Minutes of the Board of Licking Township Trustees, Regular Meeting held at Licking Township Fire Station #600 at 7:00 p.m. on November 2, 2026.

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

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

Others Present: Kinsey Lynch; Edna Latham; Kyle Weekly;

Minutes of the 10/19/26 meeting were approved as presented.

Mr. Cormican made a motion to approve bills totaling $114,608.38.
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) LMH invitation re: John Hinderer Achievement Award
2) MMO 2027 renewal packet
3) Zoning Commission Resume/LOI for alternate from Kevin Schultz
4) Smart Procure Public Records Request received 10/27/26 and filled 10/28/26.
5) John Curtis email to Zoning Inspector and Zoning Commission Vice Chair re: Data Center moratorium verbiage availability via Chat GPT
6) Licking Park District grant monies for Davis Rd project. Trustees signed appreciation letter.

Mr. Smith distributed a letter he received from Bill Johnson with the township hall as the return address. Mr. Cormican and Mr. Miller both confirmed having received the same letter. Mr. Cormican said the letter expressed Mr. Johnson's opinion regarding Chief Weekly and the fire levy. Chief Weekly said he has seen the letter and is disappointed. Mr. Cormican said he supports Chief Weekly 100%. Mr. Smith and Mr. Miller concurred.

Mr. Cormican moved the LTWP Board of Trustees authorize the Fiscal Officer to establish and utilize temporary appropriations for the payment of all 2027 1st quarter expenditures.
Mr. Miller seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Cormican, yes; Miller, yes; Smith, yes.

Mrs. Lynch distributed copies of Road Department Resumes/LOIs received to date. Deadline is 11/06/26 at 4:00 p.m. The Board tabled the matter until 11/16/26 meeting at which time they will review and determine interview schedule.

Mrs. Lynch read the ZC letter of recommendation regarding F&F Holdings LLC map change request. The Board discussed scheduling a hearing.

Mr. Cormican made a motion to schedule the F&F Holdings LLC map change hearing for 12/2/26 @ 6:30 p.m.
Mr. Smith seconded the motion.
Roll call: Miller, yes; Smith, yes; Cormican, yes.

The Board discussed the Volunteer Firefighters' Dependent Fund annual requirements.

Mr. Cormican made a motion to appoint Dave Miller & Andrea Lynch as the two members elected by the legislative authority of Licking Township to serve on the Volunteer Firefighters' Dependent Fund Board for the term of 01/01/2027 through 12/31/2027.
Mr. Smith seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Cormican, yes; Miller, yes; Smith, yes

Mr. Cormican made a motion to nominate Ron Walsh as the political subdivision elector to serve on the Volunteer Firefighters' Dependent Fund Board for the term of 01/01/2027 through 12/31/2027. The nominee will be voted on by the elected board members of the VFFDF pursuant to ORC 146.03.
Mr. Miller seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Miller, yes; Smith, yes; Cormican, yes.

Zoning Inspector – N/A. Mr. Moraine previously emailed the zoning permit and violations report.

Mrs. Lynch presented the revised official LTWP Zoning Map reflecting the recent map change from residential to general business at 3874 Ridgely Tract Road. A discussion took place. The Board will table signing the map pending the results of the upcoming F&F Holdings LLC map change hearing.

Mr. Cormican relayed a recent meeting with Zoning Commission Vice Chairman Max Ungerman at which he requested research and recommendations regarding hiring a consultant to assist the ZC with Legend Valley, Annexation, and Data Centers.

Mrs. Lynch relayed the result of research for legal counsel/firms to assist the ZC with review of zoning regulations for the same topics as requested by Trustee Cormican. Mrs. Lynch reported on her conversation with the following firms: BJG Law Group; Bricker, Graydon, & Wyatt LLP; Isaac Wiles; Smith & Hale LLC.

Mr. Smith recommended other attorneys be considered. Mr. Cormican encouraged him to contact them and share details. Mr. Miller said he would prefer to use a consultant 1st before hiring an attorney. Mr. Cormican said he would like to start with a consultant 1st. Mrs. Lynch suggested a layered approach to ensure the ZC gets the initial legal parameters established but use a consultant to assist with writing the zoning regulations. The Board asked for legal firm and consultant proposals to be presented at 12/07/26 board meeting.

A discussion took place regarding the annual Records Commission Meeting.

Mr. Miller made a motion to schedule the records commission meeting for 12/02/26 @ 6:15 p.m.
Mr. Cormican seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Cormican, yes; Smith, yes; Miller, yes

Mr. Cormican led a brief discussion regarding placing a moratorium on Data Centers.

