



**Hanover Township Board of Trustees
September 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Call to Order: Board President Douglas L. Johnson called the regular Board meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Mr. Johnson led the opening ceremonies and gave the opening invocation.

Roll Call: Mr. Greg Sullivan, Fiscal Officer/Clerk took a roll call with Messer's Miller, Buddo and Johnson present. Other officials present: Bruce E. Henry, Township Administrator; Road Superintendent Scot Gardner, Phil Clark, Fire Chief and BCSO Deputy Tanner.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Mr. Buddo, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the September 18, 2024 regular meeting minutes and approve warrants for release/distribution as well as approval of reports. Upon roll call Mr. Miller, Mr. Buddo and Mr. Johnson voted yes to approve all.

Guest Presentation: None scheduled or requested.

Citizen Participation: Stacey Wyatt of 2420 Isabella Lane questioned why paving was not finished on her street as it has taken so long. The Board stated that the project was under the County Engineer's Office paving contract and the Township does not supervise the contractor's activity. (Originally the paving was delayed due to a sanitary line repair involving the road). Mr. Henry asked Mrs. Wyatt about a phone call he made to her explaining the situation about two weeks prior. She stated that was possible. Mr. Henry asked her if she also was making statements (on Face Book) that no one answers the phone at the township or returns calls as well as photographed the main office door which was locked at the time. She expressed her frustration about not being able to speak to someone directly. She further stated that she did not leave any messages on any of the Township lines attempted to reach someone. Furthermore, at the time of the photo posted, Mr. Henry was ten minutes away down the street and there is a cell phone number posted on the door. Trustees Buddo and Miller stated that a message must be left and the appropriate official would contact her. Trustee Johnson thanked Mrs. Wyatt for bring the matter to the Board's attention.

Bonnie Brandenburg of 995 Abilene Court discussed snow plowing/removal on her street. She stated that during a heavy snow her driveway gets blocked by snow and she cannot get her vehicle out. She wanted to know why the snow cannot be stacked on another property and keep her drive clear. An explanation from the Board and staff stated that the street is narrow and driveways are in close proximity to each other. A smaller snow plow must be used to navigate the street and it is difficult to adequately clear the street. Drivers do the best job they can. Ms. Brandenburg also thanked Mr. Buddo for helping her with her driveway one year. She further stated that the Road Department does an excellent job and she in no way is critical.

Administration Reports

Law Enforcement: Deputy Tanner gave the following report for the month of August 2024:

Butler County Sheriff's Office
District #18
Hanover Township Contract Cars
Monthly Report for August 2024

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<u>Activity Area</u>	<u>Month Totals*</u>	<u>YTD</u>
• Dispatched Calls:146		1040
• Felony Reports: 03		15
• Misdemeanor Reports: 04		49
• Non-Injury Crash: 09		33
• Injury Crash: 01		21
Total Reports: 17.....		107
• Assists/Back Up: 26		210
• Felony Arrests: 01		01
• Misdemeanor Arrests: 02		12
• OMVI Arrests: 00		01
Total Arrests: 03		17
• Traffic Stops: 15		75
• Moving Citations: 05		61
• Warning Citations: 09		34
• Civil Papers Served: 0		02
• Business Alarms: 1		07
• Residential Alarms:06		38
• Special Details: 18		109
• COPS Times: 3,800 (<i>Min.</i>)		31,120 Min.
• Vacation Checks: 00		59

Reporting for Deputy Tanner and Deputy Mayer.
Prepared by BEH.

**Should be noted vacations and training led to lower stats for the month.

Hanover Township Fire Department
Monthly Report for August 2024- Phil Clark Fire Chief

Run and detail activity for the Fire and EMS operations are reflected in the following numbers.

