AGENDA - ROSS TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2026 3:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

1) Pledge of Allegiance
2) Roll Call

PROCEDURAL ACTIONS

1) Move the adoption of **Motion No. 26-109** to dispense with reading of the minutes from the September 3, 2026 regular meeting and the September 24, 2026 work session.
   - Need second to motion; discussion; roll call vote
2) Move the adoption of **Motion No. 26-110** to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2026 regular meeting.
   - Need second to motion; discussion; roll call vote
3) Move the adoption of **Motion No. 26-111** to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2026 work session.
   - Need second to motion; discussion; roll call vote

PRESENTATION

1) Tamara Sherer, Financial Officer, Miami Erie Young Marines
   - Review of organization and request to conduct Red Ribbon Week , a drug-prevention campaign placing red ribbons around light posts and/or trees, in the Township.

REPORTS

1) **Fiscal Officer**
   - **a.** Certifications for POs and checks written since last regular meeting
   - **b.** Receipt Export since last regular meeting
   - **c.** Management Reports for September 2026
     - Revenue Status
     - Fund Status
   - **d.** Appropriation Summary as of September 30, 2026
   - **e.** Appropriation Supplemental Report
   - **f.** September 2026 Bank Reconciliation
   - **g.** First Financial credit card attestation for August 2026
   - **h.** Hybrid Checking Account – Interest update
   - **i.** Consideration for Legislation:
     Purpose – amend revenue in Fund # 2081 – Police District for SHEP Grant request for fiscal year 2026.
     1. Move the adoption of **Resolution No. 2026-058** amending revenue in a fund and requesting an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources from the Butler County Auditor.
        - Need second to motion; discussion; roll call vote

Purpose – approval to pay the bills.

2. Move the adoption of **Motion No. 26-112** to pay the bills as presented through the Fiscal Officer's Certification of Purchase Orders.
   - Need second to motion; discussion; roll call vote

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

1) **Administrator**
   - **a.** Fall newsletter content
   - **b.** Electric aggregation program
     - Energy Alliances, Inc. might be recommending letting the program lapse in December 2026 if a reasonable rate is not locked in within two weeks. The program would likely restart before Summer 2027.
   - **c.** Nuisances status
     - 4197 Layhigh Road – junk motor vehicle?
   - **d.** Consideration for Legislation:

     Purpose – the Township Administrator has provided evidence of a nuisance violation to exist at a property on Robin Avenue. This resolution declares that property to be a nuisance and orders its abatement.

     1. Move the adoption of **Resolution No. 2026-059** declaring a nuisance for accumulated debris at 2053 Robin Avenue.
        - Need second to motion; discussion; roll call vote

2) **Fire**
   - **a.** Monthly reports – calls for service, inspections, training
   - **b.** Request to purchase 3 new Stryker cots
   - **c.** Consideration for Legislation:

     Purpose – accept Butler Rural Community Connection grant for $1,250.00 for purchasing two full body splints in the Fire Department.

     1. Move the adoption of **Resolution No. 2026-060** accepting the terms and conditions for a grant from Butler Rural Community Connection; appointing and authorizing the Fire Chief as Project Manager to execute said grant terms and conditions; budgeting receipts and making appropriations for expenses; and requesting an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources from the Butler County Auditor.
        - Need second to motion; discussion; roll call vote

     Purpose – rehire Jerrod Cooper as part-time Firefighter/EMT.

     2. Move the adoption of **Motion No. 26-113** to approve re-hiring Jerrod Cooper as part-time Firefighter/EMT at a rate of $19.61 per hour. This employment is in accordance with the current Staffing Summary and Pay Rate resolution.
        - Need second to motion; discussion; roll call vote

3) **Road**
   - **a.** Current workload

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4) **Police**
   a. Monthly reports

TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

1) **Old**
   a. None from Administration - Any from the Board?
2) **New**
   a. The Butler County Planning Commission has received a zone change application for 3381 Herman Road requesting R-PUD from A-1. This request will be reviewed at the Butler County Planning Commission meeting on October 13, 2026 at 3:00 p.m., Butler County Government Services Center, Conference Room 1, First Floor, 315 High Street, Hamilton, Ohio. Butler County Development staff cannot support the zone change request and associated proposed PUD layout as it exceeds 30 lots with only one means of access.
   b. The Butler County Board of Zoning Appeals has received a zoning variance application for 4096 Kirchling Road to build a 1,050 square foot accessory building on a lot less than one acre is size. This request will be reviewed at the Butler County Board of Zoning Appeals meeting on October 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Butler County Government Services Center, Conference Room 1, First Floor, 315 High Street, Hamilton, Ohio.
   c. Discussion regarding the Township's interest in participating with Butler County in developing regulations and provisions governing the development and permitting of data centers and data processing centers in townships where the County administers zoning.
   d. Confirmation of Trick-or-Treating to be held on Saturday, October 31, 2026 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
   e. Any from the Board?
3) **Announcements**
   a. None from Administration - Any from the Board?
4) **Correspondence**
   a. Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA) sent a letter that the Nominating Committee is seeking nominees for the upcoming Board of Directors election. Two Director seats will be available and are open to OTARMA Members' Township Fiscal Officers, Trustees, and Administrators. The deadline to apply for consideration is Wednesday, October 14, 2026.
   b. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 4909.19, the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Staff) has conducted its investigations In the Matters of the Applications of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for an Increase in Electric Distribution Rates, for Tariff Approval and for Approval to Change Accounting Methods and submits its findings to the Commissioners of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio in a Staff Report, copies of which have been sent to public officials deemed representative of the service area affected by the applications.

c. Any from the Board?

5) **Topics for October 15, 2026 Work Session**
   a. Topics needed from the Board

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Individuals who wish to address the Board must speak from the podium and state their name and address for the record. Points should be made clearly and concisely within the five-minute time limit. One person's time may not be yielded to another. Comments should be directed to the Board with courtesy and respect. Any responses from the Board will be delivered in like kind.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1) Move for the adoption of **Motion No. 26-114** to retire to executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) . Time:_____pm.
   • Need second to motion; discussion; roll call vote
2) Move for the adoption of **Motion No. 26-115** to return from executive session to the regular meeting. Time:_____pm.
   • Need second to motion; discussion; roll call vote

CLOSING ACTION

1) Is there any further business to come before the Board?
2) Move the adoption of **Motion No. 26-116** to adjourn the meeting.
   • Need second to motion; discussion; roll call vote

NEXT MEETING

Board of Trustees Work Session:
Date & Time: October 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Location: Ross Township Government Center
4055 Hamilton Cleves Road

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting:
Date & Time: November 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Location: Ross Township Government Center
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