



Hanover Township Board of Trustees

July 15, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Larry Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. (Tax Budget presentation was made at 5:45PM to explain the Tax Budget submission to the County Auditor to be presented under New Business).

The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation was presented by Trustee Johnson.

Roll Call: Mr. Sullivan, Fiscal Officer, took a roll call with Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Ramsey and Mr. Miller present. Other officials present: Road Superintendent Scot Gardner, Fire Captain Smith, and Bruce E. Henry, Township Administrator.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Ramsey to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 17, 2026 as well as approve warrants for release/distribution and approval of all administration reports. Upon roll call by Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Miller and Mrs. Ramsey voted yes to approve all.

Guest Presentation: None

Citizen Participation: Mr. Jeff Buddo of 2436 Morman Road, spoke to the Board expressing opposition and disappointment that the Board canceled the Contract with the Butler County Sheriff's Office. This contract provided two deputies assigned to serve Hanover Township residents. Mr. Buddo asked how much this would save the Township. Trustee Douglas L. Johnson and Trustee Diana Ramsey indicated the cost was over \$21,000.00 per month. This money could be saved and the Sheriff's Office would still respond when 911 was contacted. Trustee Ramsey cited statistics for the two contract deputies for May and June. Mr. Miller stated he voted against canceling the contract.

Mr. Steve Herman of 4208 Stephenson Road asked why the Board canceled the Contract with the Butler County Sheriff's Office and so quickly. Trustees Johnson and Ramsey provided responses explaining the Board's position. Mr. Herman referred to this decision as a "tough love" decision but wished there had been more notice. Mr. Herman thanked the Trustees for looking into ways for budget tightening. He went on to comment he hoped the November Fire Levy ballot issue passes.

Mrs. Andrea Mayer of 1362 Boyle Road expressed concerns about the cancellation of the Contract with the Butler County Sheriff's Office on short notice. Mrs. Mayer asked if there had been negotiations with the Sheriff prior to the cancellation. The cancellation was immediate. Mrs. Mayer did not believe this decision was a good one.

Mr. Seth Fleenor of 1362 Boyle Road, stated he had moved away and just returned to the Township and was getting caught up on the Township issues. The question was asked about patrolling the Township and catching speeders on his road since the contract was canceled for the two contract BCSO deputies. Explanations were provided that the BCSO Office should be contacted to advise regarding problems with speeding. Mr. Fleenor stated he heard that the money paid for the two contract BCSO deputies was going to the Fire Department since the prior levies had not passed. The Board and Administration indicated that other monies was already transferred to the Fire Department from the General Fund. The goal is to preserve the General Fund balances for any need that arises in any operation before the end of the year, including the Fire Department. Mr. Fleenor asked about the money spent on the Hanover Park Restroom. The explanation provided by the Administration was that only grant monies from the County and Federal governments with restrictions on the use and required bidding. The Township went with the lowest bid in accordance with the bid notice and regulations. This money could not be given to the Fire Department. Mr. Fleenor asked about the Speed Monitoring Trailer if it can be set up on his street. Trustee Johnson provided background on the purchase of the unit and indicated this could be arranged. Mr. Fleenor asked if there is still a law requiring the Township Administrator to live in the township. This issue was changed and it is not a requirement. Many city jurisdictions use a formal contract as most agencies try to attract the most qualified candidates. Mr. Henry indicated he was asked to apply for the position as the township was searching for someone with an extensive background in many areas. The vehicle has a history as to why it was assigned to him 24/7 which was based upon the total scope of services provided and expected, including as a Special Deputy. Mr. Henry briefly covered some of the major accomplishments in which he was the primary official working on these issues several of which saved the Township money. Speed bumps was brought up by Mr. Fleenor but these create issues for certain emergency vehicles and requires extensive analysis. Boyle Road was noted as being under the jurisdiction of the County Engineer's Office.

Mr. Miller asked if anyone in audience wished to address the Board. If not, Mr. Miller stated the Board needed to move on as there were issues to be discussed including an Executive Session later.