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
• Emergency Medical Operations/Squad Runs:	57	429
• Motor Vehicle Accidents:	09	63
• Fire Runs:	07	93
• Fire Inspections:	00	00
• Knox Box Details	00	00
• Other	00	00
• Total for the month:	73 Runs/Operations	(Fire/EMS Runs)

Total Year 2024: 595 Runs/Operations

(August 2023: 56 Runs/Operations)

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Total for 2023	867	
Total for 2022	1010	5 year average (2019-2023)
Total for 2021	1075	940 Runs/Operations
Total for 2020	870	
Total for 2019	879	
Total for 2018	777	
Total for 2017	689	
Total for 2016	705	
Total for 2015	733	
Total for 2014	809	5 year average (2017-2021): 858
Total for 2013	750	Run Increase Since 2007: 358
Total for 2012	693	

Total for 2011	719
Total for 2010	748
Total for 2009	676
Total for 2008:	669
Total for 2007	717

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS (September 2024)

Millville Cemetery Operations Report August 1 through August 31, 2024

4 Graves sold to Cemetery Lot Purchasers (@ \$1,400)-	5,600.00
0 Old resident graves-----	0.00
6 Full Interments-----	9,400.00
0 Baby interments-----	0.00
1 Cremations-----	1,600.00
Foundation and Marker installation fees-----	1,248.00
Grave Transfer-----	0.00
Donations-----	100.00

Total: ----- 17,848.00

Other Cemetery activities:

1. Fixed graves
2. Cleaned office and garage
3. Picked up and removed flowers from stones.
4. Mowed grass four times
5. Weed eat four times

Road, Streets and Park (Scot Gardner)

1. Picked up rolls of carpet on Decamp Road and took them to the dump.
2. Trimmed a tree hanging out in the road on Cochran Road.
3. Removed a tree hanging on the phone lines on Hogue Road.
4. Installed conduit and concrete pedestals, pulled wire from the building to the sign and wired the lights.
5. Performed cold patching.
6. Filled in a sinkhole on Krucker Road.
7. Cleaned up a large tree that fell on Four Mile Road.
8. Put up an "Autistic Child in the Area" sign on Del Reo Drive.
9. Added a 25 MPH advisory sign to a curve sign on Darrrtown Road.
10. Trimmed low hanging trees in the Millville Reilly Cemetery.
11. Ran and changed the fuel in all our generators.
12. Cleaned up glass at the recycling dumpsters.
13. Sprayed weeds in the curbs in all the subdivisions.
14. Replaced some boards on the train in the Playground.
15. Filled in a sunken area on Columbus Drive North.
16. Cut grass on all Township properties four times.
17. Performed monthly truck, park, and stormwater inspections.



Administrator **August** Summary Report
(September 18, 2024)

- **Park Restroom Project:** OHIO EPA Permit To Install was approved and issued allowing proceeding ahead with the Park Restroom project. New Plans and specifications were developed based upon the meeting with the Board of Trustees. Advertising and solicitation took place as required. Bids were received and opened on August 26, 2024. Six companies provided bids. On August 30, 2024 a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees took place with presentations made by Luminant Architects and the Township Administrator regarding a bid award. The Board of deliberation made a bid award to John S. Tumlin & Sons LTD.
- **County Land Bank:** The offer by the Land Bank for Shady Nook expired with no progress.
- **Fire Department: Ongoing:** Working on several backgrounds for possible Fire Department employees. Continuing coordination with Lt. Baden regarding grant opportunities for the department.
- **Open Burning: Ongoing-** Ongoing- open burning continues to be a problem in some areas. The Administration fielded a number of phone calls again this month related to complaints and questions regarding the law. Information continues to be made available to the public.
- **Nuisances and General Complaints: Ongoing-** Fielded several calls and visited various properties to ascertain if the property condition violated debris, junk vehicle or dilapidated structure statutes under Township law. Currently trying to resolve with persuasion. Also coordinating to the extent possible with County Zoning. If follow up official orders are needed, action may be taken in August- September.
- **Fiscal Operations- Ongoing:** Continued monthly analysis of the financial condition of the Township and working in planning of projects identified by the Board for implementation.
Obtained data from the Fiscal Officer and prepared Township funds analysis for the monthly Board meeting. Prepared Trustee packets and reports.

- **Special Events:** Working with the Park Committee on upcoming events Wine Tasting, Haunted Harvest and Veterans Day Ceremony.

