RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
HAMBDEN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Minutes of Special Meeting

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

Held July 30, 20 26

The Hambden Township Trustees met in Special Session at the Hambden Town Hall on Thursday, July 30, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Dave Johnson, Keith McClintock and Catherine Wolcott. Also present were Fiscal Officer Mike Romans, Fire Chief Scott Hildenbrand and Anastasia Nicholas from the Geauga Times Courier.

This Special Meeting was advertised in the News-Herald, on the township website, on the township Facebook page, and on the township sign for the purpose of discussing employee compensation and the contract with the Hambden Volunteer Fire Department Inc.

Mr. Johnson called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Wolcott moved to enter into Executive session for the purpose of discussing employee compensation and the contract with the Hambden Volunteer Fire Department Inc. at 6:01 p.m. Mr. McClintock seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote Trustee	Voted
Mr. Johnson	Yes
Mr. McClintock	Yes
Mrs. Wolcott	Yes

The board invited Chief Scott Hildenbrand and Fiscal Officer Michael J. Romans to participate in the Executive Session.

The Board reconvened into open session at 6:38 pm.

MOTION 2026-80: Made by Mrs. Wolcott, seconded by Mr. McClintock to make an advance payment of $100,000 from the fourth-quarter fire contract payment, due October 1, 2026. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Anastasia Nicholas from the Geauga Times Courier asked what is the context of the meeting. Chief Hildenbrand stated that he will have a release for her this weekend. The release will be very limited because this is a criminal investigation. She then asked if this was something within the township or a department. Chief Hildenbrand stated that this is all with the Fire Department, and the Township has no involvement. She asked if there was anything from the Trustees? Trustee McClintock stated that since this is a criminal investigation, we have been advised to say nothing at this time. Trustee Johnson mentioned that we are contracted with the Fire Department and as a community we are trying to work together. The Hambden Volunteer Fire Department Inc. is a private corporation.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Special meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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ATTESTED TO:

Michael J. Romans

Michael J. Romans, Fiscal Officer

APPROVED BY:

Dave Johnson

Keith McClintock

Catherine Wolcott

DATE APPROVED:

Aug 5, 2026