ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 1, 2026 3:00 PM
FIRE STATION 102

The Ross Township Board of Trustees met in regular session to transact business for Ross Township.

CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present – Donald Bennett, Andrea Hattten, and Russell A. McGurrin

PROCEDURAL ACTIONS

Motion No. 26-109

Upon motion by Trustee McGurrin and seconded by Trustee Bennett, the Board voted to dispense with reading of the minutes from the September 3, 2026 regular meeting and the September 24, 2026 work session.
The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, motion carried.

Motion No. 26-110

Upon motion by Trustee McGurrin and seconded by Trustee Hatten, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2026 regular meeting.
The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, motion carried.

Motion No. 26-111

Upon motion by Trustee McGurrin and seconded by Trustee Bennett, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2026 work session.
The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Tamara Sherer, Financial Officer, Miami Erie Young Marines, provided a review of organization and requested permission to conduct Red Ribbon Week, a drug-prevention campaign placing red ribbons around light posts and/or trees, in the Township, which was granted.

REPORTS

Fiscal Officer

Fiscal Officer Julie Joyce-Smith provided the certifications for POs and payments since the last regular meeting, receipt export since last regular meeting, Management Reports for September 2026, Appropriation Summary as of

September 30, 2026, Appropriation Supplemental Report, September 2026 Bank Reconciliation, and August 2026 credit card attestation.

The Fiscal Officer explained that the current situation of 2nd half settlements being late due to legislation changes is an example of why she requests advances. She also reported that the gas tax suspension bill has passed and will be in effect for 90 days.

Discussion was conducted on the 2027 paving estimate increase and the benefit of the CDBG grant to assist with paving expenses.

The Fiscal Officer provided an explanation for approval for one resolution and one motion to be considered as follows:

Purpose – amend revenue in Fund # 2081 – Police District for SHEP Grant request for fiscal year 2026.
Resolution No. 2026-058
Upon motion by Trustee McGurrin and seconded by Trustee Hatten, the Board voted on amending revenue in a fund and requesting an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources from the Butler County Auditor.
The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, motion carried.

Purpose – approval to pay the bills.
Motion No. 26-112
Upon motion by Trustee McGurrin and seconded by Trustee Bennett, the Board voted to approve voucher/warrants totaling $212,028.21 and authorize payment (see Exhibit "A").
The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, motion carried.

Administration
Township Administrator Laurie Kile requested and received content suggestions for the Fall 2026 newsletter. She reported that 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. The Administrator sought Board guidance on 2 possible junk motor vehicle nuisances.

The Township Administrator provided an explanation for approval for one resolution to be considered as follows:

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.

Resolution No. 2026-059
Upon motion by Trustee McGurrin and seconded by Trustee Hatten, the Board voted on declaring a nuisance for accumulated debris at 2053 Robin Avenue.
The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, motion passed.

Fire Department
Fire Chief Chris Johns provided the monthly report for September 2026 calls for service (see Exhibit "B"), inspections and training. The Chief reviewed the request to purchase 3 new Stryker cots with 0% financing over 3 years and thanked Pat Day for repairs to mowers.

The Fire Chief provided an explanation for approval for one resolution and one motion to be considered as follows:

Purpose – accept Butler Rural Community Connection grant for $1,250.00 for purchasing two full body splints in the Fire Department.
Resolution No. 2026-060
Upon motion by Trustee McGurrin and seconded by Trustee Bennett, the Board voted on 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.
The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, motion carried.

Purpose – rehire Jerrod Cooper as part-time Firefighter/EMT.
Motion No. 26-113
Upon motion by Trustee McGurrin and seconded by Trustee Hatten, the Board voted 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.
The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, motion carried.

Road Department
Road Superintendent Paul Bulach provided an update on his department's current workload.

Police Department
Police Chief Robert Gerhardt provided reports for the monthly calls for service for September 2026 (see Exhibit "C"), grant updates and officer updates. The Chief informed the Board that the Lieutenant will be auditing the Flock cameras and providing a monthly report to the him.

TOWNSHIP BUSINESS

Old

None

New

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.

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.

Discussion was conducted 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.

The Board confirmed Trick-or-Treating will be conducted on Saturday, October 31, 2026 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Announcements

None

Correspondence

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.