- **Road Program through BCEO:** Received some complaints that Isabella Lane has not received finished paving. The process has been held up to allow County Sanitary to determine possible problem underneath the roadway.
- **Wencella Drive Drainage Issues: Ongoing/No change-** The problem exists outside the right of way. (Still trying to figure out how to deal with the private property and R/W issues and financing- **still pending- no change.**

Personnel Actions and Other Items of Note

August- September 2024:

Fire Department/ Hire Subject to Conditions

The following were mentioned in last month's report and they are currently finishing up their background investigation requirements.

New: Hire: Gary A. Ballard II as a Firefighter/ EMT P at \$22.00 per hour on station subject to final review of qualifications and subject to the successful completion of the background check by the Township Administrator.

New: Hire: Jaclyn P. Marmolejo Hamilton, Ohio 45013 as an EMT-B at \$17.00 per hour on station subject to final review of qualifications and subject to the successful completion of the background check by the Township Administrator.

New: Hire: Gabriella Calderon 3770 Southpointe Parkway Apt. 918 Oxford, Ohio 45056 as an EMT-B at \$17.00 per hour on station subject to final review of qualifications and subject to the successful completion of the background check by the Township Administrator.

New: Hire: Ty R. Allen 703 Hunter Court Trenton, Ohio 45067 as a Firefighter at \$17.00 per hour on station subject to final review of qualifications and subject to the successful completion of the background check by the Township Administrator.

Cemetery

Nothing new to report.

Fiscal Year 2020

Jan- Cash Balance: \$1,665,256.35

Feb- Cash Balance: \$1,672,757.34

Mar-Cash Balance: \$2,308,393.51

Apr- Cash Balance: \$2,230,590.13
 May- Cash Balance: \$2,192,706.20
 June- Cash Balance: \$2,290,353.31
 July- Cash Balance: \$2,185,119.72
 Aug- Cash Balance: \$2,281,130.53
 Sept- Cash Balance: \$2,578,948.20
 Oct- Cash Balance: \$2,32,780.90 (Excludes CARES Funding; If included balance is \$2,859,129.29
 Nov- Cash Balance: \$2,446,861.80 (Excludes CARES Funding; If included balance is \$2,728,043.24
 Dec- Cash Balance: \$2,436,152.18 (Includes \$35,374.23 CARES Revenue)

Fiscal Year 2021

Jan- Cash Balance: \$2,327,500.47
 Feb- Cash Balance: \$2,555,744.03
 Mar- Cash Balance: \$2,326,232.58
 Apr- Cash Balance: \$2,936,429.83
 May- Cash Balance: \$2,865,179.70
 June- Cash Balance: \$2,814,391.86
 July- Cash Balance: \$3,162,801.28
 Aug- Cash Balance: \$3,018,684.99
 Sept- Cash Balance: \$3,529,740.57
 Oct- Cash Balance: \$3,487,179.01
 Nov- Cash Balance: \$3,355,784.52
 Dec- Cash Balance: \$3,269,634.31

Fiscal Year 2022

Jan- Cash Balance: \$3,106,359.45
 Feb- Cash Balance: \$3,061,133.65
 Mar- Cash Balance: \$3,780,417.05
 Apr- Cash Balance: \$3,703,934.16
 May- Cash Balance: \$3,643,272.43
 June- Cash Balance: \$3,498,499.98
 July- Cash Balance: \$3,866,009.07
 Aug- Cash Balance: \$3,903,052.77
 Sept- Cash Balance: \$4,264,684.95
 Oct- Cash Balance: \$4,201,970.71
 Nov- Cash Balance: \$4,092,018.29
 Dec- Cash Balance: \$4,039,299.87

Fiscal Year 2023

January Cash Balance: \$3,559,160.92
 February Cash Balance: \$3,475,575.97
 March Cash Balance: \$3,496,580.72
 April Cash Balance: \$4,121,487.83
 May Cash Balance: \$3,861,490.93
 June Cash Balance: \$3,739,555.00
 July Cash Balance: \$3,675,692.32
 August Cash Balance: \$3,496,048.90
 September Cash Balance: \$4,067,959.69
 October Cash Balance: \$3,996,729.39
 November Cash Balance: \$3,722,684.18
 December Cash Balance: 3,673,455.14

