township and shall take effect immediately, with the implementation of technical and training requirements, as provided by the Ohio Auditor of State.
2. The Board of Trustees shall distribute the adopted program to all township departments, employees, and relevant contractors, and to ensure compliance in partnership with IT providers and legal counsel.
3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and adoption by the Plain Township Board of Trustees.

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

Mr. Schell made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 260701A4. Be it resolved to pay Flourishes Consulting the amount of \$1,650 monthly for the period July through December 2026 for human resources consulting services, to be paid from the General Fund.

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

ZONING

Mr. Collins reported.

- Zoning enforcement continues regarding 7650 Morse Road, where a fence company is allegedly operating from a residential property. A recent fire involving illegal burning of demolition debris was documented, and the township is working with the county prosecutor on potential injunctive action. There are three property owners listed on the property. One of them is the CFO of Axiom. Mr. Collins will send a notice to the CFO's home address in Powell. Mr. Collins met with two of the other owners last year and they were aware of what was happening.
- There was another fire near Pine Meadows. The owner was burning household debris and trash. The fire department responded and communicated the regulations in Ohio.

ROAD/MAINTENANCE

- Maintenance staff are preparing for two funerals.
- Maintenance staff were able to get the foundation set for a replacement historical marker at the Smith's Burying Ground on Johnstown Road.
- Maintenance staff addressed berm issues along Bevelhymer Road due to traffic and edge drop-off concerns.

Ms. Mollard made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 260701M1.

Be it Resolved, that the following township personal property is declared unneeded, obsolete or unfit for township use and is to be disposed of by internet auction:

<u>Lot Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
01	60 pool lounge chairs	\$50.00
02	25 Yard Pool lane lines – lot of 5	\$20.00
03	Subaru 3300 PSI pressure washer - runs but shuts off	\$25.00
04	Coleman Generator Powermate 4000 – runs but the governor is stuck	\$25.00
05	2 SRM 3020T Echo weed eaters – non-running condition	\$10.00
06	1 Echo HC 150 and 1 Echo HC 1500 hedge trimmers – running condition	\$20.00

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Assistant Chief Ecleberry reported:

- Fire district runs within Plain Township are up approximately 8.5% year-to-date, with hot weather prompting continued attention to hydration and crew safety.
- Facilities updates include planned masonry repair to the front sign, review of replacement options for a deteriorated window in Chief Connor's office, and roof leak concerns on the garage at the adjacent property.
- The ladder truck has paint bubbling on the fender. It will be taken to Heritage for repairs.
- AC Ecleberry will be providing pricing on ordering a new medic. Medic 121 was delivered in June of 2024. There is a new medic on order that will be delivered next year for the new fire station.
- The department plans to proceed with the ImageTrend Continuum add-on at approximately \$3,800 per year to improve pre-plan data, operational information, and reporting capabilities. Ms. Mollard thinks it will also help with the strategic plan.
- First and second quarter SAFER reimbursement submissions have been completed.
- Annual hose testing will be scheduled in the coming months.
- A representative from Williams toured the station and discussed potential support, with further committee consideration expected in July and a decision anticipated in August.
- Safety Town concludes this week, with thanks noted for staff participation and coordination.

- Stryker equipment updates were discussed under the ALS 360 agreement, including future replacement of monitors, LUCAS devices, and related biomedical equipment with little or no additional cost.
- The department is preparing for July 3 and July 4 events, including Rose Run activities, the 5K, parade, fireworks, drone show support, special duty staffing, and public safety messaging around consumer fireworks.

FISCAL OFFICE

- The Fiscal Office explained the need to decrease Fire Station 122 bond proceed receipts and appropriations by \$159,150 because those funds were paid directly to Squire Patton Boggs and Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors rather than received by the Township.
- A draft 2027 tax budget was distributed for review. A formal resolution is expected at the next meeting, with submission to the county due later in July.
- Items to refine before the next tax budget draft include fire building and additions expenses, TIF revenue assumptions, EMS fund balancing, and road fund expense adjustments to support inside millage requests.
- Trustees discussed capital equipment fire fund projections, including anticipated expenses for an engine, medic, turnout gear, SCBAs, a new Tahoe, fitness equipment, and radios.
- The pool bond was discussed, with two years remaining and a low interest rate cited as a reason not to accelerate payoff.

Mr. Schell made a Motion to pass Resolution No. 260701B1. Be it Resolved, to decrease receipts and appropriations in Fund 4101 Fire Station 122 Bond proceeds by \$159,150. Ms. Mollard seconded the Motion. Vote: All Aye.

NEW ALBANY JOINT PARKS DISTRICT

The Joint Parks District will host the Township for a tour of the new fieldhouse on July 27th at 12pm.

THE NEW ALBANY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Ms. Mollard thanked Craig Mohre for the introduction to the Williams representative.

NEW ALBANY SUSTAINABILITY STAKEHOLDERS

Ms. Mollar was on vacation. Mr. Collins attended in her absence. Mr. Collins noted that the township has activated participation in the invasive plant replacement program.

NEW ALBANY PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD

Ms. Beckett-Hill reported that Mr. Sawyers was not in attendance at the last meeting. She met the new Superintendent, Dr. Jason Fine. It was also John McClelland's last school board meeting. There was a campus master plan update.

MCCOY CENTER FOR THE ARTS

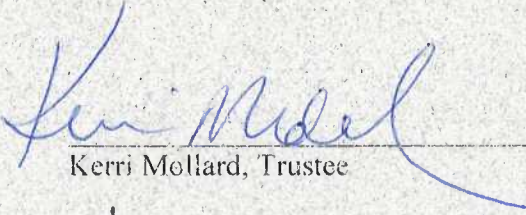
NEW ALBANY CITY COUNCIL

Discussion regarding the development of the Prairie House property was postponed. Council members are not comfortable with the current planned density. Council approved three stages of development for the Hamlet. There were also New Albany Plain Local School district parents with an attorney in attendance regarding a situation with the middle school theater director's resignation. City Council's stance is that it is not their responsibility. It is Mr. Schell's understanding that the school district is conducting its own investigation.

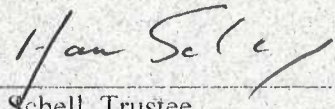
ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Mollard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Mr. Schell seconded the motion. Vote: All Aye

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:


Kerri Mollard, Trustee


Jill Beckett-Hill, Trustee


Hans Schell, Trustee


Bud Zappacchi, Fiscal Officer