

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES JOURNAL OF ACTIONS
FROM REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 15, 2026
ORANGE TOWNSHIP - DELAWARE COUNTY**

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Mrs. Fous called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Erica Fouss, Chair
Lisa Knapp, Vice Chair
Michael Ringle, Trustee
Donna Batten, Fiscal Officer

ALSO PRESENT:

Michele Boni, Township Administrator
 Valerie Bunting, Administrative Manager
 Nathan McNeil, Fire Chief
 Silas Bowers, Director of Operations
 Robin Duffee, Director of Development and Zoning
 Sydney Herbert, Communications and Special Events Manager
 Eric Gayetsky, Senior Zoning Officer

RES.26-195 A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF LEVYING A RENEWAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARKS AND RECREATION PURPOSES (R.C. §§ 5705.03, 5705.19(H), 5705.191, and 5705.25)

The Board of Trustees of Orange Township, Delaware County, Ohio ("Board") met in regular session on July 15, 2026 with the following members present:

Erica Fouss, Chair,

Lisa Knapp, Vice Chair,

Michael Ringle, Trustee.

Mrs. Fous moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the Board, approved the following resolution declaring the necessity to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation:

Resolution No: 26-177

Date Approved: July 1, 2026

; and,

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Auditor (“Auditor”) has certified the following information to the Board:

1. The total current tax valuation of the Township is as follows:

\$2,279,351,270

2. The number of mills, for each \$1 of taxable value, required to generate a specified amount of revenue is:

- Specified amount of revenue: \$ N/A
- Required number of mills: N/A.

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3. The dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a specified number of mills, for each \$1 of taxable value, is:
- Specified number of mills: 1.0
 - Dollar amount of revenue generated (annual collection amount on Auditor's Certificate multiplied by number of years of levy):
\$ 6,864.070.
4. The levy's effective rate or levy's rate, whichever is applicable, in dollars for each \$100,000 of the Auditor's market value, is:
\$ 20.00.
5. As applicable, an estimate of the levy's annual collections is (annual collection amount on Auditor's Certificate):
\$ 1,372,814.

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board, at least two-thirds (2/3) of all of the members of the Board concurring, as follows:

1. The Board shall proceed with the submission of the question of the tax to the electors.
2. The rate of the tax levy, expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value is:
1.0 mill(s).
3. The levy's effective rate or levy's rate, as applicable, in dollars for each \$100,000 of the Auditor's market value, as estimated by the Auditor, is:
\$ 20.00.
4. If the levy is a renewal levy, the rate listed in #2 above:
X is the same rate as the existing tax levy.
is not the same rate as the existing tax levy and is either:
_____ a reduction, the extent of the reduction being:
_____ mill(s)
\$ _____ for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value
_____ an increase, the extent of the increase being:
_____ mill(s)
\$ _____ for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value
5. Pursuant to R.C. § 5705.03(B)(1):

- a. The purpose of the tax is as follows:

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For parks and recreational purposes

- b. The type of levy is as follows:
- _____ additional levy
- _X_ renewal levy: N/A increase N/A decrease
- c. The sections of the Revised Code authorizing submission of the question of the tax are R.C. §§ 5705.03, 5705.191, and 5705.25 and the following:
5705.19(H);
- d. The term of the tax is as follows (in years or continuing):
_____ 5 years _____;
- e. The territory where the tax is to be levied is as follows:
X Upon the entire territory of the Township
_____ If authorized by the Revised Code, the following described portion of the territory of the Township:

_____;
- f. The date of the election at which the question of the tax shall appear on the ballot is as follows ("Election");
_____ November 3, 2026 _____;
- g. The territory where the ballot measure is to be submitted is as follows:
X Upon the entire territory of the Township
_____ If authorized by the Revised Code, the following described portion of the territory of the Township:

_____;
- h. The tax will be first levied and collected as follows:
The tax year in which the tax will first be levied is 2027 _____;
The calendar year in which the tax will first be collected is 2028 _____;
- i. The Township has territory in Delaware County and each of the following listed counties:
None _____.
6. The Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to **certify the levy to the Board of Elections, Delaware County, Ohio ("BOE")**. Certification shall include copies of ALL of the following documents:
- a. **Resolution of Necessity** (Resolution No. 26-177 adopted on July 1, 2026 and,
 - b. **Certification of the Auditor**; and,
 - c. **Resolution to Proceed** (This Resolution).