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.

Trustee Hatten received correspondence from Mr. Welch that he has not had success occupying the former IGA location with a grocery store so he will be listing the site commercially, allowing for other types of businesses to occupy the space.

Topics for October 15, 2026 Work Session

1. Re-scheduled mixed use overlay walking tour of proposed area

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dan York, 4246 Oriole Street. Address the Board concerning reduced visibility at the corner of Thrush and Lark Avenues, car lot loading and unloading on Venice Blvd., and restricting public participation to residents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion No. 26-114

Upon motion by Trustee McGurrin and seconded by Trustee Hatten, the Board voted 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: 4:30 pm.
The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, motion carried.

Motion No. 26-115

Upon motion by Trustee McGurrin and seconded by Trustee Bennett, the Board voted to return from executive session to the regular meeting. Time: 5:18 p.m.
The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, motion carried.

CLOSING ACTION

Motion No. 26-116

There being no further business to come before the Board at the time; upon motion by Trustee McGurrin and seconded by Trustee Hatten, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.
The vote of the Board shows as follows: All present voted yes, motion carried.

The next meeting of the Ross Township Board of Trustees will be a work session held on Thursday, October 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ross Township Administration Building, 4055 Hamilton Cleves Road.

The next regular meeting of the Ross Township Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ross Township Administration Building, 4055 Hamilton Cleves Road.

ROSS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Russell A. McGurrin — President

Donald Bennett — Vice President

Andrea Hatten — Trustee

ATTEST:

