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TRUSTEE REGULAR MEETING

September 8, 2026 – 7:00 pm

The public was notified of this meeting by Facebook, an email Sunshine Law Notice to the Meeting Notification List, information placed on the Township's website, and the electronic sign.

THE CHAIR CALLS THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:01 PM.

Roll Call: Gene M. Lim: aye Richard H. Reville: aye Russell F. Mazzola: aye

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

1. Sheriff's Office-Lt. Hunt reported there were 8 traffic offenses and 3 arrests for June; for July there were 6 traffic offenses and 5 arrests. They are receiving complaints about loud booms/fireworks. They encourage residents to call 911. Deputies do respond, but haven't heard anything when they're there.

2. Fire Chief-Asst. Chief Cielinski reported 465 total runs for August, and of those, 19 calls were mutual aid out and 19 were for mutual aid in. NCT had 15 fire calls for August. Trustee Reville asked if there were any large fires in NCT in August; Asst. Chief Cielinski said no.

3. Director of Services-Tim Black reported that 90% of Bayberry is done. All roads are sprayed with Reclamite . Summer help employees are back at college; they did a good job over the summer. Leaves are coming up, and the Service Dept. is getting prepared. He also gave the information on the upcoming Movie in the Park on Sept. 12th.

4. County Engineer -Eugene Wilson said Highland Rd. paving is finished; striping will be done soon. Trustee Reville asked about striping in front of the pizza shop on Olde Eight. Trustee Lim said striping where kids walk is faded. He also asked about moving the cross walk to the other side of Olde Eight. Mr. Wilson said the concern was there was no ramp on the other side. Tim Black asked about any more grass work on Bayberry Dr. Mr. Wilson wasn't aware of any, he will remind the appropriate dept.
Trustee Reville asked about the status of a grant from Highland to Rt. 8. Mr. Wilson had no update.

5. Zoning-Tim Black reported there were 10 permits issued for Aug. 10 zoning violations are in progress, and 2 more are on tonight's agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chet Bertel, 319 W. Highland asked about grass cutting at the cemetery on Highland Rd. He said the County has quit cutting the grass in a section along Highland Rd. from the cemetery. Mr. Wilson suggested Mr. Bertel call the County Maintenance Dept.

Cathy Sabo, 244 Pickwick Dr. talked about data centers. Data centers may not survive; she spoke of a speaker she heard on social media who suggested bonds for data centers. She also asked Tim Black about the drainage project. Tim said a public meeting is coming up in the Fall. Trustee Reville said the 2nd set of plans are about 90% complete. Ms. Sabo suggested mulching leaves when they are collected by the township for residents to pick up. She also suggested that previously approved minutes be linked to the current meeting agenda. The Trustees said that minutes are not posted until they are approved. She also asked if the cameras were working to live stream meetings. It was explained that there were discussions, but nothing has been finalized yet.

Linda Husted, 99 Springcreek Rd. was having trouble with the QR code for the Comprehensive Plan survey. She can't get the QR code on her phone. Trustee Mazzola said there is a link for the survey on the web page.

MOTIONS/RESOLUTIONS

1. **The Chair requests a motion to approve/or dispense with the reading of minutes of the Trustee Regular Meeting of August 3, 2026.**

Moves; Trustee Reville Seconds; Trustee Mazzola

Roll call: Gene Lim aye Richard H. Reville aye Russell F. Mazzola aye

2. **The Chair requests a motion to authorize the Fiscal Officer to draw current warrants/vouchers totaling $ 222,670.77 to meet current expenditures.**

Moves; Trustee Mazzola Seconds; Trustee Reville

Roll call: Gene Lim aye Richard H. Reville aye Russell F. Mazzola aye

3. **The Chair requests a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Bank Reconciliations for the month of August, 2026, received September 1, 2026.**

Moves; Trustee Reville Seconds; Trustee Mazzola

Roll call: Gene Lim aye Richard H. Reville aye Russell F. Mazzola aye

4. **The Chair requests a motion to approve the proposed Exterior Property Maintenance Code as submitted by the Northfield Center Township Zoning Commission.**

Moves; Trustee Reville Seconds; Trustee Mazzola

Discussion: Trustee Reville explained that these are the changes in the Maintenance Code that the Zoning Commission worked on. Trustees have a redline copy showing changes and a final copy. He did not see any big changes upon review. Trustee Lim said there were some inconsistencies between the maintenance code and zoning code; the Zoning Commission tried to make them comprehensive to each other.

Roll call: Gene Lim aye Richard H. Reville aye Russell F. Mazzola aye

5. **The Chair requests Resolution 26/09-08 A to approve a contribution to the Historical Society of Olde Northfield toward their furnace fund in the amount of $1,000.00 to be taken from fund 01-A-26.**

Moves; Trustee Mazzola Seconds; Trustee Reville

Roll call: Gene Lim aye Richard H. Reville aye Russell F. Mazzola aye

6. **The Chair requests Resolution 26/09-08 B imposing a temporary moratorium for a period of 12 months on the acceptance, processing, and issuance of zoning certificates, permits, and approvals for data center uses within the township.**

Moves; Trustee Reville Seconds; Trustee Mazzola

Discussion: Trustee Mazzola asked if this was discussed with Jason Dodson. Tim Black said Jason wrote this resolution. He also said this just gives the township time to get some regulations in place. Trustee Reville said he had talked to another township that had limited data centers to their heavy-duty industrial area. He also added a time period of 12 months to the resolution.