Fiscal Year 2024

Jan- Cash Balance: \$3,483,832.60
 Feb- Cash Balance: \$3,459,266.38
 Mar- Cash Balance: \$4,241,433.98
 Apr- Cash Balance: \$4,075,635.16
 May- Cash Balance: \$3,968,743.91
 June- Cash Balance: \$3,838,123.51
 July- Cash Balance: \$3,939,306.18
 August- Cash Balance: \$4,836,347.62

Of Note- Budget Information

- 1) Total Expenditures all funds for August 31: \$195,345.50 / Revenue: \$1,091,986.94
- 2) Total General Fund cash on hand August 31: \$1,696,628.17 (35.08%) of Total funds
- 3) Total Fire/EMS Fund cash on hand August 31: \$816,829.14 (16.89%) of Total funds

4) Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Reports by fund for this month of 2024 are attached to this report. See charts of expenditures and revenues.

General Notes and Observations

January- March 2021: Fund balances and carry over as well as property valuation numbers will be analyzed the first quarter. The Township must operate on carry over balances until tax settlements are received in April 2021.

Also, the impact of COVID-19 on revenues and expenditures will be evaluated. Examining new COVID-19 Relief Bill for allocations to Townships.

June- July 2021: The Township should review what can be funded through the American Relief Act for Townships and develop a priority list of projects and costs. Need to schedule a work session in August and/or September to develop a project/program list.

August-September 2021: Must review and address rising costs of Fire/EMS operations and revenue that is not increasing at the same rate. Future consideration necessary to address level levy revenue.

October 2021: Analyzing American relief Fund Act regulations and forwarded Township projects for legal review under the Act. Once an opinion is rendered, a special Board meeting will need to be called for review.

November 2021: No word from legal counsel- American Relief Fund Act funds and their use. Administration is still running short. Road and Cemetery slowing getting back to full strength.

December 2021 through February 2022: Due to illness and furlough, the administration is still operating short-handed.

Township officials will review legal counsel opinions and updated Treasury regulations regarding the use of American Relief Act funding. Priority decisions on key projects and programs to be established by the Board of Trustees.

March/April: Reviewing comprehensive project listing of major projects need for the next 5-7 years. Prioritizing projects for ARF funding for the next two years.

June to September 2022: Finalize Township project priorities to be funded through ARF Act. Determine means for funding the Gene Avenue Project and begin planning for Community Center Parking lot.

October to November 2022: Need to finalize 2023 Road Program and use of county and local ARPA funds.

December 2022/April 2023: Once received from various sources, a review of projects and how they will be financed should be prioritized. Payment for the Gene Avenue Culvert Project will be due.

May/June 2023: Restroom project a priority and must work with architects to get the project started. Also examining budgets to address road projects and Fire Department issues.

July/August: Finalizing work drawings on the Park Restroom and Road Department projects. Trustees to review overall finances and Fire Department future financing.

October/November: Working on implementing Park Restroom Project, Community Center Parking Lot Construction Project and Road Department Improvements. Developing information for additional County ARPA funds allocation.

December 2023: Examining Impact of increased costs associated with all operations and possible strategies to address these issues.

January-February 2024: Evaluating Fund Balances and estimated 2024 Revenue and Expenditures to ascertain which needed projects can move ahead. Need a strategy session with the Board of Trustees.

March through May 2024: There is a need to hold a strategy session regarding future costs of Fire/EMS Operations as the Township looks to the future to keep operations effective in light of inflationary conditions. Also need to examine performance objectives for various operations. Need to examine methods to retain experienced quality personnel.

June-July 2024: Value Engineering associated with the Park Restroom needs to be completed and preparation of new design-build specs for bidding in July. Work with the County Land Bank to secure funds to help eliminate nuisances.

August through October 2024: Park restroom Project Construction. Examine operational costs and make decisions regarding future levies.

Old Business

From: Butler County Zoning

A report from the Zoning Office was included in the Board's packet outlining their actions related to 1535 Morman Road, 2263 Old Oxford Road, 857 Woodbine, 428 Morman Road, 1963 Millville Avenue and 2490 Isabella.