Mr. Miller moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

LICKING TOWNSHIP, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO
BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION NO. 11-02-26DCM

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE, REVIEW, PROCESSING, AND/OR APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION, ESTABLISHMENT, MODIFICATION, OPERATION, OR EXPANSION OF ANY DATA CENTERS AND/OR DATA CENTER-RELATED DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN LICKING TOWNSHIP AND DIRECTING A REVIEW OF TOWNSHIP ZONING REGULATIONS AND OTHER REGULATORY MEASURES RELATED TO ANY DATA CENTERS AND/OR DATA CENTER-RELATED DEVELOPMENTS.

WHEREAS, Licking Township is authorized under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 505 and 519 to regulate land use, protect public health and safety, and preserve the character of the township through zoning and related resolutions; and

WHEREAS, Licking Township, Licking County, Ohio, has adopted a township zoning resolution pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 519; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 519.02 authorizes a board of township trustees, in accordance with a comprehensive plan and in the interest of public health, safety, convenience, comfort, prosperity, and general welfare, to regulate the location and use of buildings, structures, and land within the unincorporated territory of the township; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Licking Township Trustees recognizes that data centers and related facilities may substantially impact and/or involve substantial electrical infrastructure, cooling systems, backup generators, water usage, stormwater management, noise, lighting, traffic, emergency-service requirements, and other land-use considerations and therefore require careful study and evaluation; and

WHEREAS, The Township's existing zoning resolutions do not currently contain specific standards or review procedures tailored to data center facilities, and the Board of Trustees finds it necessary to evaluate whether amendments or new regulations are required to protect the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that additional study is appropriate to determine the potential impacts of data center development and whether the Township's existing zoning regulations adequately address the characteristics and potential impacts of data centers and related facilities; and

WHEREAS, a temporary pause on new and/or pending applications is necessary to allow the Township sufficient time to conduct research, consult with legal counsel, coordinate with Licking County agencies, to review the existing zoning resolution and consider appropriate zoning text amendments or other regulatory measures; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that a temporary moratorium is in the best interest of the residents of Licking Township to ensure orderly development and to prevent irreversible impacts while zoning and regulatory updates are under consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends this temporary moratorium to preserve the status quo while the Township undertakes this review and does not intend by this resolution to make a permanent amendment to the Township Zoning Resolution;

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

SECTION 1. TEMPORARY MORATORIUM

For a period of **12 months (365 Days)** from the effective date of this Resolution, or until the adoption of a subsequent resolution terminating the moratorium, whichever occurs first, Licking Township shall temporarily suspend the acceptance, processing, approval, or issuance of any zoning applications, site plans, permits, variances, conditional uses, planned unit development proposals, map changes, or other land use or development-related requests associated with any construction, establishment, modification, operation, or expansion of any data centers or data center-related developments within or otherwise involving the unincorporated territories of Licking Township.

The moratorium suspends and tolls the time periods prescribed by law within which the Township is required to act upon an application. No such application shall be deemed approved by the failure of the Township to review, approve, or deny an application during the time when this moratorium is in effect.

For purposes of this Resolution, a "data center" means a facility primarily designed, planned, or used to house, operate, or maintain computer servers, computer data-processing equipment, telecommunications equipment, networking equipment, digital storage infrastructure or similar electronic information-processing equipment, including any associated cooling, electrical, backup-power, security, and/or utility infrastructure, regardless of whether the facility is operated for commercial, governmental, or private purposes.

SECTION 2. APPLICATION OF MORATORIUM

During the moratorium period, the Township Zoning Inspector, Township Zoning Clerk, Board of Zoning Appeals, Township Zoning Commission, and /or Board of Township Trustees shall not accept applications and/or issue, approve, or authorize a new zoning approval, authorization, or permit that would permit construction, operation, or establishment of any data center or data center-related development or any modification or expansion of a data center or data center-related development, except where the Township's legal counsel determines that an applicant possesses a vested or other legally protected right that prevents application of the moratorium.

Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to terminate, impair, or otherwise interfere with an existing lawful use or with rights that have vested under applicable Ohio law.

SECTION 3. PURPOSE OF REVIEW

During the moratorium, the Township Zoning Commission is directed to conduct research on data center impacts, data center-related development impacts, review the Township Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Resolution and identify gaps, consult with legal counsel, the Licking County Planning Commission, and utility providers, hold public meetings or hearings as necessary, and consider whether zoning text amendments, and/or additional regulations concerning data centers and/or data center developments are appropriate.