Certification shall occur by **no later than 4:00 PM on August 5, 2026** (90 days prior to the Election)

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The Fiscal Officer shall also notify the BOE to cause notice of the Election on the question of levying the tax to be given as required by law.

7. The BOE is hereby directed to submit substantially the following question to the electors at the Election:

OFFICAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES	
BALLOT	
GENERAL ELECTION	
NOVEMBER 3, 2026	
PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)	
ORANGE TOWNSHIP	
DELAWARE COUNTY.	
A renewal of a tax for the benefit of Orange Township, Delaware County, Ohio, for the purpose of parks and recreational purposes, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$ <u>1,372,814</u> , annually, at a rate not exceeding <u>1.0</u> mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$ <u>20.00</u> for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for <u>5</u> years, commencing in 2027, first due in calendar year 2028.	
	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

8. All formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including R.C. § 121.22.

9. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption.

Seconded by Ms. Knapp

VOTE: Fous – Yes

Knapp – Yes

Ringle – Yes

(SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE)

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ORANGE TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO**



Erica Fous
Chair

Lisa Knapp
Vice Chair



Michael Ringle
Trustee

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State of Ohio :
Delaware County :

The undersigned Fiscal Officer of Orange Township, Delaware County, Ohio, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution duly passed by the Board of Trustees of Orange Township, Delaware County, Ohio on July 15, 2026, and that a true and accurate copy thereof was certified to the Board of Elections of Delaware County, Ohio.

Date: July 15, 2026



Fiscal Officer
Orange Township
Delaware County, Ohio

**RES.26-196 A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION
OF LEVYING AN ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ROADS AND BRIDGES
(R.C. §§ 5705.03, 5705.19(G), 5705.191, and 5705.25)**

The Board of Trustees of Orange Township, Delaware County, Ohio ("Board") met in regular session on July 15, 2026 with the following members present:

Erica Fouss, Chair

Lisa Knapp, Vice Chair

Michael Ringle, Trustee.

Mrs. Fouss moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the Board, approved the following resolution declaring the necessity to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation:

Resolution No: 26-178

Date Approved: July 1, 2026

; and,

WHEREAS, the Delaware County Auditor ("Auditor") has certified the following information to the Board:

6. The total current tax valuation of the Township is as follows:
\$ 2,279,351,270.
7. The number of mills, for each \$1 of taxable value, required to generate a specified amount of revenue is:
 - Specified amount of revenue: \$ N/A
 - Required number of mills: N/A.
8. The dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a specified number of mills, for each \$1 of taxable value, is:
 - Specified number of mills: 1.0.

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- Dollar amount of revenue generated (annual collection amount on Auditor's Certificate multiplied by number of years of levy):

\$ 11,396,760.

9. The levy's effective rate or levy's rate, whichever is applicable, in dollars for each \$100,000 of the Auditor's market value, is:

\$ 35.00.

10. As applicable, an estimate of the levy's annual collections is (annual collection amount on Auditor's Certificate):

\$ 2,279,352.

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board, at least two-thirds (2/3) of all of the members of the Board concurring, as follows:

10. The Board shall proceed with the submission of the question of the tax to the electors.

11. The rate of the tax levy, expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value is:

1.0 mill(s).

12. The levy's effective rate or levy's rate, as applicable, in dollars for each \$100,000 of the Auditor's market value, as estimated by the Auditor, is:

\$ 35.00.

13. If the levy is a renewal levy, the rate listed in #2 above:

N/A is the same rate as the existing tax levy.