Park Restroom Bidding

Resolution No. 37-24 was adopted approving a bid award and authoring contract documents for contracting with John P. Tumlin & Sons LTD 10848 Sand Run Road Harrison, Ohio 45030 for a base bid of \$348,400.00 and provide for implementation of Alternates 1 (\$11,500.00) and 2 (\$88,600.00) as listed with a total cost of \$448,500.00. This decision is based upon the balance available for this project as presented by the Fiscal Officer. A preconstruction meeting was held at the site. Estimated date of start of construction is the first week of October.

Zoning Violation and Court Order

Kevin Gerrity of the County Prosecutor's Office forwarded Case No. CV2023-11-2404 concerning violations at 857 Woodbine and contempt of court findings. A fine was imposed with deadlines for completion of items in violation. See attached case.

PUCO Ruling CSX Rail Crossings at Decamp and Hussey Roads

The Township was notified by a PUCO Ruling/Order that CSX was granted an extension until December 6, 2024 to complete all rail crossing upgrades at Decamp and Hussey Roads. A copy of the order was included in the Board's packet.

New Business:

Approving Rates and Amounts from the County Budget Commission as Recommended by the Fiscal Officer

Resolution No. 39-24

**Accepting The Amounts and Rates as Determined By The County Budget Commission and
Authorizing the Necessary tax Levies**

Whereas, the Board of Trustees and Administration have been evaluating Hanover Township's finances and reviewed the proposed tax rates and levies based upon information from the County Budget Commission; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees in accordance with provisions of the Ohio Revised Code (Sections 5705.34 and 5705.35) had previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1, 2025; and,

Whereas, The Fiscal Officer is certifying to the County Budget Commission the 2025 Amounts Rates and Tax Levy Information based upon this resolution,

Be it resolved by the Board of Township Trustees of Hanover Township Butler County, Ohio

Section I. That the Board approves The Amounts and Rates as Determined By The County Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies as reflected in the attachment hereto.

Section II. That the Fiscal Officer is authorized to take all necessary steps and delivery of documents as required under the Ohio Revised Code.

The foregoing resolution was adopted in an open public meeting and is a reflection of the official action taken by the Board of Trustees of Hanover Township Butler County, Ohio on the 18th day of September.

Board of Trustees

Vote

Attest:

Douglas L. Johnson

Larry Miller

Jeff Buddo

Gregory L. Sullivan
Fiscal Officer/ Clerk

Mr. Sullivan explained the measure. Final operating appropriations would be approved the first quarter of 2025. Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 39-24 which was seconded by Mr. Buddo. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all three Trustees voting yes.

Vizedom Road Request

Resolution No. 40-24

**Requesting the Butler County Engineer's Office Evaluate Vizedom Road Safety Concerns
as Tractor Trailer Units Are Using the Road as a Cut Through to Old Oxford Road**

Whereas, complaints from Vizedom Road residents have continued to increase as Tractor Trailer Units use the road as a cut through to Old Oxford Road; and

Whereas, residents have complained also about the traffic tie ups created by semis that cannot successfully complete the turn onto Old Oxford Road creating a safety hazard; and

Whereas, various portions of Vizedom Road have deep ditches adjacent to the paved surface and the roadway does not leave enough room for semis and motorists passing each other; and

Be it resolved by the Board of Township Trustees of Hanover Township Butler County, Ohio

Section I. Resolution No. 40-24 is hereby approved, officially requesting the Butler County Engineer take the appropriate steps to analyze the Vizedom Road safety concerns and determine what steps may be taken to address this issue.

Section II. That this Resolution is to be delivered to the Butler County Engineer's Office after its enactment by the Board.

The foregoing resolution was adopted in an open public meeting and is a reflection of the official action taken by the Board of Trustees of Hanover Township Butler County, Ohio on the 18th day of September 2024.

