

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Cardington Township

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held

June 9,

20 25

Cardington Township held their regular meeting on June 9, 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

Employee: Moss

Others: There were approximately 18 guests in attendance. Those that signed in were Susan Peyton, Dianna & Jay Haycock, Pat Drouhard, Andrew Orecchio, Tony Shoemaker, Tim Abraham, Lea Maceyko, Michelle Cope, Charles McWilliams, Dakota Robinson, Rick Fryman, Dan Cech, Craig Adair, Vicki Kerman, Minerva & Jeremy Young.

## MINUTES:

\* Hardwick read the minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Patterson moved, Heacock 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. Rick Fryman read a prepared letter. He spoke in favor of the solar project including tax benefit to the community, produce green energy, and no danger to the community. Dakota Robinson spoke about the cleanness of solar energy and that the mining and battery production are not clean. He does not feel that the local fire department could handle a fire at the proposed solar facility. Lea Maceyko stated she will see the solar facility from her house. She has spoken to all trustees individually, and Rick Fryman and she have talked to local people. Approximately 40 people support the solar project. She feels the Ohio Power Siting Board has good information and that landowners should have the right to decide what to do with this project as long as it is legal. She recommends being neutral about this project and let the Ohio Power Siting Board do their job. Andrew Orecchio thinks this will be negative to the area, and he opposes. Charlie McWilliams stated that the Ohio Power Siting Board will listen to one county commissioner and one trustee. He asked Cardington Township trustees to "get off the fence and take a stance." Carla McWilliams shared that she has spoken to community members. The concerns she hears are 1) property values will decline, 2) long and short term effects, and 3) drainage concerns.

\* Tim Abraham, County Commissioner, thanked the community for their support after the death of Deputy Weston Sherrer. He confirmed that one county commissioner and one trustee will be selected as board members for the Ohio Power Siting Board for this project. He wants to be neutral about this project. As a resident, he understands everyone's concerns. There is a solar project in northern Morrow County that is 1,000+ acres; he feels that is enough solar in Morrow County. The County held an open house for the new County Garage for the Engineer's office. It was well attended, and the new garage is very needed. The Sheriff's office has received a \$5.2 million grant for jail improvements & renovations. The Board of Elections will be moving to a new office in the same building, and the County Coroner will get a new office.

GRADER BIDS: No grader bids were received.

## ZONING:

\* Hardwick read Toomb's zoning report.

Lot split for Levering Brothers Inc on TR 143 near US Rt 42. Fee \$100  
Permit #052125CT - Andy Schlabach, 4883 CR 28 - barn with living quarters (temporary) - fee \$100.  
Permit #052125CT-2 - Eli Byler, 4753 CR 28 - new house - fee \$275.

The letter sent to owner of 4400 US 42 went unanswered as well as Mollett letters, waiting on guidance from county prosecutor. Toombs is in contact with McGee on TR 141 about the Davis property; he has a meeting with her on June 18. He met with Neumann on CR 11 about an addition, Neumann may seek a variance as the proposed addition does not meet setback from the road and would be denied a permit.

Zoning commission held a public hearing on June 2 regarding the new zoning resolution. No residents attended the meeting. Clase, Plan4Land, will soon deliver final version to the trustees for review and public hearing which should take place in July.

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. DH (This was in May 12 minutes.)

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## ROADS:

\* Moss provided trustees with an update. He replaced the tile on TR 141 from Perry property to TR 138 and replaced three driveway culverts. He has completed the first round on spraying and trimming and working on mowing. He is renting a mini excavator to replace three culverts on TR 132, one at the intersection of 132 & 136, and one on TR 136.

## EQUIPMENT:

\* The tractor broke down twice. The first repair was fuel injector pump at a cost of \$5,600 with Ag Pro. The second repair was a hydraulic line with a cost of \$1,400 with Ag Pro. Moss had a Dexter quote of \$208,695 for a John Deere tractor and Tiger boom mower. Trustees discussed this and that the tractor has a trade in value of \$25,000 at Southeastern Equipment. Trustees also discussed if county road crew would mow for the township.

## MISC:

\* Mid Ohio Paving provided a quote to repave the township hall parking lot from the front to the edge of the fuel tank at a cost of \$40,120. The township would have excavation work to do and Moss would like to close the ditch. Trustees decided to wait and on this since a tractor is needed as well.

\* Heacock moved, Green seconded, to replace the fire levy, 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. The County Auditor estimates annual property tax revenue of \$144,000. Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

\* Patterson received an email response from Wick, County Prosecutor, in regards to disposal of CR 11 property. It is his office's position that "the land is supposed to remain with the farm property that it originally was a part of, if that is the park district then I believe it goes back to them." Patterson will reach out to Wick, as legal counsel, to deed this property to the Morrow County Park District. Heacock moved, Green seconded, to authorize Patterson to work with the County Prosecutor to revert ownership of this property on CR 11 from Cardington Township. Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson abstain, Green yes.