N/A is **not** the same rate as the existing tax levy and is either:

_____ a reduction, the extent of the reduction being:

_____ mill(s)

\$ _____ for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value

_____ an increase, the extent of the increase being:

_____ mill(s)

\$ _____ for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value

14. Pursuant to R.C. § 5705.03(B)(1):

- b. The purpose of the tax is as follows:

For the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges in townships;

- j. The type of levy is as follows:

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X
additional levy

renewal levy: _____ increase _____ decrease

The sections of the Revised Code authorizing submission of the question of the tax are R.C. §§ 5705.03, 5705.191, and 5705.25 and the following:

19 C.F.R. § 5705.19(G).

The term of the tax is as follows (in years or continuing):

5 years
..

the territory where the tax is to be levied is as follows:

Upon the entire territory of the Township

If authorized by the Revised Code, the following described portion of the territory of the Township:

The date of the election at which the question of the tax shall appear on the ballot is as follows ("Election");

November 3, 2026

The territory where the ballot measure is to be submitted is as follows:

Upon the entire territory of the Township

If authorized by the Revised Code, the following described portion of the territory of the Township:

The tax will be first levied and collected as follows:

the tax year in which the tax will first be levied is 2027 ;

the calendar year in which the tax will first be collected is 2028;

The Township has territory in Delaware County and each of the following listed counties:

N/A

The Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to **certify the levy to the Board of Elections, Delaware County, Ohio ("BOE")**. Certification shall include copies of ALL of the following documents:

- Resolution of Necessity** (Resolution No. 26-178 adopted on July 1, 2026; and, **Certification of the Auditor**; and, **Resolution to Proceed** (This Resolution).

Certification shall occur by **no later than 4:00 PM on August 5, 2026** (90 days prior to the Election)

The Fiscal Officer shall also notify the BOE to cause notice of the Election on the question of levying the tax to be given as required by law.

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16. The BOE is hereby directed to submit substantially the following question to the electors at the Election:

OFFICAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES BALLOT GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2026	
PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL) ORANGE TOWNSHIP DELAWARE COUNTY.	
An additional tax for the benefit of Orange Township for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges that the county auditor estimates will collect \$2,279,352 annually, at a rate not exceeding 1.0 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$35.00 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for Five (5) years commencing in 2027, first due in calendar year 2028.	
	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

17. All formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including R.C. § 121.22.

18. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption.

Seconded by Mr. Ringle

VOTE: Fouss – Yes Knapp – Yes Ringle – Yes

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ORANGE TOWNSHIP
DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO**


Erica Fouss
Chair

Lisa Knapp
Vice Chair


Michael Ringle
Trustee

State of Ohio :
Delaware County :

The undersigned Fiscal Officer of Orange Township, Delaware County, Ohio, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution duly passed by the Board of Trustees of

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Orange Township, Delaware County, Ohio on July 15, 2026, and that a true and accurate copy thereof was certified to the Board of Elections of Delaware County, Ohio.

Date: July 15, 2026



Fiscal Officer
Orange Township
Delaware County, Ohio

**1) IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 15, 2026:**

It was moved by Mrs. Fouss to approve the consent agenda for the Regular Trustee Meeting held on July 15, 2026.

Seconded by Ms. Knapp

VOTE: Fouss – Yes Knapp – Yes Ringle – Yes

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD HEREBY APPROVES
THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOUND IN LINE ITEM A

**A) RES.26-197 APPROVING THE ELECTRONIC RECORD OF THE
PROCEEDINGS FROM THE REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING HELD
ON JULY 1, 2026.**

Motion by Mrs. Fouss

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for Orange Township, Delaware
County, Ohio (the “Board”) met in regular session on July 1, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Officer has certified, pursuant to section 305.11 of
the Ohio Revised Code, that the entire record of the proceedings at that meeting is
completely and accurately captured in the electronic record of those proceedings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the
electronic record of proceedings of the Regular Trustee Meeting held on July 1, 2026.

**B) RES.26-198 APPROVING PURCHASE ORDERS, THEN AND NOW
PURCHASE ORDERS, AND BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS AS
LISTED:**

Vendor	Description	Account	Amount
Contingency	Accounting and Legal Fees for the Balance of the Fiscal Year	Admin.	\$40,000.00
Delaware County Engineer	East Powell Road Shared Use Path	Roads	\$235,285.22
Buckeye Wildlife Solutions	Wildlife Control – Public Works Building	Building and Grounds	\$24,907.65

RES.26-199 SCHEDULE HEARING DATE FOR ZON-26-02, HWANG PROPERTY

Motion by Mrs. Fouss to set hearing date for ZON-26-02, Hwang Property, on August 12, 2026
at 5:00 p.m. at Township Hall.

