

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF TRUSTEES OF
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
JANUARY 15, 2026

The Trustees of Franklin Township met in regular session on January 15, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. at Franklin Township Hall. Trustees present: Chad Bonifant, Dan Donato and David Jones. Also present were Lyla Wiggs, Cathy Wiggs, Violet Thomas, Josh Thomas, Larry Taylor, Brent Metzger, and Fire Chief Jason Ely. The minutes from the December 11, 2025 were read and approved.

The first order of business was brought up by Trustee Chad Bonifant about the hire of part time Administrator for Franklin Township. The Township had posted adds in the Bargain Hunter for Tuscarawas County and on their website. There was only one applicant that applied for position and that was Brent Metzger. Trustee Jones did ask that question that the ad posted in Bargain Hunter stated that applicants had until 1/17/2026 to apply would that make a difference in hiring someone tonight? Mr. Metzger stated that the Bargain Hunter made a mistake and put January 17, 2026, instead of January 15, 2026. Trustee Bonifant said that he was ready to move forward and that the Township did not have to advertise but felt it was best. Trustee Donato made a motion to hire Brent Metzger and Trustee Jones seconded the motion. All three trustees voted in favor. The salary for Part Time Administrator was set at \$8,400.00 per year effective date of 1/1/2026. All three trustees approved salary.

Road Superintendent Tommy Spidell brought up that the Township received 150 tons of salt, and we have 150 tons still available for delivery.

Tommy also mentioned about the blade and salter that was advertised for sale in Gov.Deals. The highest bid was \$340.00 and was approved by all three trustees to sell.

Chief Jason Ely went over the Fire report that was from 1/1/2026 to 1/15/2026. Also, Bobcat Utility vehicle was delivered to Township from fire department and fiscal officer needs to check for title or certificate of origin.

Larry Taylor from Trebel Energy went over the analysis for the aggregate for electric and gas for Franklin Township and cost savings. He also invited everyone to dinner at the Ohio Township Association Convention at Moran's on February 4, 2026, from 6:30 to 10:00 P.M. This was an event for client appreciation.

All three Trustees approved financials and bills. (Bonifant, Jones, and Donato.)

Trustee Bonifant mentions that we should be taking delivery of Flail mower that was being purchase once the company is to setup delivery. Also spoke about Bobcat UTV to sell through Gov.Deals and would have Tommy get pictures to advertise.

Trustee Bonifant also spoke about the duties of the new administrator that he would help get mail, Head up Cyber Security, finish record retention policy, work with Fiscal officer Spidell with the UAN system and payroll. He said that he would like Mr. Metzger to stay on the Jedd Board as well.

Trustee Dan Donato made a motion to keep Metzger on Jedd and Trustee Jones Seconded it. Dan -Yes David-Yes Chad-Yes

Resolution 01-2026 Appropriation of Budget 2026

Trustee Donato made a motion to pass resolution 01-2026 and seconded by Trustee Jones.

Dan-Yes David-Yes Chad-Yes

All three trustees signed certificates.

Trustee Bonifant asked Lyla and Violet if they had any questions along with the parents sitting there. Trustee Bonifant explained the roles of Trustees and what is done in our Township. Explaining that we take care of our township roads and cemeteries. Also, Administrator Brent Metzger explained to the ladies about how our Jedd works and the duties of the board of directors. The young ladies were impressed with the presentation along with their parents.

Next order of business was the passing of Resolution 02-2026 establishing the route 250 non-school tax increment financing district, authorizing financing of public infrastructure improvements under sections 5709.40 & 5709.73, ET, SEQ., of the Ohio revised code. Trustee Jones made a motion to pass Resolution 02-2026 and Trustee Donato seconded it. All three Trustees approved the adoption of Resolution 02-2026.

Next order of business was the passing of Resolution 03-2026 establishing the Bell-Store non-school tax increment financing district, authorizing financing of public infrastructure improvements under sections 5709.40 & 5709.73, ET, SEQ., of the Ohio revised code. Trustee Jones made a motion to pass Resolution 03-2026 and Trustee Donato seconded it. All three Trustees approved the adoption of Resolution 02-2026.

Next order of business was the passing of Resolution 04-2026 establishing the Harwalk Road non-school tax increment financing district, authorizing financing of public infrastructure improvements under sections 5709.40 & 5709.73, ET, SEQ., of the Ohio revised code. Trustee Jones made a motion to pass Resolution 04-2026 and Trustee Donato seconded it. All three Trustees approved the adoption of Resolution 04-2026.

A discussion was held by Trustees about being under paid for the 2025 year based on Salaries set by the State Auditor. The salaries did not change at the beginning of 2025. Fiscal officer Spidell did check with Auditor's office, and it was communicated that we could be compensated. This effected Trustees Metzger, Bonifant, Donato and Fiscal officer Spidell. Fiscal officer Spidell would submit to payroll for compensation in February.

Motion to adjourned by Chad Bonifant and seconded by Dan Donato.

Chad Bonifant

Don Donato

Brent Jones

Sammy Spidell