

Minutes of the Board of Licking Township Trustees, Regular Meeting held at Licking Township Fire Station #600 at 7:00 p.m. on July 6, 2026.

Roll Call: Cormican, yes; Miller, yes; Smith, yes; Lynch, yes.

Others Present: Edna Latham; Matthew Butts; Austin Warden; Mike Smith; Dave Moraine (*)
(*) Present but did not sign in

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
The meeting was not recorded.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the expenditures totaling \$139,952.63
Mr. Miller seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Cormican, yes; Miller, yes; Smith, yes.

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1) LC Government Contact Information pamphlet
- 2) Letter & documents from Cheryl DeLucia (FKA Matthews) requesting name and ownership change for Cemetery Deed Jacksontown Cemetery Lot B-8 Section 3 Grave 1
- 3) Letter from Deborah Armstrong requesting transfer of ownership from Fred Kinser to Deborah Armstrong Jacksontown Cemetery Lot B-13 Graves 1, 2, 3, 4 and request for transfer to Austin Kinser at her death.

Mrs. Lynch told the Board that the 2 cemetery deed transfer requests are pending review from the LCPO.

Mrs. Lynch presented 2 sealed bid packets for OPW Project "Resurface Various Roads in LTWP". Bid packets were opened with the following tabulation: Shelly Company \$103,855.15 ; Saorosa Construction 116,598.00
The Board verified both bids met all specifications and reviewed each line item. A discussion took place.

Mr. Miller made a motion that Licking Township contract with Shelly Company for the OPW project as specified in their proposed bid totaling \$103,855.15 with an immediate start date and completion date by 11/01/26.
Mr. Cormican seconded the motion
Roll Call: Miller, yes; Smith, yes; Cormican, yes

Mrs. Lynch presented the RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION O.R.C. § 5705.19(I)

Mr. Miller moved for the adoption of the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby determined, by the Board of Township Trustees of Licking Township, Licking County, Ohio, that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of Licking Township, and it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such ten mill limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs, as provided in Section 5705.19(I) of the Ohio Revised Code. 2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that an additional levy of 4 mills be placed upon the tax duplicate for such purposes, pursuant to Section 5705.19 of the Ohio Revised Code, said levy to be for a continuing period of time. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that said levy be placed upon the tax list beginning with the tax year 2026, and for the tax years thereafter, to be first collected in calendar year 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the question of such levy be submitted to the electors of Licking Township, Licking County, Ohio, at the same time as the General Election, to be held in the usual voting places within said Township on the 3rd day of November, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the form of the ballots cast at such election shall be: A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage. An additional tax for the benefit of Licking Township for the purpose of fire protection and emergency medical services that the county auditor estimates will collect \$1,084,469 annually, at a rate not exceeding 4 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$140.00 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027.

FOR THE TAX LEVY
AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Fiscal Officer of Licking Township be, and hereby is, directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections of Licking County, Ohio, along with copies of the Resolution and certified information from the FOR THE TAX LEVY AGAINST THE TAX LEVY 3 Licking County Auditor pursuant to R.C. 5705.03(B), and cause notice of the same to be given as required by law.

Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Cormican, yes; Miller, yes; Smith, yes

Mr. Cormican led a brief discussion regarding a one-time performance bonus for Rob Mills.

Mr. Miller moved to adopt the following Resolution # 07-06-26RM:
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME PERFORMANCE BONUS FOR TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEE ROBERT MILLS

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Licking Township, Licking County, Ohio, that:

The Board hereby authorizes a one-time performance bonus in the amount

of \$2,000.00 to be paid to employee Robert Mills.

The Township Fiscal Officer is directed to process this payment as a special check dated 7-06-26 disbursed through the standard payroll system, subject to all federal, state, and local taxes, and any other required payroll withholdings.

It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board.

Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

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

Captain Sam Broska gave the fire report. There were 118 runs for June consisting of 36 Fire, 82 EMS (51 billable) bringing the YTD total to 636 runs.

Capt. Broska reviewed LTFC updates including recent donations/grants received.

Zoning Inspector Dave Moraine gave the Zoning Report. There were 5 permits issued w/payment and 3 variance application received w/payment :

- Ben McFarland - 151 Summit Rd - Pole Building - 125.00
- Thomas & Catherine Blaies - 41 Delmar Place - Covered Porch - \$125.00
- Om Dahal & Tika Maya - 5700 Lake Drive Rd - New Home - \$400.00
- Rusty Dittoe & Kylee Balser - 4690 Cristland Hill - Pole Bldg/garage - \$150.00
- Carol Sieffert - 49 Lakeview Dr - Garage - \$125.00
- Zoza Holdings LLC - 6820 National Road - Commercial Building - Variance - \$600.00
- Eric & Shannon Moore - 703 Zanesville - Garage - Spacing Variance - \$300.00
- Mark & Amy Dobransky - 39 Cornell Rd - Deck - Variance - \$300.00

Mr. Cormican led a discussion regarding a nuisance property on Columbus Avenue.