Seconded by Mr. Ringle

VOTE: Fouss – Yes Knapp – Yes Ringle – Yes

**RES.26-200 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH DECKER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY**

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**FOR REPAIRS TO BALE KENYON RD AND NORTH RAIL TRAIL REPAIRS AND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PURCHASE ORDERS TOTALING THE
AMOUNT OF \$ 85,783.20**

Mrs. Fouss moved for the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Decker Construction Company has proposed an agreement for \$85,783.20 (the “Agreement”);

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the adoption and execution of the Agreement;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township for the Board of Trustees to adopt and enter into the Agreement.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Orange Township, Delaware County, Ohio (the “Board”), that the following Resolution be and hereby are adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby adopts and approves the form of the Agreement, together with any such changes therein and amendments thereto not inconsistent with this Resolution and not adverse to the Township. The Board hereby authorizes, empowers, and appoints, on behalf of the Board and the Township, Director of Operations (the “Representative”) to execute the Agreement in substantially that form on file with the Township, along with any changes or amendments thereto, provided that the approval of those changes and amendments by the Representative and the character of those changes and amendments are not being inconsistent with this Resolution or adverse to the Township, and shall be evidenced conclusively by the Representative’s execution of the Agreement. Furthermore, the Representative is authorized to, on behalf of the Township, take any and all actions and execute any and all documents that may be necessary to be completed by the Township in order to finalize the Agreement, and enter into any amendments to the Agreement as may be necessary or desirable, provided that such amendments to not increase any financial obligation of the Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Orange Township (Delaware County) that the Director of Operations is hereby authorized to enter into and execute an agreement with Decker Construction Company regarding repairing Bale Kenyon Rd and North Rail Trail and the issuance of purchase orders totaling \$75,783.20 to Decker Construction Company.

Seconded by Ms. Knapp

VOTE: Fouss – Yes

Knapp – Yes

Ringle – Yes

CERTIFICATE

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State of Ohio, Delaware County

I, the undersigned Township Fiscal Officer of Orange Township, Delaware County, Ohio, certify that the foregoing Resolution No. RES.26-200 is taken and copied from the record of proceedings of the Board, and that it has been compared by me with the Resolution on the record and is a true and accurate copy. Further, I certify that the adoption of such Resolution occurred in an open meeting held in compliance with R.C. § 121.22.

Date: July 15, 2026



Donna Batten, Township Fiscal Officer
Orange Township, Delaware County, Ohio

**RES.26-201 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MCDANIEL'S CONSTRUCTION CORP.
INC. REGARDING INSTALLATION OF NEW FLOORING AT PARKS RESTROOMS
AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER TOTALING IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$41,616.03**

Mrs. Fouss moved for the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, McDaniel's Construction Corp. Inc has proposed an agreement for \$41,616.03 (the "Agreement");

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the adoption and execution of the Agreement;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township for the Board of Trustees to adopt and enter into the Agreement.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Orange Township, Delaware County, Ohio (the "Board"), that the following Resolution be and hereby is adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby adopts and approves the form of the Agreement, together with any such changes therein and amendments thereto not inconsistent with this Resolution and not adverse to the Township. The Board hereby authorizes, empowers, and appoints, on behalf of the Board and the Township, Director of Operations (the "Representative") to execute the Agreement in substantially that form on file with the Township, along with any changes or amendments thereto, provided that the approval of those changes and amendments by the Representative and the character of those changes and amendments are not being inconsistent with this Resolution or adverse to the Township, and shall be evidenced conclusively by the Representative's execution of the Agreement. Furthermore, the Representative is authorized to, on behalf of the Township, take any and all actions and execute any and all documents that may be necessary to be completed by the Township in order to finalize the Agreement, and enter into any amendments to the Agreement as may be necessary or desirable, provided that such amendments to not increase any financial obligation of the Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Orange Township (Delaware County) that the Director of Operations is hereby authorized to enter into and execute an agreement with McDaniel's Construction Corp. Inc. regarding Installation of new Flooring at parks restrooms and the issuance of purchase order totaling \$41,616.03 to McDaniel's Construction Corp. Inc.