Board of Trustees

Vote

Attest:

Douglas L. Johnson
Larry Miller
Jeff Buddo

Gregory L. Sullivan
Fiscal Officer/ Clerk

Moved by Mr. Buddo which was seconded by Mr. Miller to formally approve the request to the Butler County Engineer's requesting the Butler County Engineer review and evaluate the possibility of restricting semi truck traffic from using Vizedom Road due to safety issues by approving Resolution No. 40-24. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all three Trustees voting yes.

Minton Road Review Request

Resolution No. 41-24

Requesting Traffic Review and Issues Associated with the Minton Road and Morman Road Intersection for Study to be Submitted to the Butler County Engineer's Office

Whereas, During the last two years there have been a number of new driveways and residences constructed on Morman Road from Stillwell Beckett Road to Millville Avenue; and

Whereas, residents have complained about the increased truck traffic and speeds along Morman Road creating a safety hazard; and

Whereas, there is concern that many motorists traveling east or west on Minton Road don't realize that traffic on Morman Road does not stop and therefore pulls out into oncoming traffic; and

Whereas, Officials of the Township who travel that area daily have experienced accidents and near misses; and

Whereas, the intersection should be considered for a four way stop zone or a roundabout to address the issue raised; and

Be it resolved by the Board of Township Trustees of Hanover Township Butler County, Ohio

Section I. Resolution No. 41-24 is hereby approved, officially requesting the Butler County Engineer take the appropriate steps to analyze the intersection referenced and determine what measures may be taken to address the issue raised herein.

Section II. That this Resolution is to be delivered to the Butler County Engineer's Office after its enactment by the Board.

The foregoing resolution was adopted in an open public meeting and is a reflection of the official action taken by the Board of Trustees of Hanover Township Butler County, Ohio on the 18th day of September 2024.

Board of Trustees

Vote

Attest:

Douglas L. Johnson
Larry Miller
Jeff Buddo

Gregory L. Sullivan
Fiscal Officer/ Clerk

Moved by Mr. Buddo which was seconded by Mr. Miller to formally approve the request to the Butler County Engineer's requesting the Butler County Engineer review and evaluate the possibility of a four way stop or roundabout at the intersection of Morman Road and Minton Road due to safety issues by approving Resolution No. 41-24. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all three Trustees voting yes.

Retention Compensation Grant Implementation

Resolution No. 42-24

Authorizing Acceptance and Implementation of the Ohio Ambulance Impacted Industry Program Transportation Program Retention Grant Award for the Hanover Township Fire Department

WHEREAS, The Township received notification through the Ohio Ambulance Impacted Industry Program (Retention of Employees) Grant Award for the Hanover Township Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, The funds have been received totaling \$43,501.00 for distribution by the end of September 2024. For audit purposes and to authorize expenditures related thereto in accordance with the program requirements; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Section I. : For audit purposes and to authorize expenditures related thereto, the Board hereby accepts the grant award and authorizes the Township Administrator and Fiscal Officer to implement said program and expenditures in compliance with the grant requirements.

Section II. That the Hanover Fire Department Administration is to coordinate with the Fiscal Officer to insure compliance with all fire department related requirements.

The foregoing resolution was adopted in an open public meeting and is a reflection of the official action taken by the Board of Trustees of Hanover Township Butler County, Ohio on the 18th day of September 2024.

Board of Trustees

Vote

Attest:

Douglas L. Johnson
Larry Miller
Jeff Buddo

Gregory L. Sullivan
Fiscal Officer/ Clerk

A chart with breakdown of payments was provided by the Fire Chief. All members listed comply with the requirements of the grant. Said chart was included in the Board's packet.

Moved by Mr. Miller which was seconded by Mr. Buddo to formally approve acceptance of the grant award and authorize the retention payments qualified under the grant conditions by approving Resolution No. 42-24 as set forth. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all three Trustees voting yes.

OTARMA Board of Directors Notice

The Board received a letter from OTARMA asking if any of the Trustees were interested in running for lection to the Board as there are two openings. Interest must be expressed to Wendy French no later than October 15, 2024. Full letter was included in the Board's packet.