Julie Joyce-Smith — Fiscal Officer

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Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount	Status
1585-2026	09/01/2026	09/04/2026	CH	ACRISURE MIDWEST PRT INSURANCE SEI	$176.51	O
1586-2026	09/02/2026	09/04/2026	CH	AETNA LIFE INS COMPANY	$85,452.83	O
1587-2026	09/02/2026	09/04/2026	CH	ACRISURE MIDWEST PRT INSURANCE SEI	$77.52	O
1588-2026	09/03/2026	09/04/2026	CH	ACRISURE MIDWEST PRT INSURANCE SEI	$344.62	O
1589-2026	09/04/2026	09/04/2026	CH	TREASURER STATE OF OHIO	$1,005.00	O
1590-2026	09/04/2026	09/04/2026	CH	WEX BANK	$7,643.31	O
1654-2026	09/04/2026	09/10/2026	CH	ACRISURE MIDWEST PRT INSURANCE SEI	$20.37	O
1655-2026	09/08/2026	09/10/2026	CH	ACRISURE MIDWEST PRT INSURANCE SEI	$183.02	O
1656-2026	09/08/2026	09/10/2026	CH	SANGOMA US INC	$116.37	O
1657-2026	09/08/2026	09/10/2026	CH	ACRISURE MIDWEST PRT INSURANCE SEI	$166.86	O
1658-2026	09/08/2026	09/10/2026	CH	ACRISURE MIDWEST PRT INSURANCE SEI	$130.00	O
1659-2026	09/08/2026	09/10/2026	CH	ACRISURE MIDWEST PRT INSURANCE SEI	$604.20	O
1660-2026	09/10/2026	09/10/2026	CH	ALTA FIBER	$609.21	O
1661-2026	09/10/2026	09/10/2026	CH	SANGOMA US INC	$189.34	O
1664-2026	09/14/2026	09/16/2026	CH	ACRISURE MIDWEST PRT INSURANCE SEI	$45.00	O
1665-2026	09/10/2026	09/16/2026	CH	COX MEDIA GROUP OHIO	$9.99	O
1674-2026	09/21/2026	09/21/2026	CH	VISION SERVICE PLAN - (OH)	$521.77	O
1740-2026	09/16/2026	09/23/2026	CH	ACRISURE MIDWEST PRT INSURANCE SEI	$455.64	O
1741-2026	09/17/2026	09/23/2026	CH	RUMPKE	$714.56	O
1742-2026	09/17/2026	09/23/2026	CH	SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT	$321.01	O
1743-2026	09/17/2026	09/23/2026	CH	ACRISURE MIDWEST PRT INSURANCE SEI	$392.94	O
1744-2026	09/17/2026	09/23/2026	CH	SANGOMA US INC	$210.51	O
1745-2026	09/17/2026	09/23/2026	CH	ACRISURE MIDWEST PRT INSURANCE SEI	$110.61	O
1746-2026	09/18/2026	09/23/2026	CH	DUKE ENERGY	$384.54	O
1747-2026	09/21/2026	09/23/2026	CH	BUTLER RURAL ELECTRIC COOP., INC.	$180.82	O
1748-2026	09/21/2026	09/23/2026	CH	ACRISURE MIDWEST PRT INSURANCE SEI	$161.29	O
1749-2026	09/21/2026	09/23/2026	CH	ACRISURE MIDWEST PRT INSURANCE SEI	$20.97	O
1750-2026	09/22/2026	09/23/2026	CH	ACRISURE MIDWEST PRT INSURANCE SEI	$324.00	O
1751-2026	09/21/2026	09/23/2026	CH	DUKE ENERGY	$986.54	O
1752-2026	09/22/2026	09/23/2026	CH	DUKE ENERGY	$3,321.56	O
1754-2026	09/23/2026	09/25/2026	CH	ACRISURE MIDWEST PRT INSURANCE SEI	$562.34	O
1755-2026	09/24/2026	09/25/2026	CH	ACRISURE MIDWEST PRT INSURANCE SEI	$93.16	O
1756-2026	09/25/2026	09/29/2026	CH	ACRISURE MIDWEST PRT INSURANCE SEI	$244.18	O
1757-2026	09/28/2026	09/29/2026	CH	ACRISURE MIDWEST PRT INSURANCE SEI	$1,122.69	O
1758-2026	09/28/2026	09/29/2026	CH	ACRISURE MIDWEST PRT INSURANCE SEI	$413.69	O
1759-2026	09/29/2026	09/29/2026	CH	ACRISURE MIDWEST PRT INSURANCE SEI	$1,261.91	O
1760-2026	09/30/2026	09/30/2026	CH	ACRISURE MIDWEST PRT INSURANCE SEI	$2,635.38	O
51600	09/04/2026	09/04/2026	AW	AIRGASS USA,LLC	$883.68	O
51601	09/04/2026	09/04/2026	AW	BREATHING AIR SYSTEMS	$798.31	O
51602	09/04/2026	09/04/2026	AW	BUTLER COUNTY TREASURER	$6,810.19	O
51603	09/04/2026	09/04/2026	AW	CULLIGAN OF FAIRFIELD	$46.95	O
51604	09/04/2026	09/04/2026	AW	FIRE SAFETY SERVICES, INC	$127.00	O
51605	09/04/2026	09/04/2026	AW	HAMILTON COUNTY CORONER	$635.00	O
51606	09/04/2026	09/04/2026	AW	KALIDA TRUCK EQUIPMENT INC	$83,100.00	O
51607	09/04/2026	09/04/2026	AW	KEN NEYER PLUMBING	$389.00	O
51608	09/04/2026	09/04/2026	AW	KRISTEN ROSS	$300.00	O