Seconded by Mr. Ringle

VOTE: Fouss – Yes

Knapp – Yes

Ringle – Yes

CERTIFICATE

State of Ohio, Delaware County

I, the undersigned Township Fiscal Officer of Orange Township, Delaware County, Ohio, certify that the foregoing Resolution No. RES.26-201 is taken and copied from the record of proceedings of the Board, and that it has been compared by me with the Resolution on the record and is a true and accurate copy. Further, I certify that the adoption of such Resolution occurred in an open meeting held in compliance with R.C. § 121.22.

Date: July 15, 2026



Donna Batten, Township Fiscal Officer
Orange Township, Delaware County, Ohio

**RES.26-202 AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS TO APPROVE THE
ENGINEERING PLANS AND PROCEED WITH BID ADVERTISING FOR
SUMMERSWEET TRAIL REPAIRS**

Mrs. Fouss moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees of Orange Township, Delaware County, Ohio, has determined that repairs and improvements to the Summersweet Trail are necessary to maintain the safety and usability of Township infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the project requires compliance with the competitive bidding requirements of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to solicit competitive bids for the Summersweet Trail Repair Project and authorize the administration of the bidding process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees of Orange Township, Delaware County, Ohio:

Section 1. The Board hereby authorizes the Director of Operations to prepare, advertise, and administer the bidding process for the Summersweet Trail Repair Project in accordance with applicable provisions of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 2. The Director of Operations is authorized to receive and evaluate bids and provide a recommendation to the Board of Township Trustees regarding the lowest and best bidder.

Section 3. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive informalities or irregularities in the bidding process as permitted by law, and to re-advertise for bids if determined to be in the best interest of the Township.

Section 4. The award of a contract, if any, shall be made by subsequent action of the Board of Township Trustees.

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Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon passage.

Seconded by Ms. Knapp

VOTE: Fouss – Yes Knapp – Yes Ringle – Yes

**RES.26-203 APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME FIRE
FIGHTER/PARAMEDIC COLLIN CRIDER**

Mrs. Fouss moved the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that Collin Crider is appointed to the non-exempt, full-time, bargaining unit position of Fire Fighter/Paramedic effective August 19, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the compensation for this position shall be as provided for a probationary Fire Fighter/Paramedic in the current collective bargaining agreement between the Township and the Orange Township Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local-3816, with paychecks to be issued based on a 14-day pay period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the compensation for this position shall also include the standard employee benefits package provided for all full-time union personnel in resolutions of the Board of Township Trustees and/or the current collective bargaining agreement between Orange Township and the Orange Township Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local-3816.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, unless otherwise provided by the Board, all future appointments to this position shall be subject to the probationary period provided in the collective bargaining agreement between the Township and the Orange Township Professional Firefighters and contingent upon the applicant's satisfactory completion of a physical, drug screen, and background investigation.

Seconded by Mr. Ringle

VOTE: Fouss – Yes Knapp – Yes Ringle – Yes

**RES.26-204 APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME FIRE
FIGHTER/PARAMEDIC AARON HOPTRY**

Mrs. Fouss moved the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that Aaron Hoptry is appointed to the non-exempt, full-time, bargaining unit position of Fire Fighter/Paramedic effective August 19, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the compensation for this position shall be as provided for a probationary Fire Fighter/Paramedic in the current collective bargaining agreement between the Township and the Orange Township Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local-3816, with paychecks to be issued based on a 14-day pay period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the compensation for this position shall also include the standard employee benefits package provided for all full-time union personnel in resolutions of the Board of Township Trustees and/or the current collective bargaining agreement between Orange Township and the Orange Township Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local-3816.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, unless otherwise provided by the Board, all future appointments to this position shall be subject to the probationary period provided in the collective bargaining agreement between the Township and the Orange Township Professional Firefighters and contingent upon the applicant's satisfactory completion of a physical, drug screen, and background investigation.

Seconded by Ms. Knapp

VOTE: Fouss – Yes Knapp – Yes Ringle – Yes

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RES.26-205 APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME FIRE FIGHTER/PARAMEDIC ROBERT HAWK

Mrs. Fouss moved the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that Robert Hawk is appointed to the non-exempt, full-time, bargaining unit position of Fire Fighter/Paramedic effective August 19, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the compensation for this position shall be as provided for a probationary Fire Fighter/Paramedic in the current collective bargaining agreement between the Township and the Orange Township Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local-3816, with paychecks to be issued based on a 14-day pay period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the compensation for this position shall also include the standard employee benefits package provided for all full-time union personnel in resolutions of the Board of Township Trustees and/or the current collective bargaining agreement between Orange Township and the Orange Township Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local-3816.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, unless otherwise provided by the Board, all future appointments to this position shall be subject to the probationary period provided in the collective bargaining agreement between the Township and the Orange Township Professional Firefighters and contingent upon the applicant's satisfactory completion of a physical, drug screen, and background investigation.

