

March 3, 2026 Work Session Minutes

Lambert called the work session to order at 5:30 pm. Upon Role Call the result was:

LAMBERT HERE VESELENAK HERE

- 1) Checks and paperwork were signed.
- 2) Lambert asked Hughes to create a list of projects that needed addressed.
- 3) Veselenak suggested that the board go by what the ORC states for township handbooks.
- 4) Strubel turned in his keys and credit cards.
- 5) The Engineers meeting is on March 19th at 6:00 pm for both Road Superintendents and Township Officers. Hughes stated that he was going and wondered who else was going. Veselenak said she cannot go. Matics said she RSVP'd but cannot make it. If no one else is going she will cancel that RSVP. Urbach did not plan on going. Lambert said he will need to check to see and get back to Matics.

Veselenak made the motion to come out of the work session at 6:00 pm. Seconded by Lambert. All in Favor: YES

March 3, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

Lambert made the motion to call the regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Seconded by Veselenak. The pledge was recited by all present. Upon Role Call the Result was:

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Veselenak made the motion to accept the minutes of February 17, 2026 as they have read them through email. Seconded by Urbach. All in Favor: YES Veselenak made the motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Urbach. All in Favor: YES. The bills are in the amount of \$53,034.17.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 1) Art Deininger, broker from Buckeye Energy presented the Trustees with rates from Dynegy and Constellation Energy. Both suppliers are higher than what Ohio Edison is now which is 9.33¢. All price options from Constellation were higher than current price of AEP which is 10.65¢. Dynegy's lowest bid was 10.58¢ per kWh for 25 months. Deininger stated that a resident can opt out of the electric aggregation at any time and the supplier would revert back to the utility, either Ohio Edison or AEP. The Township can decide not to accept any rates at this time but can reenter at a later date. He would like to get out of the renewal date in the winter months. Veselenak would like to wait and reenter at a later date. Urbach agreed. Lambert stated he would not propose they vote on something that will not get a majority vote. It was decided for Deininger to keep the Board apprised of rates in the coming future. The Electric Aggregation will end for your May 2026 statement.
- 2) Strubel thanked the Trustees for everything. He also informed Hughes that Hughes could get a hold of him with any questions he may have.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- 1) A tree came down on Rockville and Riverland along with a few poles within the township Friday with the high winds.
- 2) Wacker signs came in and replaced the bulbs.
- 3) We have a garage door that needs repaired. Hughes contacted a company but they have not come yet. He will contact them again this week and if they don't come out to the building, he will contact another company.
- 4) A driveway culvert on Brinker at the old Soehnlén Clinic is causing Brinker to flood which is a safety hazard. The resident needs contacted to replace their driveway culvert. Urbach stated he went out and met with the resident a few years ago and informed them there was an agricultural grant available through the Farm Bureau for residents to apply. Veselenak stated that maybe a phone call first would be a better approach than a letter and follow up with a letter if the problem is not corrected. It was suggested that Dave Soehnlén be gotten a hold of to see who is to be contacted for that property. Veselenak will call Dave Soehnlén. Hughes stated that he will go

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out and meet with him after Veselenak contacts him. Also, the creek, at the same property is cutting away very close to the road and needs attention or the road is going to start giving away. Urbach will contact MWCD and Stark Soil and Water to see if they can help out with the creek.

- 5) Replaced a couple signs, a stop ahead and a chevron sign. We're slowly getting that accomplished.
- 6) Asked to get approved to get a spray license to use weed killer around signs and guardrail. You need to go through a 4-5 hour class and costs around \$150.00. Lambert stated there is a lot involved with that as far as guide lines and information that is kept. Lambert stated that spraying once is better than weed eating multiple times.
- 7) Received estimates to replace the guardrail on Goodrich. The Engineers' estimate is around \$2,000.00 but no time frame as to when the work would be done. Circle L. Fence LTD is around \$3,000.00 with work to be done within three to four weeks. Lambert stated he spoke with Progressive Insurance who is the insurer of the vehicle that damaged the guardrail and was informed that they did not think there would be a problem paying for the guardrail replacement but could not give any information how to submit for reimbursement. All board members are in favor of going with Circle L. Fence LTD and Hughes to inform them to schedule us for this work to be done.
- 8) There was a lot of discussion on what roads to keep on the bid. It was decided to go with the estimate that does not include the tack coat on the berm material and to use recycled asphalt material. Hughes asked if the estimate amount is included in the advertisement to bid. Matics responded that she does not include that. They need to request a bid to get the Engineer's estimate. Hughes was in favor of that. Matics stated that if the advertisement is submitted on Thursday, it will be in the paper on the following Wednesday. Veselenak made the motion to submit the bid as soon as possible to and for the bid to be due by April 6, 2026 at 4:00 pm and the bids will be opened April 7, 2026 at 6:00 pm. Seconded by Urbach. All in Favor: YES