\* Heacock reported that he executed a contract that Aspen Energy presented for electric aggregation with Dynegy Energy for \$0.0885 / kw hour. This contract will be for meter readings August 2025 - December 2026.

\* Hardwick shared correspondence received from citizens in regards to the solar project; anyone was welcome to look at the file after the meeting. She also received an inquiry/application for an indigent burial but found out that death occurred in the Village of Cardington and not the township.

\* Township can bid now for OPWC TR 132 paving project but cannot award bid until the OPWC agreement is signed. OPWC should email this agreement to Heacock around July 1. Trustees decided to advertise to open bids at July 14 meeting. The 2026 tax budget hearing will also be at the July meeting.

\* Hardwick asked trustees if they would like to receive the minutes and financial reports before the meetings. Patterson & Heacock would like to receive theirs electronically. Green would like to pick up a paper copy.

\* Patterson shared that Gompf Funeral Service will be discussing indigent burials at the quarterly Morrow County Township Association meeting on June 19.

\* Green shared that he drove around the solar project in Union County and talked to their County Administrator about it. He feels the neighbors to this solar project are opposed; he would not want to be a neighbor to it. He does not want to make a blanket resolution banning all solar projects, but he does not recommend this particular solar project.

\* Green moved to oppose this Open Roads Renewable solar project but not all solar projects in Cardington Township. This would leave the door open for other sites. The motion died for lack of second.

## FINANCIAL:

\* Heacock moved, Patterson seconded, to inspect and sign checks 17308-17333 and electronic payment 16. Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

\* Hardwick presented the Township's Cash Summary by Fund report and Fund Status report. The May 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.

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DISCUSSION:

\* Patterson reiterated that one trustee (from the pool of nine trustees of Cardington, Lincoln, and Westfield townships) and one county commissioner will be appointed as ad hoc board members to the Ohio Power Siting Board. In the standard application process flowchart, this will occur after OPSB performs a compliance review of Open Roads Renewable application and completes a letter of completeness. Open Roads Renewable has not yet filed their application with the Ohio Power Siting Board.

Heacock moved, Green seconded, to adjourn. Time 8:30 PM.

*Darla Hardwick*  
 Darla Hardwick, Fiscal Officer

*Doug Heacock*      *Michael Patterson*      *Daniel Green*  
 Doug Heacock, Chairman      Michael Patterson      Daniel Green

CARDINGTON TOWNSHIP, MORROW COUNTY

Payment Listing

5/13/2025 to 6/9/2025

Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount
16-2025	05/27/2025	05/23/2025	EW	United States Treasury	\$1,221.07
17308	05/26/2025	05/23/2025	PR	Zachary P Meyers	\$741.15
17309	05/26/2025	05/23/2025	PR	Keegen L Moss	\$1,192.72
17310	05/26/2025	05/23/2025	PR	Harvey L Smith	\$385.50
17311	06/09/2025	06/05/2025	PR	Daniel L Green	\$776.02
17312	06/09/2025	06/05/2025	PR	Darla Sue Hardwick	\$1,313.35
17313	06/09/2025	06/05/2025	PR	DOUG E HEACOCK	\$926.02
17314	06/09/2025	06/05/2025	PR	Zachary P Meyers	\$305.52
17315	06/09/2025	06/05/2025	PR	Keegen L Moss	\$1,389.30
17316	06/09/2025	06/05/2025	PR	J. MICHAEL PATTERSON	\$776.02
17317	06/09/2025	06/05/2025	PR	Harvey L Smith	\$74.02
17318	06/09/2025	06/05/2025	PR	Christopher M Toombs	\$525.73
17319	06/09/2025	06/05/2025	WH	Public Employees Retirement System	\$2,601.40
17320	06/09/2025	06/05/2025	AW	Keegen Moss	\$250.00
17321	06/09/2025	06/05/2025	AW	Cardington Home and Auto	\$169.22
17322	06/09/2025	06/05/2025	AW	Central Ohio Farmers Co-op, Inc.	\$1,645.56
17323	06/09/2025	06/05/2025	AW	Marathon Petroleum Company LLC	\$35.36
17324	06/09/2025	06/05/2025	AW	TREASURER OF STATE - UAN	\$762.00
17325	06/09/2025	06/05/2025	AW	Balestra & Company, PLLC	\$2,000.00
17326	06/09/2025	06/05/2025	AW	Amazon Capital Services	\$346.02
17327	06/09/2025	06/05/2025	AW	Darla Hardwick	\$119.97
17328	06/09/2025	06/05/2025	AW	Donald D. Mitchell	\$1,056.26
17329	06/09/2025	06/08/2025	AW	Lowe's	\$33.28
17330	06/09/2025	06/08/2025	AW	Grain Train Farmers 4-H	\$12.50
17331	06/09/2025	06/08/2025	AW	Mid-Ohio Sanitation & Recycling LLC	\$40.00
17332	06/09/2025	06/08/2025	AW	AIM Media Midwest Operating, LLC	\$240.00
17333	06/09/2025	06/08/2025	AW	John Deere Financial	\$5,593.64
Total Payments:					\$24,531.63