Seconded by Mr. Ringle

VOTE: Fouss – Yes Knapp – Yes Ringle – Yes

RES.26-206 APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF FULL-TIME FIRE FIGHTER/PARAMEDIC NICHOLAS JESSEE

Mrs. Fouss moved the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that Nicholas Jessee is appointed to the non-exempt, full-time, bargaining unit position of Fire Fighter/Paramedic effective August 19, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the compensation for this position shall be as provided for a probationary Fire Fighter/Paramedic in the current collective bargaining agreement between the Township and the Orange Township Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local-3816, with paychecks to be issued based on a 14-day pay period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the compensation for this position shall also include the standard employee benefits package provided for all full-time union personnel in resolutions of the Board of Township Trustees and/or the current collective bargaining agreement between Orange Township and the Orange Township Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local-3816.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, unless otherwise provided by the Board, all future appointments to this position shall be subject to the probationary period provided in the collective bargaining agreement between the Township and the Orange Township Professional Firefighters and contingent upon the applicant's satisfactory completion of a physical, drug screen, and background investigation.

Seconded by Ms. Knapp

VOTE: Fouss – Yes Knapp – Yes Ringle – Yes

RES.26-207 REVISING AND/OR INCREASING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS ESTABLISHED IN RES.25-305

Mrs. Fouss moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the appropriations for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026, as made at the Trustee Meeting on November 19, 2025, in Res.25-305, are changing as follows:

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Purposes for which expenditures are to be made for and during said fiscal year, as follows, via:

General Fund

That the appropriations for the below account codes be revised in the General Fund:

<u>Account code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Previous</u>	<u>Revised</u>
1000-330-190-0000	Other Salaries	\$460,000	\$510,000
	Other		
1000-330-590-0930	Expenses Contingency	\$150,000	\$100,000
	Total:	\$610,000	\$610,000

Seconded by Mr. Ringle

VOTE: Fouss – Yes Knapp – Yes Ringle – Yes

RES.26-208 REVIEW OF THE JUNE 2026 BANK RECONCILIATION AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion by Mrs. Fouss

AS OF 6.30.26				
	<u>Fund Balance</u>	<u>YTD Revenue**</u>	<u>YTD Expenses**</u>	<u>Current Reserve for Encumbrance</u>
General	\$14,493,525	\$3,461,998	\$3,426,855	\$2,999,839
Roads	\$2,660,107	\$1,186,006	\$152,431	\$2,128,927
Fire	\$8,731,303	\$6,852,755	\$7,350,328	\$2,609,729
Parks	\$3,226,400	\$1,114,296	\$845,661	\$1,359,900
Other funds	<u>\$15,520,712</u>	<u>\$13,665,660</u>	<u>\$1,411,772</u>	<u>\$12,264,459</u>
TOTAL	\$44,632,047	\$26,280,715	\$13,187,047	\$21,362,853
** does not include transfers and advances				

Copies of reports provided for each Trustee: Fund Summary & Status, Appropriation Status, and Revenue Summary as of June 30,2026

Seconded by Ms. Knapp

VOTE: Fouss – Yes Knapp – Yes Ringle – Yes

RES.26-209 AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO ADVANCE \$235,285.22 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE COMMUNITY TRAILS IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUND FOR EAST POWELL ROAD TRAIL

Mrs. Fouss moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, East Powell Road Trail Project (“Project”) will have \$235,285.22 reimbursed to the township from grant funds that have been awarded to the Township, but will be reimbursed based on expenditures made towards the project; and,

WHEREAS, time is of the essence and the Township needs to complete this Project; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to advance \$235,285.22 from the General Fund to the Community Trails Improvement Grant Fund to provide necessary funding to complete the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the advance will be repaid upon receipt of sufficient grant funds to finish the Project and repay the advance upon project completion,

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WHEREAS, the Orange Township Board of Trustees (“Board”) now desires to authorize such advance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. The Board hereby determines it is necessary to authorize the advance of \$235,285.22 from the General Fund to the Community Trails Improvement Fund.

