

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Cardington Township

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held

September 8,

20 25

Cardington Township held a regular meeting on September 8, 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 20 additional guests in attendance. Those that signed in were Charles McWilliams, Richard Fryman, Dan Cech, Wes Goodman, Carla McWilliams, Mark Bell, Jeremy Young, Vicki Kerman.

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

\* Any Cardington Township residents, property owners, and business owners were invited to speak. Charles McWilliams stated that Lincoln and Westfield Townships and the County Commissioners oppose the solar project. Residents are to abide by zoning that trustees have approved; trustees have ability to oppose this project. He feels this solar project will mess up drainage tile, be an eye sore, and he opposes the Open Roads solar project. Wes Goodman updated the map of door-to-door survey within a half mile of project. 32 residents signed petition opposing the solar project. He said three support the project, and there has been no contact with 14 residents. He said the township zoning resolution uses the word "shall" 502 times. He also reported that Open Roads stated in two public meetings that this project will use 611 acres. Open Roads filed their application on Friday, September 5 and it states that the project is 726 acres. Goodman does not trust the Ohio Power Siting Board and bureaucrats in Columbus and asked trustees to oppose the solar project. Carla McWilliams passionately spoke of the unknown long term effects and concerns for damaging roads and drainage issues. Rick Fryman shared his opinion that the solar project would create jobs, generate power, provide tax relief, and property owners rights; he encouraged trustees to remain neutral on the issue. Nick Cochran highlighted an article from the Epoch Times newspaper; it stated that solar panels ruin farm land, the metals mined to make the panels involve child labor, and it does not produce green energy. He also shared concern that Morrow County has many abandoned, unsafe oil wells, and will that happen after the solar energy project. A resident of South Marion Street expressed that Ohio is a bad state for solar energy.

#### MINUTES:

\* Heacock moved, Patterson seconded, to approve the August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as presented. Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

#### ROADS:

\* Trustees discussed the OPWC application that is due in November. Moss recommends applying to repave TR 128 (from CR 137 to TR 136). Hardwick will obtain an estimate from the County Engineer.

\* Moss provided trustees with an update. He continues to mow; he has trimmed trees along TR 136 & TR 132. Mid Ohio Paving completed paving of 136 & 152 and paving/berming on TR 132 (OPWC project). They did a good job. Tires and quickcrete were dumped on 136. Moss added gravel at both ends of TR 132 and at field entrances. He has started putting up the road signs. He called Glosser at the Engineer's office about the bridge on 141.

#### EQUIPMENT:

\* The tractor and mower are hanging in. Moss called to schedule the Ford 550 recall and told another recall may be coming, so he waited to schedule.

\* Trustees discussed putting up Amish buggy caution road signs.

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## OLD BUSINESS:

\* Patterson is waiting on two more website design proposals. He also spoke to OTA about offering this service. They might next year. Trustees will wait until next year to see if OTA will offer this.

\* Garverick is working on the CR 11 property survey; they have had difficulty locating the pins. Linder will complete a title search. Heacock shared that the Ebert family is willing to take this property back.

\* Patterson provided varying quotes from Hartman Printing to print the Township newsletter and the Post Office cost to mail. Green moved, Heacock seconded, to print 3,050 newsletters (black ink on green paper) at an approximate cost of \$651 and to mail to all 43315 addresses at an approximate cost of \$743.72 plus stamps for Edison addresses that are in Cardington Township. Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

## NEW BUSINESS:

\* Heacock will represent the Township at the Amish health and safety fair on Wednesday, September 10. The MCTA will host a webinar on Wednesday, September 10. Dale Arnold of the Ohio Farm Bureau will discuss energy & utility futurecasting in Ohio.

\* Hardwick shared that Ohio HB 96 requires the Township to adopt standards safeguarding against cybersecurity threats and ransomware attacks. Hardwick distributed copies of a sample resolution provided by Wick, County Prosecutor. This will be on the agenda to vote at the October Township meeting.

## DISCUSSION:

\* Jon Mason, County Commissioner, shared his personal opinion that when solar projects become industrial-size, that changes things. The County will be having an auction on Monday, September 29 at the old county garage to sell surplus assets.