Administration Reports

Law Enforcement:

Butler County Sheriff's Office
District #18
Hanover Township Contract Cars
Monthly Report for June 2026
(Through June 26, 2026)

<u>Activity Area</u>	<u>Month Totals*</u>	<u>YTD</u>
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| • Dispatched Calls: 94 | | 1016 |
| • Felony Reports: 01 | | 06 |
| • Misdemeanor Reports: 03 | | 34 |
| • Non-Injury Crash: 05 | | 18 |
| • Injury Crash: 03 | | 08 |

Total Reports: 11.....51

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| • Assists/Back Up: 02 | 76 |
| • Felony Arrests: 00 | 00 |
| • Misdemeanor Arrests: 03 | 07 |
| • OMVI Arrests: 00 | 00 |

Total Arrests: 0307

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| • Traffic Stops: 03 | 76 |
| • Moving Citations: 00 | 16 |
| • Warning Citations: 00 | 10 |
| • Civil Papers Served: 0 | 02 |
| • Business Alarms: 2 | 13 |
| • Residential Alarms:04 | 17 |
| • Special Details: 00 | 26 |
| • COPS Times: 4,800 (<i>Min.</i>) | 28,335 Min. |
| • Vacation Checks: 04 | 75 |
| • School Safety Checks: 00 | 403 Min. |

Deputy Tanner was on vacation part of the month.
Reporting for Deputy Tanner and Deputy Sensel.
Prepared by BEH.



Hanover Township Fire Department

June 2026 Incident Report

Monthly Fire Department Stats

EMS RUNS		FIRE/MVA RUNS	
Hanover Twp.	50	Hanover Twp.	9
Milford Twp.	0	Milford Twp.	1
Morgan Twp.	0	Morgan Twp.	0
Reily Twp.	1	Reily Twp.	0
Ross Twp.	0	Ross Twp.	0
City of Hamilton	1	City of Hamilton	0
City of Oxford	0	City of Oxford	0
Other	0	Other	0
Total EMS Incidents 52		Total Fire/MVA Incidents 10	
TOTAL EMS AND FIRE INCIDENTS:		June 2026: 62	TOTAL FOR 2026: 4

RECEIVED MUTUAL AID TIME(S):

- Received mutual aid from Hamilton M21, Q21, and E24 for auto accident on Hamilton-Richmond Rd.
- Received mutual aid from Hamilton M21 and Q21 for auto accident on Hamilton-Richmond Rd.
- Received mutual aid twice for EMS calls from Ross Twp.

PROVIDED MUTUAL AID TIMES:

- M181 responded into Reily Twp for a medical call.
- M181 responded into the City of Hamilton for a medical call.

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS FOR THE MONTH:

- 2 vehicle fatality crash on Hamilton Richmond Rd.
- 2 vehicle crash with critical injuries on Hamilton Richmond Rd.

NOTABLE TRAININGS / SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Kids Fest
- Queen of Peace Festival

TOTAL PART TIME HOURS WORKED / HOURS BUDGETED FOR THE MONTH: 2,209.50 / 2,160

PARTIAL OR FULL SHIFTS NOT STAFFED: 2

PARTIAL OR FULL SHIFTS NOT STAFFED 2026: 70



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS
(August 19, 2026)

Millville Cemetery Operations Report July 1 through July 31, 2026

6 Grave sold to Township residents (@ \$1,400) -----	8,400.00
4 Full Interments-----	6,000.00
0 Baby interments-----	0.00
1 Cremations-----	800.00
Foundation and Marker installation fees-----	2,448.00
Grave Transfer-----	0.00
Donations-----	125.00
Total: -----	\$17,773.00

Other Cemetery activities:

1. fixed graves
2. cleaned office and garage
3. picked up and removed flowers from stones
4. cut grass four times
5. weed eat two times
6. picked up tree branches from storms

Road, Streets and Park
(Scot Gardner)

1. Cleaned up broken car glass in the Community Center parking lot.
2. Performed the second round of roadside mowing.
3. Worked on Four Mile Creek Road to get it ready for micro-surface.
4. Picked up a deer carcass on Ross Hanover.
5. Worked on cold patching potholes.
6. Went to Valley to pick up a load of cold patch.
7. Went to Valley Topsoil and picked up a load of dirt and repaired where we removed three pine trees at the Walking Trail.
8. Trimmed bushes behind the Community Center.
9. Replaced a ceiling tile at the Community Center.
10. Cut grass on all Township properties four times.
11. Changed the flag at the Community Center and at the Veterans Memorial.
12. Replaced the gas pump hose and handle.
13. Replaced the water pump on our TC45D tractor.
14. Replacing the cutter shaft and bearings on New Holland reach mower.
15. Sprayed around guard rails and the Park for weed control.
16. Performed monthly truck, park, and stormwater inspections.