The review may include, but is not limited to:

1. Minimum setbacks from residential properties and public roads;
2. Maximum building height, building size, and lot coverage;
3. Noise generated by cooling equipment, generators, transformers, and other equipment;

4. Hours of construction and construction-related noise;
5. Backup generators and fuel storage;
6. Electrical substations and other associated utility infrastructure;
7. Water consumption and availability;
8. Wastewater and stormwater management;
9. Emergency access and fire protection;
10. Traffic generated during construction and operation;
11. Landscaping, buffering, screening, and fencing;
12. Exterior lighting;
13. Visual impacts;
14. Environmental impacts;
15. Protection of neighboring agricultural and residential properties;
16. Requirements for decommissioning abandoned facilities;
17. Financial security or other measures associated with decommissioning, if legally authorized; and
18. Any other land-use consideration the Zoning Commission determines appropriate.

SECTION 4. ZONING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Township Zoning Commission is requested to provide the Board of Township Trustees with a written recommendation concerning whether the Township Zoning Resolution should be amended to establish specific regulations governing data centers and related facilities.

Any proposed permanent amendment to the Township Zoning Resolution shall be processed in accordance with the applicable requirements of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 519, including Section 519.12.

SECTION 5. EXISTING APPLICATIONS AND VESTED RIGHTS

This Resolution shall not be interpreted to retroactively invalidate a zoning certificate, variance, conditional-use permit, development approval, building permit, or other legally established right that was lawfully obtained before the effective date of this Resolution.

Any question concerning whether a particular application or property possesses a vested or otherwise legally protected right shall be reviewed in consultation with the Township's legal counsel.

SECTION 6. NO PERMANENT ZONING AMENDMENT

This Resolution is intended solely as a temporary moratorium and study measure.

Nothing in this Resolution shall constitute a permanent amendment, rezoning, or modification of the Licking Township Zoning Resolution.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE AND EXPIRATION

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption by the Board of Township Trustees.

Unless earlier terminated or superseded by action of the Board of Township Trustees, the moratorium established by this Resolution shall expire **12 months (365 Days) after its effective date**.

SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, phrase, provision, or portion of this Resolution is determined to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. CERTIFICATION

The Licking Township Fiscal Officer is directed to maintain this Resolution as part of the official records of the Township and to provide copies to the Township Zoning Commission, Zoning Inspector, and Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Smith seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Cormican, yes; Miller, yes; Smith, yes

Chief Weekly gave the October fire report. There were 115 runs in October which consisted of 22 Fire, 93 EMS (44 billable) bringing the YTD total to 1252.

Chief Weekly reported on the following:

1) Rope Ops Classes completed
2) Trick-or-Treat festivities
3) Morgan Carey promoted to EMS Coordinator
4) Resignation of Jarrett Munyan 12/06/26
5) Soybean foam and pending grant

Chief Weekly presented an application for volunteer firefighter to the board for consideration.

Mr. Cormican made a motion authorizing Chief Weekly to appoint Kennedy Helser as Volunteer FF effective immediately.
Mr. Smith seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Miller, yes; Smith, yes; Cormican, yes.

Mr. Miller led a discussion regarding quotes for tree removal at Jacksontown Cemetery.

Mr. Cormican made a motion that LTWP contract with Bob Davis Tree Service for tree removal as quoted for $20,000.00.
Mr. Miller seconded the motion.
Roll Call: Smith, yes; Cormican yes; Miller, yes.

The Board requested the tree removal project be paid using the General Fund account.

Mr. Miller reported on the following:

- Mr. Miller cleaned up Green Cemetery
- Harbor Hills golf cart path easement matter. Mr. Miller said this is not a township matter.
- Contacted Jared Knerr re: Hillcrest repair to paving needed. Mr. Knerr will look into this as part of the Harbor Hills re-paving contracted by LC.

Mr. Cormican inquired as to the guardrail damage and repairs by Paul Peterson Company. Mr. Miller said it is scheduled but not completed yet.

Mrs. Lynch inquired as to berm material billing to Lost Lands. Mr. Cormican and Mr. Miller requested the Fiscal Officer invoice Lost Lands attention Mike Smith for the berm material with no labor.

Mr. Smith relayed a recent meeting he, Chief Weekly, and Andrea Lynch attended with Hicks Partners (Taylor Nemeth). Mr. Smith said the meeting was regarding their services to assist with grant writing. A discussion took place.

Public Comment:

1) Andrea Lynch – 8332 Licking Trails Road – thanked the Board for their contribution and consideration in adopting the 12 month Data Center moratorium. Mrs. Lynch said the "pause" will allow the zoning commission and township to evaluate and determine the best path forward for the community.

Mr. Cormican made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 8:17 pm
Mr. Smith seconded the motion.
Roll call: 3 ayes

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Attest

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November 2, 2026