Section 2. The advance shall be repaid upon receipt of sufficient grant funds to finish the Project and repay the advance,

Section 3. The Fiscal Officer is hereby instructed to take all necessary steps to make the aforementioned advance and, in accordance with this Resolution, make timely repayment of the advance.

Section 4. All formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board, and all deliberations that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including all lawful ordinances, resolutions, and any applicable provisions of R.C. § 121.22.

Seconded by Mr. Ringle		
VOTE:	Fouss – Yes	Knapp – Yes Ringle – Yes

CON.26-07.15.01 THE BOARD GAVE CONSENSUS TO NOT HOLD A HEARING FOR A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ORANGE POINT 117 LLC CHATEAU WINE & SPIRITS

RES.26-210 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST ADDENDUM TO THE CONTRACT FOR THE COLLECTION, TRANSFER, AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTES BY AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR PURSUANT TO THE JOINT REQUEST FOR BIDS WITH LIBERTY AND GENOA TOWNSHIPS
(R.C. § 505.27)

Mrs. Fouss moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Orange Township, Delaware County, Ohio (“Board”) in 2023 advertised and distributed a Joint Request for Bids with Liberty Township and Genoa Township (collectively, “Townships”) for the collection, transfer and disposal of the solid waste and recyclables produced in the Townships (“Joint RFB”) pursuant to Section 505.27(A)(2)(a)(i) of the Ohio Revised Code; and,

WHEREAS, the Selection Committee determined that Alternate Bid No. 1, together with the specifications and options included, submitted by Rumpke of Ohio, Inc. ranks as the lowest and best of all bids submitted under the Joint RFB.; and,

WHEREAS, all Parties per the terms of the Bid Package have both a need and a desire to extend the contract for an additional term of three (3) years.

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD:

1. The Board hereby adopts and authorizes acceptance of the First Addendum to the Contract for Residential Refuse and Garbage Collection with Recycling with Rumpke of Ohio, Inc., attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.
2. The addendum extends the term of the Agreement for three (3) years through January 31, 2030 as per section 6.5.A of the 2023 Joint RFB with a flat rate increase of 9.9% for the length of

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the extension. The total Contract price for Residential Refuse and Garbage Collection with Recycling shall otherwise remain fixed.

3. All formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption.

Seconded by Mr. Ringle

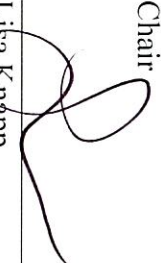
VOTE: Fouss – Yes Knapp – Yes Ringle – Yes

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DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO**



Erica Fouss

Chair



Lisa Knapp
Vice Chair



Michael Ringle
Trustee

**RES.26-211 AUTHORIZE THE REIMBURSEMENT OF VACATION AND SICK
LEAVE HOURS FOR FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC MARCUS MUSSER**

Motion by Mrs. Fouss to authorize the reimbursement of 160 hours of accrued vacation leave and 8 hours of sick leave due to injury for Firefighter/Paramedic Marcus Musser.

Seconded by Ms. Knapp

VOTE: Fouss – Yes Knapp – Yes Ringle – Yes

**RES.26-212 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSULTANTS, INC TO CONDUCT A PHASE 1 ENVIRONMENTAL SITE
ASSESSMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER TOTALING THE
AMOUNT OF \$3,500.00**

Mrs. Fouss moved for the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, Civil and Environmental Consultants, Inc has proposed an agreement for \$3,500.00 (the "Agreement");

WHEREAS, the Board desires to authorize the adoption and execution of the Agreement;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township for the Board of Trustees to adopt and enter into the Agreement.

