

Minutes of the Board of Licking Township Trustees, Regular Meeting held at Licking Township Fire Station #600 at 7:30 p.m. on August 18, 2025.

Mr. Holman called the meeting to order with the following members present: John Cormican, John Holman, Dave Miller, Andrea Lynch.

Others Present: Gail Lee; Tom Lee; Kyle Weekly; Mike Smith; Herman Boetcher; Carolyn Boetcher; Steve Trickle; Dave Moraine(*); Sam Broska (*)
(*) Present but did not sign in.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
The meeting was recorded.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read with one correction noted approved, and signed by the Trustees.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the expenditures totaling \$59,743.81
Mr. Cormican seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Cormican, yes; Holman, yes; Miller, yes.

Mrs. Lynch presented 1 cemetery deed for signatures as follows:

- Mallasee -Deed #202- Jacksontown Cemetery 3rd addition - Lot C-18; Section 3; Grave #1.

Mrs. Lynch presented the Amounts & Rates for 2026.

Mr. Miller moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**(1) RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE
BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES
AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR**

(BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES)

Revised Code, Secs., 5705.34-5705.35

RESOLVED, By The Board of Trustees of the Township of Licking, Licking County Ohio, for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Licking County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill limitation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the Township of Licking, Licking County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said Township the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as attached and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Fiscal Officer of this Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of Said County.

Mr. Cormican seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Cormican, yes; Holman, yes; Miller, yes.

There are funds on hand or in the process of collection to pay the attached listed bills. _____, Fiscal Officer.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) Email Crossroads Planning LLC re: Interest in quoting contract to assist LTWP with rewriting Zoning Resolution.
- 2) 2026 Estimated Local Govt Fund
- 3) Email inquiry Matt Baumann re: Property at end of Freeman Memorial Drive rumored to be requesting a map change/text change to re-zone the parcel owned by WATCO (041-119700-00.000).

Mrs. Lynch reported receiving a telephone call on 8/16/25 from a resident in Harbor Hills concerned that the rumor on social media is there's a public hearing being held tonight regarding a map/text change to re-zone the parcel owned by WATCO outlined in Mr. Baumann's email. Mrs. Lynch said she informed the resident that there was no hearing slated for this evening and that LTWP has not received any map or text change request for the property being referenced.

Chief Weekly provided an update on the recent Juggalos concert held at Legend Valley. Chief Weekly reported 25 responses by LTFC which included 9 transports; 9 non-transports; and 7 fire runs. Chief Weekly provided the Board with an "after action report". Chief Weekly gave an overview of the issues, fireworks being the #1 issue, and said that he since met with Robert Bruce and discussed ways to improve. Mr. Holman inquired as to if Mr. Bruce/Legend Valley had any explanation of the violations that occurred. Chief Weekly said that the vendor claimed they did not know of some of the rules and that LTFC in the past has had minimal presence however this year the concert required a larger presence due to the violations. Chief Weekly stressed that LTFC is held to following the ORC and to the vendors credit, every issue presented by LTFC was resolved. Mr. Holman inquired if this was Mr. Bruce's 1st concert. Mr. Trickle responded that it was not and that the "concert people" told on themselves by taking pictures of violations and posting them on social media. Mr. Trickle cited a few examples.

Chief Weekly shared that there were "mortar rounds" of fireworks that were let off in a group of attendees which caused injuries and stressed that this is not acceptable. Mr. Trickle explained that these are fireworks that are for retail consumption. Chief Weekly said these are not just a firecracker. A discussion took place. Mr. Holman asked Mr. Trickle if it was worth it. Mr. Trickle said that he does his best to control the things being brought in and that it does not matter what he says, Mr. Holman will disagree with him on it.

A discussion was led by Chief Weekly regarding checkpoints and confiscation of fireworks and other prohibited items. Chief Weekly said that he must comply with the ORC and the Ohio Fire Code who set the standards and that the safety of the public is of utmost importance. Chief Weekly said that the majority of the concertgoers are courteous people but it is a few bad actors who create a problem. Chief Weekly said that LTFC provided 133 man hours to this concert, that search lanes must be stricter, and the pyro needs to be managed. Mr. Holman explained that the Chief is coming to this with the responsibility of enforcing the rules and regulations that govern

the usage of pyrotechnics and the responsibility of ensuring the safety and well-being of all involved. Mr. Miller said that he does not have a problem with the "mortars" being used as they are not military grade as the name implies. Mr. Miller said that he remains neutral in the matter. Mr. Trickle said that the concertgoers complain that they just went and bought all of the fireworks and then they get confiscated. Mr. Smith said that in defense of Mr. Bruce, he is a man of his word. Chief Weekly concurred other than with the fireworks issue.

Mr. Cormican stressed that communication and doing things the right way is the only way. Chief Weekly said he wants everyone to be safe. Mr. Holman said that man hours are adding up and LTFC members are exhausted because of what the vendor/promoter chose to ignore. Mr. Cormican concurred. Mr. Trickle said that if they do longer inspections, then it causes an issue with ODOT because it holds up traffic flow. Mr. Trickle also stated that he is now paying Special Event Fees and reimbursement fees to LTFC for personnel man hours and apparatus hours.

Mr. Holman thanked Chief Weekly and LTFC for their efforts, focus, and professionalism during the concert. The Board concurred.

Chief Weekly re-presented the IT Software required upgrades and October deadline. A discussion took place. Chief Weekly and Captain Broska recommended contracting with Alpha Link.

Mr. Cormican made a motion that LTFC contract with Alpha Link for a 5 year contract as presented which includes a \$2425.00 one time fee and \$2963.55 yearly cost.

Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Holman, yes; Miller, yes; Cormican, yes.