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51609	09/04/2026	09/04/2026	AW	MARK SMITH	$1,000.00	O
51610	09/04/2026	09/04/2026	AW	MIAMI VALLEY TOPSOIL LLC	$870.00	O
51611	09/04/2026	09/04/2026	AW	PENN CARE	$501.75	O
51612	09/04/2026	09/04/2026	AW	PHOENIX SAFETY OUTFITTERS	$2,269.92	O
51613	09/04/2026	09/04/2026	AW	ROSS AUTO PARTS	$208.80	O
51614	09/04/2026	09/04/2026	AW	SIA HARDWARE LLC	$10.99	O
51615	09/04/2026	09/04/2026	AW	UNIFIRST CORPORATION	$44.54	O
51616	09/04/2026	09/04/2026	AW	VERIZON WIRELESS	$939.99	O
51617	09/04/2026	09/04/2026	AW	VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT	$73.64	O
51618	09/04/2026	09/04/2026	AW	WALDROFF AUTO REPAIR LLC	$81.25	O
51619	09/10/2026	09/10/2026	AW	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	$23.78	O
51620	09/10/2026	09/10/2026	AW	FLEXTG FINANCIAL SERVICES	$133.22	O
51621	09/10/2026	09/10/2026	AW	INTERNATIONAL ASSOC OF ARSON INV, IN	$123.00	O
51622	09/10/2026	09/10/2026	AW	MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO	$488.00	O
51623	09/10/2026	09/10/2026	AW	SCHIRMER'S SERVICE CENTER	$669.28	O
51624	09/10/2026	09/10/2026	AW	T-MOBILE USA INC	$140.84	O
51625	09/10/2026	09/10/2026	AW	UNIFIRST CORPORATION	$44.54	O
51626	09/10/2026	09/10/2026	AW	WALDROFF AUTO REPAIR LLC	$1,417.86	O
51627	09/18/2026	09/18/2026	AW	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	$48.28	O
51628	09/18/2026	09/18/2026	AW	DELTA DENTAL	$1,643.70	O
51629	09/18/2026	09/18/2026	AW	FLEXTG FINANCIAL SERVICES	$249.16	O
51630	09/18/2026	09/18/2026	AW	MCCULLOUGH HYDE MEMORIAL HOSPITA	$665.00	O
51631	09/18/2026	09/18/2026	AW	NIPPON SANSO MATHESON, INC	$84.89	O
51632	09/18/2026	09/18/2026	AW	OHIO FIRE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION	$275.00	O
51633	09/18/2026	09/18/2026	AW	PHOENIX SAFETY OUTFITTERS	$156.78	O
51634	09/18/2026	09/18/2026	AW	SIA HARDWARE LLC	$41.17	O
51635	09/18/2026	09/18/2026	AW	SUNDANCE SYSTEMS INC	$1,200.00	O
51636	09/18/2026	09/18/2026	AW	SURDYKE, DOWD & TURNER CO., LPA	$332.50	O
51637	09/18/2026	09/18/2026	AW	TURF PRO PLUS INC	$232.79	O
51638	09/18/2026	09/18/2026	AW	UNIFIRST CORPORATION	$44.54	O
51639	09/18/2026	09/18/2026	AW	VOGELPOHL FIRE EQUIPMENT	$383.79	O
51640	09/25/2026	09/25/2026	AW	AIRGASS USA,LLC	$200.04	O
51641	09/25/2026	09/25/2026	AW	BUTLER COUNTY TREASURER	$3,661.56	O
51642	09/25/2026	09/25/2026	AW	CRONIN FORD INC	$340.20	O
51643	09/25/2026	09/25/2026	AW	FBI-LEEDA	$795.00	O
51644	09/25/2026	09/25/2026	AW	FIRE SAFETY SERVICES, INC	$546.00	O
51645	09/25/2026	09/25/2026	AW	FIRST FINANCIAL BANK	$6,432.55	O
51646	09/25/2026	09/25/2026	AW	GARAGE DOOR SYSTEMS, LLC	$370.50	O
51647	09/25/2026	09/25/2026	AW	KLEEM, INC.	$410.44	O
51648	09/25/2026	09/25/2026	AW	MIAMI VALLEY TOPSOIL LLC	$348.00	O
51649	09/25/2026	09/25/2026	AW	SIA HARDWARE LLC	$28.36	O
51650	09/25/2026	09/25/2026	AW	UNIFIRST CORPORATION	$41.21	O
51651	09/25/2026	09/25/2026	AW	WINELCO INC	$265.00	O
				Total Payments:	$212,028.21	
				Total Conversion Vouchers:	$0.00	

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Total Less Conversion Vouchers: $212,028.21

Type: AM - Accounting Manual Warrant, AW - Accounting Warrant, IM - Investment Manual Warrant, IW - Investment Warrant, PM - Payroll Manual Warrant, PR - Payroll Warrant, RW - Reduction of Receipt Warrant, SW - Skipped Warrant, WH - Withholding Warrant, WM - Withholding Manual, WS - Special Warrant, CH - Electronic Payment Advice, IL - Investment Loss, EP - Payroll EFT Voucher, CV - Payroll Conversion Voucher, SV - Payroll Special Voucher, EW - Withholding Voucher, POS ADJ - Positive Adjustment, NEG ADJ - Negative Adjustment, POS REAL - Positive Reallocation, NEG REAL - Negative Reallocation

Status: O - Outstanding, C - Cleared, V - Voided, B - Batch

* Asterisked amounts are not included in report totals. These transactions occurred outside the reported date range but are listed for reference.