Mr. Cormican made a motion to adopt the following:

Resolution Declaring Nuisance and Ordering Abatement

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87

Resolution No.: 07-06-26-01

Adopted: 07-06-2026

Township: Licking Township, Licking County, Ohio

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees of Licking Township, Licking County, Ohio, is authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87 to provide for the abatement, control, or removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse, and other debris from land in the township when the Board determines that the owner's maintenance of such vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris constitutes a nuisance;

WHEREAS, the Board has received information, complaints, inspection reports, photographs, or other evidence concerning the condition of the real property located at 10909 Columbus Avenue, Thornville, OH , Parcel No. 041-124998-00.000, within Licking Township;

WHEREAS, the owner of record of the property is believed to be Phillip Neal Freas & Karen S. Freas, with a mailing address of 10909 Columbus Avenue, Thornville, OH, and any holders of liens of record shall be identified from the public records as required by law;

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the property contains vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris, including but not limited to: Nothing additional noted;

WHEREAS, the Board determines that the owner's maintenance of the vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris described above constitutes a nuisance under Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees of Licking Township, Licking County, Ohio:

Section 1. Declaration of Nuisance. The Board hereby declares that the vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris located on the property described above constitutes a nuisance pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87.

Section 2. Order to Abate. The owner of the property is hereby ordered to abate, control, or remove the nuisance vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris from the property within seven days after notice is given as required by Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87.

Section 3. Notice. The Township Fiscal Officer, Township Administrator, Zoning Inspector, or other authorized township representative is directed to provide notice to the owner of the land and to any holders of liens of record upon the land in the manner required by Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87. The notice shall state that the owner is ordered to abate, control, or remove the nuisance and that, if the nuisance is not abated, controlled, or removed, or if provision for its abatement, control, or removal is not made within the required time, the Board may provide for the abatement, control, or removal. Section 4. Township Abatement. If the nuisance is not abated, controlled, or removed within the time required by law, the Board authorizes the township, through its officers, employees, agents, or contractors, to enter upon the land as permitted by law and provide for the abatement, control, or removal of the nuisance.

Section 5. Assessment of Costs. Any costs incurred by the township in performing the abatement, control, or removal, including administrative, labor, materials, equipment, contractor, and related costs permitted by law, shall be certified to the county auditor to be entered upon the tax duplicate and shall become a lien upon the land from the date of entry as provided by Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87.

Section 6. Authority to Act. The Township Fiscal Officer, Township Administrator, Zoning Inspector, Road Superintendent, or other authorized township representative is authorized and directed to take all actions necessary and proper to carry out this Resolution in accordance with Ohio law.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

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

The following letter was read into the minutes and will be mailed certified to the property owner:

*Philip Neal Freas & Karen S Freas
10909 Columbus Ave
Thornville, OH 43076*

Notice of Violation: Parcel: 041-124998-00.000 Inspection Date: 6/30/26

During an inspection conducted on June 30, 2026, the Township observed tall grass and vegetation in violation of Licking Township property maintenance requirements.

This notice serves as formal notification that corrective action is required.

You are hereby directed to cut and remove all tall grass and overgrown vegetation within ten (10) days of receipt of this notice. Failure to comply may result in the Township arranging for the work to be completed, with all associated costs assessed to the property tax duplicate pursuant to ORC 505.87. This notice is being sent via Certified Mail pursuant to ORC 505.87, which requires the township to provide written notification to the property owner of record prior to nuisance abatement. If Certified Mail is returned as unclaimed or refused, this notice shall be considered legally served when posted in a conspicuous location on the property.

If you have questions or need clarification, please contact:

John Cormican, Chairperson @ 740-877-4606 or via email:
JCormican@lickingtwplc.gov

Mr. Moraine relayed details concerning a "car lot" on Harbor View.

Matthew Butts - 295 Harbor View Drive- addressed the Board. Mr. Butts said that he is not running a commercial business from his property. Said he has a full-time day job and works on these cars for pleasure, drives 9 of the 11 cars, does not have a dealer's license, does not sell them, works on them for friends and have clear titles. A discussion took place.

Mr. Moraine relayed details concerning Dirty Oar and signage across from business. A discussion took place.

Mr. Moraine led a discussion regarding Aquaholics storage and signage on fencing.

Mr. Cormican led a brief discussion regarding roadway pavement striping at Davis Drive bike path area. Mr. Cormican reached out to the LC Foundation to request collaboration on expense and is waiting to hear back.

Mr. Cormican made a motion that LTWP approve the bid from Griffin Pavement Striping totaling \$3800.00 on Davis Road as presented.

Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Miller provided the following updates:

- Fleatown Cemetery - sign has been straightened. Volunteers for fence cleaning tentatively to begin after Hartford Fair.
- Cemetery mowing gas stipend removed due to gas prices decreasing
- List of roads were sent to LC Engineer's Office for estimate.

Public Comments:

- Matthew Butts - 295 Harbor View Drive. Inquired about possibility of speed bumps on Harbor View. The Board advised that the township is not permitted to install speed bumps on twp roads. Suggested calling the LCSO.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 8:19 pm

Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

Roll call: 3 ayes

Attest

July 6, 2026