## FINANCIAL:

\* Patterson moved, Green seconded, to inspect and sign checks 17384-17403 and electronic payment 28. Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

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

## ZONING:

\* Toombs arrived to the meeting and provided a report

Lot split for Don Denton - 5.055 acres on CR 165 - fee \$25.

Permit #081225CT - Dan Barker, 1868 CR 27 - new house - fee \$100.

Conditional use application - Andy Schlabach, 4883 CR 28 - survey stake wood shop - \$500.

Conditional use application - Daniel Schlabach, 1888 CR 137 - sewing shop - \$500.

Conditional use application - Eli Byler, 4753 CR 28 - butcher shop - \$500.

Toombs will contact zoning appeals board members to schedule a hearing for the conditional use applications.

Toombs and Heacock met with the County Prosecutor regarding the white pickup truck at 4400 US Rt 42, the Mollett property on US Rt 42, and the Maniaci property on CR

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149. The Prosecutor will send out letters to these properties encouraging their compliance. Toombs also sent certified letters to 4400 US Rt 42 and Mollett.


\* Joe Clase, Plan4Land, provided 25 printed copies of the new zoning resolution. He provided zoning forms for the trustees to review. The fee schedule that the trustees approved in July was inaccurate, and Clase provided corrected numbers.

\* Heacock moved, Patterson seconded, to adopt Appendix B Fee Schedule to the Zoning Resolution with an effective date of October 1. Roll call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

\* Patterson moved, Heacock seconded, to accept the zoning forms with the updated fees that become effective October 1. Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

\* Hardwick will file the updated zoning resolution with the County Recorder.

Patterson moved, Green seconded, to adjourn. Time 8:10 PM.



Darla Hardwick, Fiscal Officer



Doug Heacock, Chairman



Michael Patterson



Daniel Green

## CARDINGTON TOWNSHIP, MORROW COUNTY

## Payment Listing

8/12/2025 to 9/8/2025

Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount
28-2025	08/25/2025	08/21/2025	EW	United States Treasury	\$1,137.99
17384	08/25/2025	08/21/2025	PR	Zachary P Meyers	\$259.33
17385	08/25/2025	08/21/2025	PR	Keegen L Moss	\$585.30
17386	08/25/2025	08/21/2025	PR	Harvey L Smith	\$554.45
17387	09/08/2025	09/02/2025	PR	Daniel L Green	\$776.02
17388	09/08/2025	09/02/2025	PR	Darla Sue Hardwick	\$1,313.35
17389	09/08/2025	09/02/2025	PR	DOUG E HEACOCK	\$926.02
17390	09/08/2025	09/02/2025	PR	Zachary P Meyers	\$197.74
17391	09/08/2025	09/02/2025	PR	Keegen L Moss	\$1,261.89
17392	09/08/2025	09/02/2025	PR	J. MICHAEL PATTERSON	\$776.02
17393	09/08/2025	09/02/2025	PR	Christopher M Toombs	\$525.73
17394	09/08/2025	09/02/2025	WH	Public Employees Retirement System	\$2,207.51
17395	09/08/2025	09/04/2025	AW	Keegen Moss	\$250.00
17396	09/08/2025	09/04/2025	AW	Cardington Home and Auto	\$50.84
17397	09/08/2025	09/04/2025	AW	Holmes Rental & Sales Inc.	\$125.96
17398	09/08/2025	09/04/2025	AW	Donald D. Mitchell	\$1,057.41
17399	09/08/2025	09/04/2025	AW	Kleem, Inc.	\$509.62
17400	09/08/2025	09/04/2025	AW	TREASURER OF STATE - UAN	\$762.00
17401	09/08/2025	09/06/2025	AW	Christopher Toombs	\$20.96
17402	09/08/2025	09/08/2025	AW	Mid-Ohio Sanitation & Recycling LLC	\$40.00
17403	09/08/2025	09/08/2025	AW	Mid-Ohio Paving, Inc.	\$55,221.63
Total Payments:					\$68,559.77