

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Cardington Township

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held

May 12,

20 25

Cardington Township held their regular meeting on May 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM in the township garage. The meeting was opened with pledge to flag and prayer by Heacock.

Trustees: Heacock, Patterson, Green Fiscal Officer: Hardwick
 Zoning Inspector: Toombs Employee: Moss
 Others: There were approximately 40 guests in attendance. Those that signed in were Don & Carol Holtrey, Bella Bogin, Ed Wahl, Dan Cech, Bill Kanniard, Carla & Charlie McWilliams, Craig Adair, Jeff Snow, Travis Jackson, Keith & Anna Veters, Matthew Heilman, Max Roberts, Devon & Alex Heacock, Wes Goodman, Pat Drouhard, Damon & Kate Nicely, Jon Mason, Vicki Kerman.

MINUTES:

* Hardwick read the minutes of the April 14th regular meeting. Patterson moved, Green seconded, to approve the minutes as read. Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

* Any Cardington Township residents, property owners, and business owners were invited to speak. Charlie McWilliams stated that the solar project is not for Morrow County residents; his concerns included drainage, noise and road conditions. Carla McWilliams shared opinions of residents that will live near this project; the majority that she spoke with oppose the project. She also expressed concern of loss of tillable farm ground. Wes Goodman expressed that he desired to see how the Blossom project in northern Morrow County goes before going forward with this project; he is concerned how a solar project gets decommissioned. Don Holtrey is in favor of the solar project; it is a long-term investment in the community, supplies electricity for Ohio, and respects the owners' use of private property. Carol Holtrey had several letters of support for the project. Brandy Keen (Lincoln Twp resident) opposed the project.

* Dan Green addressed attendees of his concerns of this project. The State of Ohio has the authority to oversee this project which overrides local control. Those who oppose this need to speak to their state representatives.

* Doug Heacock shared that he would not like this project across the street from his house. However, he does not like the idea of government telling a property owner what they can or cannot do with their property.

* Michael Patterson thanked everyone for attending and expressing their concerns. He read a prepared statement. Open Road Renewables has to obtain the approval of the Ohio Power Siting Board. Open Road Renewables had one open house public meeting and will have one more. The Ohio Power Siting Board was and will be in attendance at those meetings. Please attend those and share your opinions. Patterson gave a history of Cardington Township and Morrow County projects that has changed the landscape of the Township: oil wells, Interstate 71, Cardington High School, CYT. He does not support a blanket ban of all solar projects; he supports neutrality and property owners' rights.

ZONING:

* Toombs reported that the Zoning Board of Commission met April 24 and May 6 as they continue to renew the township zoning code. They made a motion to initiate the proposed changes and sent them to Morrow County Regional Planning Commission for review. The Zoning Board of Commission will hold a public hearing on June 2 at 6:30 PM.

* Toombs also reported that he sent a second round of letters, sent by certified mail, to properties that have not been complying with zoning regulations.

* Permit #042925 CT - Paul Yoder, 4669 CR 28 - new house & barn - fee \$360.
 Permit #050725 CT - Daniel Schlabach, 1888 CR 137 - new house & barn - fee \$250. Conditional upon that existing dwelling must be demolished with one year of permit issuance or a lot split will be needed.

ROADS:

* Moss provided trustees with an update; he has ordered road number and zoning signs from Kleem. Mid Ohio Paving plans to do summer paving in July or August. OUPS marked TR 141 at Perry's property and Tidy Tim's jet it out. The road crew gathered litter and tires and dropped it at Mid Ohio Sanitation. They filled potholes and replaced the stop sign at TR28 and CR 11.

EQUIPMENT:

* Mowing will start soon, but Dexter Equipment has not come to look at tractor and mower. New man doors were installed at the Township building. The F550 had two new front tires installed at Carsner's. The tractor was serviced. Trustees asked Moss to get an estimate from Mid Ohio Paving to repave the parking lot at the Township building.

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Resolution 2025-6

MISC:

* Heacock moved, Green seconded, to request certification by the county auditor for the replacement of the fire levy for the purpose of fire protection in Cardington Township, pursuant to Section 5705.19(I) of the Ohio Revised Code, at a rate not exceeding 1.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation for five years commencing 2026, first due in calendar year 2027. This will be for the general election on November 4, 2025. Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

* Trustees reviewed Amazon prices for meeting room chairs and tables. Patterson moved, Green seconded, to authorize Hardwick to purchase 4 folding, padded chairs, 10 folding chairs, and 3 folding tables for township meetings. Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

* Patterson shared that the County Prosecutor's office has not responded to CR 11 property inquiry.

FINANCIAL:

* Heacock moved, Patterson seconded, to inspect and sign checks 17275-17307 and electronic payment 13. Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

* Hardwick presented the Township's Cash Summary by Fund report and Fund Status report. The April bank reconciliation was distributed for signing by the board. Heacock moved, Patterson seconded, to accept them as submitted. Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

* Heacock moved, Green seconded, to approve the creation of a fund for OPWC grant: Fund 4405 (TR 132 improvements). Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

* Heacock moved, Green seconded, to approve setting appropriations for Fund 4405 at \$170,730 (state share of OPWC) and increasing appropriations for General Fund (1000) by \$73,170 (local share of OPWC) to a new total of \$146,450. Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

DISCUSSION:

* Mason, County Commissioner, commended the trustees for a well-run meeting and for letting residents speak. The County Engineer will host an open house for his new facility on May 31.

Patterson moved, Green seconded, to adjourn. Time 8:25 PM.

Darla Hardwick, Fiscal Officer

Doug Heacock, Chairman

Michael Patterson

Daniel Green

CARDINGTON TOWNSHIP, MORROW COUNTY

Payment Listing 4/15/2025 to 5/12/2025

Table with columns: Payment Advice #, Post Date, Transaction Date, Type, Vendor / Payee, Amount. Lists various payments from 13-2025 to 17307.

Total Payments: \$152,467.31