Administrator June Summary Report
(July 15, 2026)

- **Electric Aggregation:** As residents received phone calls and door to door solicitations to switch to another service, I spoke with several residents and ensured them if they were under Direct Energy, they were receiving the best rate for a 19-month period at 9.76 cents per kilo watt hour which is below Duke's current rate of 10.5 cents per kilo watt hour.
- **Computer Upgrades and IT Security:** Continued follow through on the steps for cyber security as outlined to the Board of Trustees, implementing steps as approved. Amended policy was distributed. Continued working on steps for email set up and phone connectivity with Chris Brucker.
- **Ballot Issue (Fire Levy):** Worked on summary information and background for the November 3, 2026 Ballot issue. Worked with the Prosecutor's Office to prepare necessary legislation to be passed by the Board of Trustees.
- **Township Website:** Working with Chris Brucker to improve the Township website. Planning ahead for changes to improve the site.
- **Nuisances and Zoning Issues: Ongoing**- Several properties are on a list being evaluated. Seeking cooperative approach with properties that are in violation of nuisance standards. No updates on any Hanover Township related complaints from County Zoning.
- **Partition Fence Dispute:** Reviewed material submitted by Steve Fields and consulted with the County Prosecutor's Office regarding qualification of the complaint according to Ohio Revised Code provisions.
- **Fiscal Operations- Ongoing**: Continued monthly analysis of the financial condition of the Township and working with the Fiscal Officer to make projections of expenses. Obtained data from the Fiscal Officer and prepared Township funds analysis for the monthly Board meeting. Prepared Trustee packets and reports.
- **Property tax Elimination Issues: Ongoing**- Continue to follow up with OTA materials, newspaper coverage of actions being taken by the General Assembly and local officials. The issues are confusing for local governments and the future of the property tax is uncertain as set up by law today may be changing. The Ohio General Assembly keeps introducing bills to partially address the concerns raised about the property tax in general. When available, articles covering this information will be included in board packets.
- **Personnel: Ongoing**: Reviewing Township Policies that may need updating. Also conferring with the Prosecutor on certain issues related thereto.

- **Phone System Changes:** Working with Robinson Communications and Oxford Computer Solutions to ascertain best methods for implementing approved changes and determining other measures to save money in the long run. Also examining changes as it relates to switching systems over to a more efficient process. Saving on short term invoicing has already been implemented.

- **Drainage Issues: (Ongoing)** With the heavy rain falls and winds, the Road Department and Administration have fielded several calls/complaints. Many of the issues were clearly private property problems over which the Township has no authority.

Personnel Actions and Other Items of Note

June- July 2026

Fire Department- The following list of applicants may be hired subject to final completion of Required background and drug test/ physical requirements. All have been recommended for hire by the Fire Department, subject to successful completion of required steps and acceptance by the Township.

Hire subject to above:

Landon S. Coffey 1684 Morman Road Hamilton Ohio 45013 as a Fire Fighter/ EMT-B at \$17.00/ Hr.

Cemetery- No new hires.

Road Department- No new hires.

Road Department- No new hires.

4) Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Reports by fund for this month of 2026 are attached to this report. See charts of expenditures and revenues.

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

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: \$3,162,801.28
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

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

Cash Balance 2025

January Cash Balance: \$3,858,401.73
February Cash Balance: \$3,696,211.51
March Cash Balance: \$3,650,367.59
April Cash Balance: \$4,461,364.96
May Cash Balance: \$4,389,043.10
June Cash Balance: \$4,301,659.86
July Cash Balance: \$4,197,570.56
August Cash Balance: \$3,757,669.48
September Cash Balance: \$4,583,380.03
October Cash Balance: \$4,427,180.65
November Cash Balance: \$4,182,198.38
December Cash Balance: \$3,953,472.37

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
Aug - Cash Balance: \$4,836,347.62
Sept- Cash Balance \$4,399,868.62
Oct- Cash Balance: \$4,390,868.62
Nov- Cash Balance: \$3,984,735.41
Dec- Cash Balance: \$3,799,408.75

Cash Balance 2026

January Cash Balance: \$3,850,743.32
February Cash Balance: \$3,720,825.97
March Cash Balance: \$3,840,195.45
April Cash Balance: \$4,455,588.26
May Cash Balance: \$4,301,993.28
June Cash Balance: \$3,682,189.07

Of Note- Budget Information

- 1) Total Expenditures all funds for June 30: \$775,849.80 / Revenue: \$152,531.90
- 2) Total General Fund cash on hand June 30: \$1,269,011.91 (34.47%) of Total funds
- 3) Total Fire/EMS Fund cash on hand June 30: \$515,471.13 (14%) of Total funds

4) *Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Summary Reports by fund for this month of 2026 are attached to this report.*

General Notes and Observations

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 through 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.

