

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
HAMBDEN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held APRIL 1 20 26

The Hambden Township Trustees met in Regular Session at the Hambden Town Hall on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Dave Johnson, Catherine Wolcott, and Keith McClintock. Also, present was Fiscal Officer Mike Romans, Fire Chief Scott Hildenbrand, Zoning Inspector Richard Acquaviva, Road Worker Adam Babic, Renee Chesnes, and those on the attached sign in sheet.

Mr. Johnson called the Regular Meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Johnson reported that there was a quorum. All three trustees were present.

Dave Carlson (Deputy Director) from the Metzenbaum Center provided an update on activities at the Center. Metzenbaum has serviced over 1,200 people from Geauga County. He provided a summary of services provided to various age groups who are served by the Center. Over 200 of those served have jobs earning over minimum wage. All of money used for the Metzenbaum Center comes from tax dollars – however, they will not be asking for an increase in funding (levy support) this year.

Jim Marsic (trustee), Steve Reckart, and Mike Benesh from Montville Township attended the meeting to discuss North Kile Road resurfacing and cross-over pipe needs. Mr. Marsic hopes the Hambden Township Road Department can work with Montville Road Department staff on the three cross-over pipes and assess driveway culvert needs. Bids will go out in May for the project and work is scheduled for July. Mike Welker and Adam Babic will schedule a meeting over the next week or two with Montville for a work session to view the job site and to schedule the work.

Mike Benesh (Montville Zoning Inspector) provided an update on Pioneer Water Park. Representatives from the Water Park stated they will not be operating after dark. However, Pioneer Water Park has a court order against Montville for information regarding discussions held in public at Montville Trustee meetings.

Renee Chesnes provided an update on data centers. Most in Ohio are located in Central Ohio. There are currently 205 data centers in Ohio.

MINUTES

Mr. Johnson stated that minutes will be ready for the next meeting

ZONING INSPECTOR

Mr. Acquaviva stated that he has been busy (issued two permits and two violations in March). Mr. Acquaviva asked that the Zoning Board Appeals alternate position announcement be removed from the front Board.

ZONING

The Zoning Board will meet on Monday, April 6, 2026.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Hildenbrand submitted his call summary for the month of February.

Chief Hildenbrand reported that the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the fire department will take place on Saturday, April 4th at 10 am.

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FINANCIAL

Mr. Romans reported that the month-end payroll warrants totaled \$15,156.64.

Mr. Romans reported that vendor warrants #15198 through and including #15214, totaling \$7,069.33, were submitted to the Board for approval and signature. Backup was attached to the checks. They will stand as approved. There were no questions from the Board.

Mr. Romans reported purchase orders #46-2026 through #55-2026 were issued.

Mr. Romans reported that there was one Blanket Certificate:

#46-2026 Account #2041-410-730 for Improvement of Sites \$1,500.

Motion 2026-38: Made by Catherine Wolcott, seconded by Keith McClintock to approve the Blanket Certificate. All if favor, motion carried.

Mr. Romans reported that the Reserve fund is to be reviewed in April of each year. Mr. Romans gave a review of the fund balance in the account and funds assigned to projects expected to be done this year.

Mr. Romans reported that a \$0.5 mil current expense levy will be coming due (first levied in 2007). Mr. Romans will begin the process of renewing the levy.

ROADS

Mr. McClintock stated that Mike Welker provided a report in his absence. Over the past several weeks, crews have been actively engaged in extensive storm damage cleanup throughout the area.

The culvert replacement project on Kile Road has been fully prepared and is ready to proceed. Work will begin as soon as there is a sufficient break in the weather to allow for proper installation.

The CAT loader has been returned from repairs and is now fully operational. We are currently awaiting final confirmation regarding warranty coverage. The scope of repairs was significantly less than originally anticipated.

Additionally, once we experience a stretch of dry weather, crews will begin addressing and repairing plow-related damage across the roadways in Hambden Township.

There is a need for a Road Department part-time seasonal help. Mr. Welker would like to advertise for Part Time seasonal help at a rate of \$1/hour more than last year (\$19/hour). Will advertise in the Maple Leaf.

Motion 2026-39: Made by Catherine Wolcott and seconded by Keith McClintock to advertise for seasonal part time help at \$19/hour and to place an ad in the Geauga Maple Leaf. All if favor, motion carried.

TOWN HALL

Catherine Wolcott reported she will discuss billing with Jen from J.A.T. Enterprises concerning cleaning of the town hall related to work during the time the town hall is under repair.

Ms. Wolcott discussed rental of the town hall during the clean-up from the flooding. It was decided to allow for rentals as long as the kitchen is not needed. Ms. Wolcott also reported that she is waiting for the final bill/invoice from Paul Davis Restoration.

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SAFETY

No report presented.

PARK

Catherine Wolcott relayed that Mike Welker reported trail work has been completed in the park.

CEMETERY

Adam Babic stated that the cemetery GIS application is up and running and accessible by the public. Mr. Johnson suggested making the cemetery program easier to access from the website. Adam Babic picked up the markers for the Veteran graves for Memorial Day.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Johonson reported that Doug Lundblad has agreed to be the Memorial Day speaker. Mr. Lundblad is a veteran.

Mr. Johnson is still working on getting seed packets for the 250-year celebration.

Mike Romans inquired as to Danielle Baird having completed her 90-day probation.

Motion 2026-40: Made by Catherine Wolcott and seconded by Keith McClintock to continue Danielle Baird's employment as a temporary, part-time, and increase her rate to \$19/hour. All if favor, motion carried.

The following correspondences were presented:

- Playground inspection of 3/19
- Weekly Work Logs
- Plow Logs

The next Trustee meeting will be on April 15, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

ATTESTED TO:

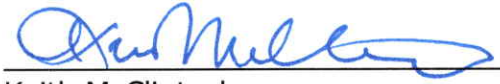
APPROVED BY:



Keith McClintock, Trustee

Dave Johnson

DATE APPROVED:



Keith McClintock

5/6/2026



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