Monthly Police Activity Summary

Traffic • Calls for Service • Proactive Patrol

Agency:	Ross Township Police Dept.	**Month/Year:**	September 2026
Prepared By:	Macayla Liddil	**Total Calls for Service:**	843

Metric	Count	Metric	Count
Auto Accidents	18	Auto Accidents – Injury (includes possible)	6
Auto Accident – Private Property	5	Auto Accident – OVI	1
Breaking & Entering / Burglary	0	Drug Activity / Arrest	1
Mental / EDP	3	OVI	3
Suspicious Person / Vehicle	14	Disorderly Person	1
Assaults	1	Misdemeanor Arrest	9
Felony Arrest	1	Warrant Arrest	5
Domestic Dispute	6	Domestic Violence / TPO Violation	4
Fire / EMS Run	51	Juvenile Complaint	10
School Zone Check	26	Traffic Stops	315
Traffic Citations	54	Traffic Warnings	116
Business Check	137	Vacation Check	50
Welfare Check	18	Extra Patrol	107

Notes / Highlights:

OVI Checkpoint- 2 OVI Arrests

Ross Township Fire Department
Chris Johns, OFE, OFC
Fire Chief
P.O. Box 71
Ross, Ohio 45061
513.863.3410
Cell: 513-276-9915

Incident Report for September 2026

EMS Runs

City of Hamilton	2
Hanover Twp	2
Millville	10
Morgan Twp	2
Ross Twp.	*69*
Total Incidents:	**85**

Fire Runs

City of Hamilton	1
Hanover Twp	2
Millville	5
Morgan Twp.	2
Ross Twp.	*32*
Total Incidents:	**42**

Total Runs: **127**

ROSS TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-058

RESOLUTION AMENDING REVENUE IN A FUND AND REQUESTING AN AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED RESOURCES FROM THE BUTLER COUNTY AUDITOR

WHEREAS, R.C. 5705.40 authorizes the amendment or supplement of revenue and appropriations and provides that transfers may be made by resolution from one appropriation item to another, and

WHEREAS, the changes to the budget of Ross Township necessitated by this resolution require that the Butler County Auditor produce and deliver an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of Ross Township, Butler County, Ohio, pursuant to Section 5705.40 of the Ohio Revised Code, as follows:

SECTION 1-A:
To make provision for the current expenses and other expenditures of said Board of Trustees, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026, revenue in a fund be amended in accordance with the attached Exhibit "A" which is incorporated herein by reference as if fully rewritten.

SECTION 1-B:
That the Fiscal Officer of Ross Township hereby be directed to request an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources from the Butler County Auditor.

SECTION 2-A:
That Section 1-A of this resolution shall take effect upon receipt of the Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources from the Butler County Budget Commission.

SECTION 2-B:
That all other aspects of this resolution shall take effect on October 1, 2026 following the filing of this resolution with the Ross Township Fiscal Officer.

SECTION 3:
It is hereby determined that all formal actions of the Board of Trustees relating to their adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Board of Trustees and that all deliberations of such Board of Trustees were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

INTRODUCTION AND VOTE RECORD:

Trustee McGurrin introduced the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, Trustee Hatten seconded the Motion. The roll being called upon the question of adoption of the Resolution by the Township Fiscal Officer, the vote resulted as follows:

Trustees: Hatten Aye Bennett Aye McGurrin Aye

Adopted at the meeting of the Ross Township Board of Trustees this 1st day of October, 2026.

Russell A. McGurrin,
Russell A. McGurrin, President

Donald Bennett, Vice President

Andrea Hatten, Trustee

AUTHENTICATION

This is to certify that this resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees, and filed with the Ross Township Fiscal Officer, this 1st day of October, 2026.

Julie Joyce-Smith
Ross Township Fiscal Officer

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Resolution Number 2026-058
Exhibit "A"

To make provision for the current revenues, expenses and other expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026, appropriations be amended in accordance with this Exhibit "A".