November 2024 through March 2025: Planning for large expenditures and future direction including consideration of Fire Tax Levy issues and major expenditures for the Road Department.

April through June 2025: Develop information for fire levy decision ballot issue. Need to examine equipment and building needs for the Road Department and Cemetery.

July-August 2025: Continue to set priorities by the Board related to fire operations, road department and cemetery operations and discerning physical plant items to be addressed.

September-October 2025: Need for continued evaluation of capital needs as well as how to keep up for increased costs of operations. Fire Levy is critical for future operation of the Fire Department.

November-December 2025: Develop long term strategy for the financial operations and leadership of the Fire Department.

January-April 2026: Review operations considering property tax issues/ changes and Fire Department operations/levy discussion to fund needed services in advance of the May Primary election.

Summarized Financial Reports were presented to the Board.

Old Business

Mr. Henry presented the following update reports listed under Old Business.

Old Business Briefs July 15, 2026

Adverse Weather Sign: Final Parts are arriving to allow finishing of assembly and installation on Merle Avenue, scheduled for July 30th. Residents were notified and no complaints have been received.

Property Issues and Nuisances: Worked on properties on Old Oxford Road, Millville Oxford Road and Morman Road. Not ready to present to the Board as we are working things out with the property owners in some of the cases.

Cyber Security: Working with Chris Brucker to follow up on elements discussed with the Board regarding implementation of the Township's plan. Chris will present an update and may require action by the Board. Mr. Henry stated the aforementioned work will proceed in steps and the Board will be briefed as progress is made. There will be a request later to approve the final phone system and building links.

Partition Fence Dispute: Have been reviewing documents submitted by Steve Fields in regard to the partition fence dispute. Referred questions to legal counsel. Asked Mr. Fields to call our legal counsel as there are questions that required an answer.

Other: Trustee Ramsey referenced information presented by Metro Parks at the Butler County Township Association in regard to their improvements from the access on Hogue Road most of which have been completed or underway.

New Business

Mr. Henry gave a brief explanation of resolutions and motions before the Board of Trustees to be voted on under New Business.

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Motion to accept the Butler County Auditor's Certification dated July 2, 2026 which states that the proposed 3.5 mill levy for the November 3, 2026 election ballot will generate \$1,147,529.00 based upon taxable valuation of \$327,865,440.00 for a period of five years.

Motion made by: Mr. Johnson, seconded by: Mr. Miller to accept the foregoing certification from the Butler County Auditor. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all three Trustees voting yes.

Mr. Henry noted minor adjustments resolution numbers to correct typos on the agenda and any resolution title.

Resolution No. 39-26

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF HANOVER TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO, DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF A TAX LEVY FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Whereas, WHEREAS, on June 17, 2026, the Board of Township Trustees of Hanover Township, Butler County, Ohio, passed a resolution declaring the necessity to levy an additional tax of three and five-tenths (3.5) mills to constitute a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation; and

Whereas, by a Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue dated July 2, 2026 the Butler County Auditor has certified to the Board the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the tax levy, based on the total current tax valuation of the Hanover Township Fire District, Butler County, Ohio, and the rate of the levy expressed in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of the county auditor's market value.;

Be it resolved by the Board of Township Trustees of Hanover Township Butler County, Ohio, two thirds of all members elected thereto concurring,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Township Trustees of Hanover Township, Butler County, Ohio, at least two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that the Board desires to proceed with submitting to the electors the question of an additional tax of three and five-tenths (3.5) mills for each one dollar of taxable value upon the entire territory within the Hanover Township Fire District, constituting a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of the Hanover Township Fire District, Butler County, Ohio, for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs, as authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.19(I), at a rate not exceeding three and five-tenths (3.5) mills for each one dollar of taxable value, which amounts to \$123 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the tax levy will be for a period of five (5) years, commencing in tax year 2026, first due in calendar year 2027, if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the question of such tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the entire territory within the Hanover Township Fire District, which includes the unincorporated areas of Hanover Township, Butler County, Ohio, at the election to be held on November 3, 2026;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the form and content of the ballot upon which the question of such tax levy shall be submitted to the electors shall be substantially as shown in the attached Exhibit A;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to certify to the Butler County Board of Elections, not less than 90 days prior the election, a copy of the resolution declaring necessity, passed June 17, 2026, and a copy of this resolution, together with the certification of the Butler County Auditor dated July 2, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby requests that the Butler County Board of Elections cause notice of election on the question of levying the tax to be given as required by law.

