

May 6, 2026 Work Session Minutes

Lambert called the work session to order at 5:30 pm. Seconded by Veselenak. All in Favor: Yes

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- 1) Checks and paperwork were signed.
- 2) Discussion on having someone on call
- 3) Discussion on the Commission Board's amendment to the Zoning Resolution concerning Accessory Buildings.

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

May 6, 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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URBACH HERE

Veselenak made the motion to accept the minutes of April 7, 2026 Seconded by Lambert. All in Favor: Yes Urbach made the motion to accept the minutes of April 21, 2026 as they have read them through email. Seconded by Lambert. 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 \$186,444.55. Matics stated that the final payment was made for the JD Road Mower. There was a savings of \$843.48.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 1) Sheriff Eric Weisburn introduced himself to the board. He stated they responded to 671 calls in 2025 in our township, 1 burglary and 177 security checks. He explained how he has broadened communications and abilities with other police departments in stark and surrounding counties. He also spoke about human trafficking in the county that is very prevalent.
- 2) Vicki Owen-Merry asked if the board has thought about the 250th celebration at the park. Urbach said he would help out and Veselenak stated she would not be available but would supply hotdogs. Merry stated she needed help.
- 3) Owen-Merry also asked if the township was going to install a memorandum restriction Data Centers in the township for at least a year. That would give the trustees and the commission board time to investigate these centers. There was a lot of conversation on this. Lambert stated there was an informational meeting coming up for the Data Centers and he wants to go to that before a decision is made.

ZONING INSPECTOR REPORT

- 1) Borojevich stated he was notifying the trustees of his intent to step down from his position. He just does not have the time to do the job anymore. He may consider the position in a few years or so. He would also stay on to train someone new if the trustees desired that.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- 1) Karvo has started cutting butt joints. A culvert on Kemary at a driveway was damaged and Karvo will repair it before the paving of Kemary.
- 2) Karvo will start paving on Werstler tomorrow, weather permitting.
- 3) Spoke with a resident concerning a goose neck trailer that needs moved on Florence before paving can be done on that road. She is trying to get her son to move it.

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- 4) A decision needs to be made on the roads to chip and seal. He is afraid the time is going to come and go and it will be too late. Lambert asked how much money would that be. Hughes stated \$22,000.00 per mile before oil prices raised. Hughes said he measured the roads today and there is a little over a mile and a half but there has been 4 more washouts on Beth. Two of them are pretty bad. Veselenak asked Matics what she thought. Matics responded she does not like more high dollar expenses this year. Lambert asked if there were any more big-ticket expenses coming out this year. Matics said not to her knowledge. Lambert asked how much the paving is excluding the grant. The response was \$354,002.60. Lambert said he doesn't think a decision can be made tonight on the chip and seal.
- 5) The culvert on Riverland still needs replaced but we are holding off on that.

VESELENAK REPORT

- 1) Stated she has yoga in the park set up for August 11th, September 22nd and October 13th at 6:00 pm.
- 2) Checking into the large item recycling for August. Hughes stated maybe it could be held here at the building. It would be easy in and out. Veselenak state that is a great idea.

MATICS REPORT

- 1) Asked the trustees if they would be interested in a resolution opposing the elimination of all property taxes in Ohio? The OTA has a sample resolution. The trustees agreed to do that resolution. Matics will prepare it for the next meeting.
- 2) Our 1st half tax funds of \$348,189.99 inclusive Rover Pipeline did come in on May 1, 2026. Rover Pipeline's annual payment is \$37,163.99 and our 1st half taxes are \$311,026.20.
- 3) Asked the trustees to review their copies of the zoning fees both from 2009 and what the zoning inspector suggested for the next meeting.
- 4) Matics did contact an attorney who would take on the township as an as need basis at a fee of \$135.00 to \$150.00 per hour. Do you want him to come in and speak with the board? The board decided not to approach that at this time.
- 5) **RESOLUTION #2026-09**

Veselenak made the motion for the resolution to change the following in the Bethlehem Township Zoning Resolution as follows:

ARTICLE II: DEFINITIONS

ACCESSORY BUILDING OR USE: A subordinate building or use customarily incidental to, and located upon the same lot occupied by the main building and use. A guest house or accessory living quarters shall be considered as an accessory use.

To remove the sentence: A guest house or accessory living quarters shall be considered as an accessory use.

GUEST HOUSE OR ACCESSORY LIVING QUARTERS: Living quarters located on the second floor of a private garage for the use of persons employed on the premises, or for the temporary use by guests of the occupants of the premises. Such quarters shall have no kitchen facilities, and shall not be rented or otherwise used as a separate dwelling.

Remove entire paragraph. Leave title which will include the amended date.

ARTICLE III: GENERAL PROVISIONS

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Section 301.4 Supplementary Regulations:

j. Principal Building:

No more than one (1) dwelling shall be permitted on any lot unless otherwise specifically stated in these regulations, and every dwelling shall be located on a lot having required frontage on a public street.

Remove the words: unless otherwise specifically stated in these regulations.

o. Dwelling Other Than a Main Structure

No residential structure shall be erected upon a lot with another dwelling, except that a two-story garage with living quarters upon the second floor may be permitted provided such quarters are occupied by guests or a servant (and his family) employed by the family occupying the main structure.

Remove the words: except that a two-story garage with living quarters upon the second floor may be permitted provided such quarters are occupied by guests or a servant (and his family) employed by the family occupying the main structure.

r. Inconsistencies

In the event any of the requirements or regulatory provisions of these regulations are found to be inconsistent one with another, the more restrictive or greater requirements shall be deemed in each case to be applicable.

Remove entire paragraph but leave the title which will include the amended date.

Seconded by Urbach. Upon Role Call the Result was:

URBACH YES

VESELENAK YES

LAMBERT YES

6)

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 2026				
Huntington Bank				
Beginning Balance	\$322,788.63			
Total Receipts	\$122,513.45			
Subtotal		\$445,302.08		
Total Debits	\$207,434.86			
Huntington Bank Total			\$237.867.12	
Star Ohio				
Shepler Cemetery				
Beginning Balance	\$4,321.18			
Interest	\$13.49			
Total		\$4,334.67		

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Sherman Cemetery				
Beginning Balance	\$7,499.98			
Interest	\$23.42			
Total		\$7,523.40		
Cash Fund				
Beginning Balance	\$166,265.32			
Redemption	\$100,000.00			
Cash fund Subtotal	\$66,265.32			
Interest	\$414.83			
Total		\$66,680.15		
Star Ohio Total			\$78,538.22	
Subtotal of Star Ohio & Huntington			\$316,405.34	
Outstanding Debits	\$435.43			
UAN TOTAL				\$315,969.91

Lambert stated the next meeting will be on **Tuesday**, May 19th at 6:00 pm. Veselenak made the motion to adjourn seconded by Lambert. All in Favor: YES The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Ronald L. Lambert - President

T. Renee Veselenak - Vice President

James J. Urbach-Trustee

Jody Matics -Fiscal Officer