Fund Number	Fund Name	Reason	Increase/Decrease Amount
2081	Police Levy	SHEP Grant	+ $5,682.73

CERTIFICATE AS TO COPY,
ORIGINAL ON FILE

STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF BUTLER, SS:
I, Julie Joyce-Smith, Fiscal Officer of the Board of Township Trustees of Ross Township, in said county, and in whose custody the Files and Records of said Board are required by the Laws of the State of Ohio to be kept, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the original Resolution now on file with said Board, that the foregoing has been compared by me with said original and copied from the original document, and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof.

Certified this 1st day of October, 2026.

Julie Joyce-Smith
Ross Township Fiscal Officer

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ROSS TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION NUMBER 2026-059

RESOLUTION DECLARING A NUISANCE FOR ACCUMULATED DEBRIS AT 2053 ROBIN AVENUE

WHEREAS, Section 505.87 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the Board of Trustees to abate, control or remove vegetation, garbage, refuse or other debris determined to constitute a nuisance ("nuisance" or "nuisance conditions"); and

WHEREAS, the Ross Township Administrator has received information concerning accumulated debris located at 2053 Robin Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Ross Township Administrator has inspected the subject premises, and the Ross Township Board of Trustees has determined that it contains accumulated debris;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Ross Township, Butler County, Ohio, pursuant to Section 505.87 of the Revised Code, as follows:

SECTION 1-A:
That based upon the evidence presented, the Board of Trustees finds that accumulated debris located at the premises known as 2053 Robin Avenue, premises also known as K4620-063-000-136, K4620-063-000-137, and K4620-063-000-138 of the Butler County Auditor's Tax Plats, constitutes a nuisance and as such is detrimental to the health, safety and general welfare of all persons who live, work or own property within Ross Township and accordingly is hereby declared a nuisance.

SECTION 1-B:
That the Ross Township Administrator is hereby directed to abate the nuisance in full compliance with Section 505.87 of the Ohio Revised Code including but not limited to notice to the owner and record lien holders that the owner is to remove all accumulated debris within the time specified and that upon the owner's failure to comply with this resolution, the Board of Trustees will provide for the abatement of the nuisance and that any expenses incurred by the Board of Trustees will be assessed to the owner's property.

SECTION 2:
This resolution shall take effect on October 1, 2026 upon the filing of this resolution with the Ross Township Fiscal Officer.

SECTION 3:
It is hereby determined that all formal actions of the Board of Trustees relating to their adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Board of Trustees and that all deliberations of such Board of Trustees were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

INTRODUCTION AND VOTE RECORD:
Trustee McGurrin introduced the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, Trustee Hatten seconded the Motion. The roll being called upon the question of adoption of the Resolution by the Township Fiscal Officer, the vote resulted as follows:

Trustees: Hatten Aye Bennett Aye McGurrin Aye

Adopted at the meeting of the Ross Township Board of Trustees this 1st day of October, 2026.

Russell A. McGurrin,
Russell A. McGurrin, President

Donald Bennett, Vice President

Andrea Hatten, Trustee

AUTHENTICATION
This is to certify that this resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees, and filed with the Ross Township Fiscal Officer, this 1st day of October, 2026.

Julie Joyce-Smith
Ross Township Fiscal Officer

ROSS TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NUMBER
2026-060

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR A BUTLER RURAL COMMUNITY CONNECTION GRANT; 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

WHEREAS, the Ross Township Fire Department has requested a $1,250.00 grant award from Butler Rural Community Connection (hereinafter referred to as "BRCC") for the purpose of purchasing two full body splints (hereinafter referred to as "GRANT PURPOSE"); and

WHEREAS, Butler Rural Community Connection desires to award Ross Township a grant in the amount of $1,2500.00 (hereinafter referred to as "GRANT") to satisfy the GRANT PURPOSE; and

WHEREAS, the changes to the budget of Ross Township necessitated by this resolution require that the Butler County Auditor produce and deliver an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of Ross Township, Butler County, Ohio, pursuant to Section 5705.40 of the Ohio Revised Code, as follows:

SECTION 1-A:
That the Board hereby enters into a grant agreement with BRCC under the provisions substantially in the form of the Terms and Conditions attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "A".