Trustee Miller moved for the adoption of the foregoing resolution. Trustee Ramsey seconded the motion, and upon call of the roll, the vote resulted as follows:

Trustee Miller Yes

Trustee Johnson Yes

Trustee Ramsey Yes

The foregoing resolution was adopted in an open meeting and is a reflection of the official action taken by the Board of Township Trustees of Hanover Township, Butler County, Ohio, on July 15, 2026.

Attest: _____
Gregory L. Sullivan
Fiscal Officer/Clerk

EXHIBIT A

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (Additional)

HANOVER TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

An additional tax for the benefit of the Hanover Township Fire District for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$1,147,529 annually, at a rate not exceeding 3.5 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$ 123 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for a period of 5 years; commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027.

FOR THE TAX LEVY

AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

CERTIFICATE

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the attached Resolution No. 39-26, which includes an Exhibit A, is taken and copied from the record of proceedings of Hanover Township, Butler County, Ohio, and that it has been compared by me with the resolution on the record and is a true copy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, this July 15, 2026.

Gregory L. Sullivan, Fiscal Officer
Hanover Township
Butler County, Ohio

Resolution No. 40-26

Approving the 2027 Road Resurfacing and Retrace Program for Hanover Township to be Submitted to the Butler County Engineer's Office for Estimates of Cost

Whereas, Hanover Township works with the County Engineer's Office annually to cooperate with the county in the paving/road program; and

Whereas, the Township Trustees desire to participate in the 2027 Paving, Repair and Retrace Program with the County Engineer's Office with said proposed Township Program to be submitted to the County Engineer's Office by August 1, 2026; and

Whereas, an attachment has been prepared labeled "Attachment-Resolution No. 39-26 which reflects the roads, special projects and related road projects approved by the Board of Trustees for a determination of cost estimates;

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

Section I. Resolution No. 40-26 and attachment are hereby approved authorizing the participation of Hanover Township in the 2027 Resurfacing and Repair Program through the Butler County Engineer's Office, taking advantage of economies of scale, to be based upon the estimates provided by the Butler County Engineer's Office later this year and available Township funds. Further, the suggested paving work on Amarillo Drive will be submitted as a previously approved Community Development Block Grant project.

Section II. That this Resolution and attachment are to be delivered to the Butler County Engineer's Office prior to August 1, 2026.

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 15th day of July 2026.

Board of Trustees

Vote

Attest:

Larry Miller
Douglas L. Johnson
Diana Ramsey

Gregory L. Sullivan
Fiscal Officer/ Clerk

Mr. Henry and Mr. Gardner explained this process is used every year in cooperation with the Butler County Engineer's Office for better pricing, and the larger projects are beyond the Road Department's resources and personnel. Taking advantage of economies of scale, benefits the Township. Listed below are the items selected for estimates and Amarillo Drive is funded separately under a Community Development Grant. **Motion** was made by Mr. Johnson and Seconded by Mrs. Ramsey to approve Resolution No. 40-26 Preliminary 2027 Road Program. After further discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all three Township Trustees voting yes.

Milling, Paving and Rebase Work

1. Decamp Road: From Stillwell Beckett Road to the Township line (.5 Miles) provide Milling and Pavement. Rebase also.
2. Cochran Road: Start from new bridge pavement 1000 feet up over the hill. Mill and Pave. Rebase also.
3. Cochran Road: From State Route 129 north 1000 feet around the curve. Mill and Pave. Rebase also.