Dave Moraine gave the Zoning Report. There were 2 permits issued since the previous meeting which consisted of:

- Nicholas Covert - 20 Harborview - In-ground Pool - \$125
- Cody & Sherri Lee - 526 Newark Ave - Room Addition width change - \$50.00

Mr. Moraine reported that there are 2 variance applications in the works with the possibility of 3rd application for a re-hearing for GLR Family.

Mr. Moraine provided an update on the following zoning violations:

- O'Neill - White Chapel - re-inspected and details have been sent to the LCPO. Attorney Cook will be filing the matter on behalf of LTWP.
- Dove - Jacksontown Road - a van is being removed, a truck is headed to be re-built and collector cars will be removed. No updates on the trash and rubbish.
- Brown - Avon Place - Mr. Moraine drafted an email and sent to LCPO for review.
- Ramsey - Stadden Alley - pending certified letter delivery
- Collums - Pleasant Lee - pending certified letter delivery

Mr. Moraine provided the Board with a document from the LCPC that is

posted on the LTWP Website titled "How Do I Change the Zoning on My Property". Mr. Moraine asked the Board their opinion as to who may apply for a map/text change 1) only the property owner OR 2) POA/Notary of the property owner? The Board all responded #1. Mr. Holman added that unless there is a special circumstance or hardship that would prevent the property owner from applying however this would be a case by case basis.

Mr. Cormican said that the culvert replacement is tabled until he receives a 3rd bid.

Mr. Cormican presented two bids for township striping on Licking Trails Rd (south of Rte 40 and north of Cristland Hill). A discussion took place.

Mr. Cormican made a motion to accept the estimate from Triple H Enterprises for double yellow line striping on the Licking Trails I-70 overpass going south to Cristland Hill Road for the cost of \$5420.00 contingent upon the project completion date being 9/12/25.

Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Miller, yes; Cormican, yes; Holman, yes.

Mr. Cormican led a discussion regarding Jason Broseus and CDL training school to obtain CDL Class B. Mr. Broseus will not receive overt-time nor mileage but will be paid regular hours for attending.

Mr. Cormican made a motion that LTWP expend up to \$3500.00 for a 2 week CDL Training Class for Jason Broseus beginning in October 2025. Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Cormican, yes; Holman, yes; Miller, yes.

Mr. Cormican provided an update on the DeJohn water matter from the previous meeting (West Street) and said that the township will put in a small ditch to help mitigate the water.

Mr. Cormican said the paving in Harbor Hills is going well and he is fielding a lot of questions regarding berming and reiterated that it is not a township project.

The Board discussed the next regular scheduled meeting falling on Labor Day. The Board concurred that they will meet on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. which does not require advertisement. Mrs. Lynch and Mr. Cormican reported that they will be absent from the meeting.

Public Comment:

1) Herman & Carolyn Boecher - Harbor Hills - addressed the Board. Mr. Boecher thanked the Board for the milling and paving and said that his main reason for coming was wanting to see the elected officials in action. Mr. Boecher praised Chief Weekly and LTFC for their efforts in providing EMS services to his wife. Mr. Boecher also expressed concern with water run off being a problem on his lots. Mr. Cormican said he spoke with Mr. Mills about it and it sounds like a different size pipe may be needed.

2) Steve Trickle - Legend Valley - addressed the Board. Mr. Trickle said that he is disappointed that his fire permit got pulled and

stated that he received a bill for weekend personnel and apparatus for the Juggalos concert for over \$9000.00 of which \$5320.00 was for apparatus fees. Mr. Trickle pointed out that the UTV did not have a skid unit on it and therefore it was not able to provide fire suppression to the venue but he was being charged at the rate for a UTV with a skid unit. Chief Weekly confirmed that the skid unit was not in the UTV but that there were fire extinguishers in the UTV along with a medic bag. Mr. Trickle said that for Lost Lands, he/LTFC can use their skid unit for fire suppression purposes. Mr. Trickle reiterated that he does not believe it is right to be charged \$5320.00 for an apparatus that FEMA bought for LTFC. A discussion took place. Mr. Holman asked how the fees are established? Chief Weekly stated that the ORC states a fire department can use a "reasonable fee" for apparatus and that he used the West Licking Fire fee schedule for the apparatus charge per hour. Chief Weekly said that he did not charge for the use of the grass truck but just the use of the UTV. Mr. Cormican said that the hourly rate fee was established this year. Mr. Holman stressed that LTWP cannot profit from the fees however we are permitted to charge for verified costs for personnel and apparatus use. Mr. Trickle said that for the apparatus charges for the past few concerts, he could have purchased LTFC a brand new UTV.

Mr. Holman suggested that LTWP, Chief Weekly, and Mr. Trickle meet and discuss the fee schedule. All concurred. Mr. Cormican said that he understands Mr. Trickle's question regarding the UTV's capability to fight a fire without the skid unit and a meeting is warranted. Mr. Trickle said that he will obtain the attendee count for the 2 concerts, said he loves what he does, is a 30 year resident of LTWP, and considers everyone a friend.

Mike Smith - Lost Lands - addressed the Board. Mr. Smith said that personnel and apparatus fees are not uncommon however to add these fees mid-season can be very difficult to manage as a business. Mr. Smith said that Lost Lands' budget is decided in January prior to concert season and that these added on fees at the last minute can increase a large show's expense by millions. Mr. Smith said it's hard for a large promoter to absorb that expense let alone a small concert venue like Legend Valley. Captain Broska said that the UTVs that Lost Lands provides will help to reduce the apparatus expense for that concert.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 9:16 pm
Mr. Cormican seconded the motion.
Roll call: Holman, aye; Miller, aye; Cormican, aye.

Attest

August 18, 2025