URBACH REPORT

- 1) Tried to get a hold of Vasco for an estimate for the park with no response. He will call them back tomorrow. Lambert asked when the grant paperwork was due. The response was possibly March 12th. Matics has not received anything from the park board for submission of the grant. Veselenak stated that sometimes they extend the deadline if there is not much response to the grant. Maybe you can work on that for next year.
- 2) The Park Board is working on the Easter Egg Hunt.
- 3) Veselenak stated that the Village did donate \$500.00 towards the Easter Egg Hunt and Skirtich informed them to keep her donation.

VESELENAK REPORT

- 1) Working on a date for a large item recycling event at the park. Hopefully sometime in the first two weeks of May. Summit Recycling has not gotten back with her on that yet.
- 2) When she attended the Law Seminar, it was brought up the townships need to start addressing nuisance abatements. They want us to start contacting the Health Department, determine why they are dumping in that area and what is being dumped. The owner of the property out on Beth and Hudson where a lot of the dumping is taking place needs to be contacted. Veselenak will contact the Zoning Inspector concerning this. Strubel stated that there is a little house on Hudson that owns that property.
- 3) Veselenak stated that we are eligible for the sign grant up to \$50,000.00 for any sign. It is due Friday, June 5th. Veselenak would like to get together with Hughes for what signs need replaced. Hughes stated he already has a list started. Veselenak will attend the required class for this grant.
- 4) Gave Strubel his gift for retiring from his position of Road Superintendent for 22 years and 8 months of service at the Township.

MATICS REPORT

- 1) CUE emailed us the amount of salt we still need to purchase. We still need approximately 34 ton. A copy was given to Hughes. Hughes stated he will submit for more to be delivered Monday.
- 2) Informed the Trustees of a permit from Embridge to open a township road for a service connection. The permit is paid. They are not opening the road. It is an off road connection out on Beth at the mobile home park.

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Hughes stated it is about 100 feet off of the road. Hughes asked if they are going to have traffic control out there? Matics stated he can contact Brad via the email that was forwarded to Hughes.

- 3) Asked Urbach if he had contacted last years park employees to see if they were coming back this year. Urbach said they were both coming back and Baker would do minor repairs and maintenance to the mowers and equipment at the park.
- 4)

Monthly Financial Report - FEBRUARY 2026				
Huntington Bank				
Beginning Balance	\$369,094.52			
Total Receipts	\$58,593.88			
Subtotal		\$427,688.40		
Total Debits	\$59,192.29			
Huntington Bank Sub Total			\$368,496.11	
Star Ohio				
Shepler Cemetery				
Beginning Balance	\$4,294.81			
Interest	\$12.52			
Total		\$4,307.33		
Sherman Cemetery				
Beginning Balance	\$7,454.21			
Interest	\$21.73			
Total		\$7,475.94		
Cash Fund				
Beginning Balance	\$165,250.71			
Interest	\$481.62			
Total		\$165,732.33		
Star Ohio Total			\$177,515.60	
Subtotal			\$546,011.71	
Outstanding Debits	\$4,223.27			
TOTAL				\$541,788.44

Lambert stated the next meeting will be on **Tuesday**, March 17th at 6:00 pm. Veselenak made the motion to adjourn seconded by Urbach. All in Favor: YES The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Ronald L. Lambert - Vice President

T. Renee Veselenak – Trustee

James J. Urbach

Jody Matics – Fiscal Officer