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RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Orange Township, Delaware County, Ohio (the "Board"), that the following Resolution be and hereby are adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Board hereby adopts and approves the form of the Agreement, together with any such changes therein and amendments thereto not inconsistent with this Resolution and not adverse to the Township. The Board hereby authorizes, empowers, and appoints, on behalf of the Board and the Township, Township Administrator(the "Representative") to execute the Agreement in substantially that form on file with the Township, along with any changes or amendments thereto, provided that the approval of those changes and amendments by the Representative and the character of those changes and amendments are not being inconsistent with this Resolution or adverse to the Township, and shall be evidenced conclusively by the Representative's execution of the Agreement. Furthermore, the Representative is authorized to, on behalf of the Township, take any and all actions and execute any and all documents that may be necessary to be completed by the Township in order to finalize the Agreement, and enter into any amendments to the Agreement as may be necessary or desirable, provided that such amendments to not increase any financial obligation of the Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Orange Township (Delaware County) that the Township Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into and execute an agreement with Civil and Environmental Consultants, Inc regarding phase one environmental site assessment and the issuance of purchase order totaling \$3,500.00 to Civil and Environmental Consultants, Inc.

Seconded by Ms. Knapp

VOTE: Fous – Yes Knapp – Yes Ringle – Yes

CERTIFICATE

State of Ohio, Delaware County

I, the undersigned Township Fiscal Officer of Orange Township, Delaware County, Ohio, certify that the foregoing Resolution No.RES.26-212 is taken and copied from the record of proceedings of the Board, and that it has been compared by me with the Resolution on the record and is a true and accurate copy. Further, I certify that the adoption of such Resolution occurred in an open meeting held in compliance with R.C. § 121.22.

Date: July 15, 2026

Donna Batten, Township Fiscal Officer
Orange Township, Delaware County, Ohio

**CON.26.07.15.02 CANCELLING THE REGULAR TRUSTEE MEETING PREVIOUSLY
SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 5, 2026**

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RES.26-213 UPDATE A RESOLUTION TO WAIVE THE PROVISIONS OF THE NOISE CONTROL RESOLUTION (RES. 13-309) FOR CERTAIN EVENTS IN 2026

Motion by Mrs. Fouss

WHEREAS, various organizers (the “Organizers”) will be holding events within Orange Township, Delaware County, Ohio on the following dates (collectively, the “Events”):

Standardized Brewery/Evans Farm Stage: 5920 Evans Farm Drive, Lewis Center OH 43035

- July 17, 2026 from 6:00pm-9:00pm
- August 8, 2026 from 6:00pm-9:00pm
- August 21, 2026 from 6:00pm-8:00pm
- August 29, 2026 from 6:00pm-8:00pm
- September 12, 2026 from 1:00pm-7:30pm
- October 3, 2026 from 6:00pm-8:00pm

Residential Home: 2708 Big Sur Drive, Lewis Center OH 43035

- September 20, 2026 – Jazz Night from 3:00-7:00pm

WHEREAS, the Events may include live music, amplified sound, and/or other related activities (the “Activities”);

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees of Orange Township, Delaware County, Ohio (the “Township”) adopted Resolution No. 13-309, a Noise Resolution, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.172 (the “Noise Resolution”);

WHEREAS, the Organizers have requested a waiver of the Noise Resolution;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Orange Township, Delaware County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. The provisions of the Noise Resolution are hereby waived as they relate to the Activities to be held at the Events listed above, with the condition that all Activities shall end no later than the time outlined in this resolution.

Section 2. The Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in formal actions were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including but not limited to, Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22, except as otherwise permitted thereby.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect at the earliest time allowed by applicable law.

Seconded by Mr. Ringle

VOTE: Fouss – Yes

Knapp – Yes

Ringle – Yes

RES.26-214 ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Fouss that the Board enter into Executive Session to

- a) To Consider Compensation of a Public Employee

Invited to Attend: Elected Officials, Michele Boni, and Robin Duffee.

Seconded by Ms. Knapp

VOTE: Fouss – Yes

Knapp – Yes

Ringle – Yes

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RES.26-215 RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Ms. Knapp made a motion to return to regular session.

Seconded by Mr. Ringle

VOTE: Fouss – Absent

Knapp – Yes

Ringle – Yes

RES.26-216 MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Knapp to adjourn.

Seconded by Mr. Ringle

VOTE: Fouss – Absent

Knapp – Yes

Ringle – Yes

Notice: Copies of documents referred to in this journal can be obtained by contacting the Orange Township Administrator.


Erica Fouss

Chair


Lisa Knapp

Vice Chair


Michael Ringle

Trustee

Attest:


Donna Batten
Fiscal Officer