Roll call: Gene Lim aye Richard H. Reville aye Russell F. Mazzola aye

7. **The Chair requests Resolution 26/09-08 C directing the Director of Services and legal counsel to the township to identify all parties in interest to the property located at 490 E. Twinsburg Rd, Parcel No. 4000092, and to provide those parties with notice that the township intends to proceed with adopting a resolution pursuant to Section 505.86 of the Ohio Revised Code to remove the structures located upon said property.**

Moves; Trustee Reville Seconds; Trustee Mazzola

Discussion: Trustee Mazzola asked for clarification of this resolution. Tim Black explained that this is the start of the process for removing a condemned structure.
Trustee Mazzola asked when was the last time the township spoke to the resident. Tim Black said Inspector Peters has talked with her. He also said this has been ongoing for about 7 years. Trustee Lim recalled that the township gave the resident until May to clean up or sell the property. Tim Black said this legislation is only to notify the resident of the township's intentions to tear the structure down. Trustee Mazzola verified that Jason Dodson wrote this resolution. Trustee Reville also said that a previous letter asked her not to go back into the house. There is a valid condemnation order from the Summit County Health Dept.

Roll call: Gene Lim aye Richard H. Reville aye Russell F. Mazzola no

8. **The Chair requests Resolution 26/09-08 D imposing a temporary moratorium for a period of 12 months on horizontal directional drilling and trenchless utility installations within the township's highways and rights-of-way.**

Moves; Trustee Mazzola Seconds; Trustee Reville

Roll call: Gene Lim aye Richard H. Reville aye Russell F. Mazzola aye

9. **The Chair requests Resolution 26/09-08 E to authorize the renewal of the Township insurance through OTARMA and the creation of a purchase order for the payment in the amount of $71,373.00 from funds 01-A-06, 04-A-10, 10-A-14A, 10-A-14B, 10-A-14C, and 10-A-14D.**

Moves; Trustee Reville Seconds; Trustee Mazzola

Roll call: Gene Lim aye Richard H. Reville aye Russell F. Mazzola aye

10. **The Chair requests Resolution 26/09-08 F to authorize the Director of Services to sign a 3-year Maintenance and Service Agreement with Howell Rescue Systems, Inc. for the annual maintenance of the Genesis E Force rescue equipment for the Fire Department for $703.00 per year, to be taken from fund 10-A-8 C.**

Moves; Trustee Mazzola Seconds; Trustee Reville

Roll call: Gene Lim aye Richard H. Reville aye Russell F. Mazzola aye

11. **The Chair requests Resolution 26/09-08 G to approve service on Fire Engine 2233 for chassis and pump preventative maintenance and testing from Atlantic Emergency Solutions, not to exceed $3,500.00, to be taken from fund 10-A-10 E.**

Moves; Trustee Reville Seconds; Trustee Mazzola

Roll call: Gene Lim aye Richard H. Reville aye Russell F. Mazzola aye

12. **The Chair requests Resolution 26/09-08 H to engage Roetzel & Andress, LPA, to pursue enforcement of zoning violations at 8655 Olde Eight Rd., specifically for the enforcement of violations concerning parking and storage of unlicensed vehicles, pursuant to the existing agreement between the Township and said firm.**

Moves; Trustee Mazzola Seconds; Trustee Reville

Roll call: Gene Lim aye Richard H. Reville aye Russell F. Mazzola aye

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT AND COMMENTS: No Report.

TRUSTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Trustee Mazzola said that at the last meeting, there were concerned residents about feral cats. A letter was sent from the township to the Summit County Health Dept. and there was also a meeting with the Health Dept. The township's hands as well as the Health Dept.'s hands are tied regarding feral cats. A township letter was drafted to our State Rep. and State Senator asking to consider changes to the Ohio Revised Code.

Trustee Lim said that last year, Inspector Peters did some research on protecting properties from feral cats. The Zoning Commission met to discuss possible regulations regarding the feral cats, but counsel told the township that cats are not considered feral because they are domesticated animals. Trustee Reville said there are regulations in the zoning code regarding leaving food trays out. Trustee Lim said there are trap and release programs but they are at a cost to the resident.

Trustee Mazzola said that he has been emailing with Town Web about upgrades. There is a potential for using AI for meeting minutes. He will talk with Town Web and get more information to present at a later date.

Tim Black said the township is looking to go to .gov for cyber security. He is trying to get quotes on a company to handle the township's cyber security.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

THE CHAIR REQUESTS A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Moves; Trustee Reville Seconds; Trustee Mazzola

Roll call: Gene Lim aye Richard H. Reville aye Russell F. Mazzola aye

The meeting ended at 8:01 PM.