SECTION 1-B:
That Fire Chief Chris Johns is appointed and authorized thereby to serve as Project Manager for the purpose of executing the terms and conditions for said GRANT and is further authorized to satisfy the GRANT PURPOSE.

SECTION 1-C:
To make provision for the current expenses and other expenditures of said Board of Trustees, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026, appropriations be amended with the additional appropriation of $1,250.00 to Fund Number 2191 Fire Fund.

SECTION 1-D:
That the Fiscal Officer of Ross Township hereby be directed to request an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources from the Butler County Auditor.

SECTION 2-A:
That Sections 1-A, 1-B and 1-D of this resolution shall take effect upon the filing of this resolution with the Ross Township Fiscal Officer.

SECTION 2-B:
That Section 1-C of this resolution shall take effect upon receipt of the Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources from the Butler County Budget Commission.

SECTION 3:
It is hereby determined that all formal actions of the Board of Trustees relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Board of Township Trustees and that all deliberations of such Board of Trustees were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

INTRODUCTION AND VOTE RECORD:
Trustee McGurrin introduced the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, Trustee Bennett seconded the Motion. The roll being called upon the question of adoption of the Resolution by the Township Fiscal Officer, the vote resulted as follows:

Trustees: Hatton Aye Bennett Aye McGurrin Aye

Adopted at the meeting of the Ross Township Board of Trustees this 1st day of October, 2026.

Russell A. McGurrin

Russell A. McGurrin, President

Donald Bennet, Vice President

Andrea Hatten, Trustee

AUTHENTICATION

This is to certify that this resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees, and filed with the Ross Township Fiscal Officer, this 1st day of October, 2026.

Julie Joyce-Smith
Ross Township Fiscal Officer

Resolution Number 2026-060
Exhibit "A"

butler rural community connection

3888 Stillwell Beckett Road
Oxford, Ohio 45056
butlerrural.coop
513-867-4409

September 10, 2026

Ross Township Fire Department
Attn: Chris Johns
PO Box 71
Ross, OH 45061

RE: Grant #260903

Dear Chris Johns,

Congratulations! On behalf of the Butler Rural Community Connection Board of Trustees, we are pleased to announce your organization has been selected to receive a grant of **$1250 for two full body splints.**

Here's how the grant process works:

1. If your organization must be paid directly, submit the billing confirmation receipt that shows the last 4-digits of the debit/credit card used or a copy of the cancelled check used to purchase the items. We will reimburse your school or organization.

OR

2. If you would like us to directly pay the vendor you are purchasing from, submit the bill or invoice from the company you have decided to purchase from. We will send a check directly to the vendor for the item(s).

3. When submitting documents, you must include check payable information, including the mailing address where the check should be mailed to.

4. When submitting documents, always include your grant number in any documentation that comes to our office.

5. You can send documentation to our fax number at 513 867-4422, email to andyd@butlerrural.coop, or mail it to us at 3888 Stillwell Beckett Rd., Oxford, OH 45056.

6. Funds must be used within one year from the month of the award (expires September 1, 2027). However, if you have met an unforeseen delay with your project, please keep us updated.

7. We love to feature projects and programs throughout social media and in Ohio Cooperative Living magazine. If you have digital photos of your project to share, please send them to andyd@butlerrural.coop. You can also share your projects with us through Instagram (@butlerruralelectric) and Facebook (ButlerRuralElectricCooperative).

8. This grant is from Butler Rural Community Connection, not from Butler Rural Electric Cooperative.

Butler Rural Electric Cooperative members and employees participating in Butler Rural Community Connection are proud to make this program possible. Please contact me at 513-867-4409 or andyd@butlerrural.coop if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Andy Denny

Andy Denny

CERTIFICATE AS TO COPY,
ORIGINAL ON FILE

STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF BUTLER, SS:
I, Julie Joyce-Smith, Fiscal Officer of the Board of Township Trustees of Ross Township, in said county, and in whose custody the Files and Records of said Board are required by the Laws of the State of Ohio to be kept, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the original Resolution now on file with said Board, that the foregoing has been compared by me with said original and copied from the original document, and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof.

This 1st day of October, 2026.

Julie Joyce-Smith
Ross Township Fiscal Officer

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