Motion Cemetery Lot Sell Back:

Donna Callahan 55 Barrett Road Apt. 204 Berea, Ohio 44017 wishes to sell back to Hanover Township two cemetery graves in Millville Cemetery located in Section F, Lot 122, Grave 1 and valued at the time for \$610.00.00 and Section F, Lot 122 Grave 4 valued at the time at \$1200.00. A written request to sell back the lots for \$1810.00 minus the Township's \$25.00 transfer fee has been presented with the proper documentation (Net Total \$1785.00). **Motion:** Moved by Miller, seconded by Mr. Buddo to approve the aforementioned buy back of Graves for a net total of \$1785.00 and authorize the Fiscal Officer to prepare a check and mail to Ms. Callahan. (Documentation attached)

After discussion, a roll call vote was taken by Mr. Sullivan with all three Trustees voting yes.

Anthem Rebate Acceptance Motion:

In accordance with the Affordable Care ACT 80/20 provision related to insurance carriers, Anthem was identified has not meeting the 80/20 rule for Hanover Township's plan in 2023 and therefore required to issue a rebate check for the amount short of the required threshold. The rebate check totaled \$3,346.40. For the record and tracking purposes, a motion is order. Therefore, Mr. Buddo moved to accept the Anthem rebate check of \$3,346.40 based upon the foregoing which was seconded by Mr. Miller. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with following result: all three Trustees voted yes.

BWC Grant Award (Fire Department)

The Township through the Fire Department applied for an Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation grant under the Safety Intervention program. The program sets forth several restrictions and the money must be used for intervention equipment. The Department has identified a list of 12 pieces of equipment for a total of \$53,613.80 (\$40,000 state funds; \$13,613.80 local funds) to enhance safety and effectiveness of operations. This list has been approved by BWC. An explanation packet was included with the Board's information For the record and to approve the grant program as outlined, Mr. Buddo made a motion to approve the foregoing which was seconded by Mr. Miller. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll and the vote was: all three Trustees votes yes.

Journal News Response to the Township's Inquiry/ Publication of Meeting Notices

The notices do appear if we have space and if sent with enough time prior. We have very early deadlines, days in advance of the actual print date, so sometimes it is sent to late to get in. We have slowed down running routine board meeting notices as citizens who are interested in the meeting will go directly to the township or city's web site.

We still run community events such as your fall event or other community events. I hope that helps. If there is anything else, I can help with please let me know. / Journal News

**** Note: Ohio Statutes only require media/press notification of the Board meetings which occurs each time.**

Other

Mr. Henry drew the Board's attention to the **Miscellaneous Correspondence** included in their Board Packet:

1. **Butler County Building Permit Reports**
2. **Radar Speed Sign Information**
3. **Butler County MHARS Board- Levy Information**
4. **Journal News- Levies on the Ballot**
5. **Other**

There being no further public business for the Board to take up, Mr. Johnson **moved** to adjourn the Board meeting which was seconded by Mr. Miller and to move into Executive Session as per ORC 121.22 regarding personnel. Mr. Sullivan called the roll with Trustees Miller, Buddo and Johnson voting yes.

Reconvene to Public Session:

Mr. Miller made a motion to reconvene into public session after the close of the Executive Session which was seconded by Mr. Buddo. Mr. Sullivan called the roll with Trustees Miller, Buddo and Johnson voting yes.

Fire Department Levy and Public Presentations:

The Board members discussed the importance of keeping the residents informed about Fire Department operations and building bonds with the community. The Fire Department levy issue will be up for consideration next year. As such Mr. Miller made a motion directing that the Chief Clark hold a public interaction for residents once every other month beginning in March 2025, described as "Coffee with the Chief" or "Pizza with the Chief". The Chief will work with the Township Administrator to publicize these events and assist where necessary. Other ranking officers may step in for the Chief if he is not available. This motion was seconded by Mr. Buddo. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with Trustees Miller, Buddo and Johnson voting yes.

September 18, 2024 Minutes Approved by the Board of Trustees as Witnessed by their Signatures:

Douglas L. Johnson, President: _____

Larry Miller, Vice President: _____

Jeff Buddo, Trustee: _____

Date: _____

Verified by: Greg Sullivan, Fiscal Officer: _____