Rebase Only

1. Ward Way: Two Areas, 15 x 15 and 4 X 76
2. Krucker Road: Four Areas: 5 X 40, 4 X 30, 4 X 13, 5 X 26, 4 X 40

Resolution No. 41-26

Approve Allocation of Assets to Capital Project Fund Accounts Pursuant to and as Authorized by Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.13 (C)

Whereas, the Board of Trustees of Hanover Township pursuant to and as authorized by Ohio Revised Code and as presented by the Fiscal Officer established eight capital project funds through Resolution No. 32-26 for the purposes of accumulating resources for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of fixed assets of the township within approved budgets and appropriations; and

Whereas, the Fiscal Officer recommends allocation of fund assets into the referenced reserve funds to allow for future projects; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees may transfer in or out of said funds as deemed necessary by the Board; and

Be it Resolved by the Board of Trustees of Hanover Township, Ohio

Section I. That the Board authorizes the allocation of \$119,797.00 to 4903 Reserve Fund General Fund Capital Projects.

Section II. That the Board authorizes the allocation of \$249,999.70 to 4905 Reserve Fund Road and Bridge Capital Projects.

Section III. That the Board authorizes the allocation of \$89,925.00 to 4907 Reserve Fund Cemetery Capital Projects.

Section IV. That the Board authorizes the allocation of \$250,000.00 to 4909 Reserve Fund Motor Vehicle License Tax Capital Projects.

Section V. When money is deposited and accumulated in any of the above referenced funds for more than 10 years after the date that this resolution establishing the funds is adopted and the township has not entered into a contract for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of fixed assets for which money was accumulated in such fund(s) before the end of the 10 year period, the Township Fiscal Officer shall transfer all money in the fund(s) to the fund(s) from which that money was originally transferred.

Section VI. The Board has the authority by resolution to rescind any or all of the capital projects funds. Money accumulated in these funds shall be transferred to the fund(s) from which the money was originally transferred.

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 15th day July of 2026.

Board of Trustees

Vote

Attest:

Larry Miller
Douglas L. Johnson
Diana Ramsey

Gregory L. Sullivan
Fiscal Officer/ Clerk

Mr. Henry and Mr. Sullivan explained the reason for the allocations. Mrs. Ramsey made a **motion** to approve Resolution No. 41-26 which was seconded by Mr. Johnson. After further discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all three Township Trustees voting yes.

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Millville Cemetery Donation: Mr. Henry explained this couple makes this donation every year to Millville Cemetery and compliments the work of the Cemetery staff.

Pat and Mary Massarelli submitted a donation of \$125.00 to honor Nicoli and Wanda Massarelli and to express appreciation for the work done to keep the sites neat and clean.

Moved by: Mrs. Ramsey, seconded by: Mr. Johnson to accept the donation and assign it to the cemetery operation. After a brief discussion noting this contribution

for the record, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all three Township Trustees voting yes.

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Reminder: Next scheduled regular Board of Trustees meeting is set for August 19, 2026.
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Mr. Henry stated the Board Packet has miscellaneous information to be brought to the Board's attention.
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Mr. Johnson then made a motion to adjourn the public session of the meeting and move into Executive Session regarding personnel issues pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code which was seconded by Mr. Miller. Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all three Township Trustees voting yes.

Mr. Miller made motion to move out of Executive Session and resume the public session which was seconded by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all three Township Trustees voting yes.

The Public Session was resumed.
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With the resignation of Fire Chief Stitsinger, as accepted earlier in the meeting, the Board believed that continuity of leadership was important and many issues needed to be addressed as early as possible. In recognition thereof, Mr. Ramsey made a **motion** to appoint Paul Smith Fire Chief and Jeffrey Goble as Deputy Fire Chief effective immediately. Mr. Miller seconded the motion to approve the appointments. After further discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all three Township Trustees voting yes.

In the spirit of cooperation and to save money for the near future, Mr. Smith and Mr. Goble suggested that they work together very well and suggested that the Chief's salary be split evenly between them (\$7519.20 annually, broken down into bi weekly pay periods as suggested by the Fiscal Officer). **Motion** by Mrs. Ramsey to approve this action and amend the Fire Department Pay Plan. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. After further clarification and discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all three Township Trustees voting yes.

There being no further public business, Mr. Miller made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting with Mr. Johnson seconding the motion. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all three Trustees voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:58PM.

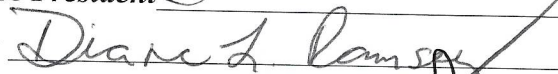
July 15, 2026 Minutes Approved by the Board of Trustees as Witnessed by their Signatures:

Larry Miller, President:

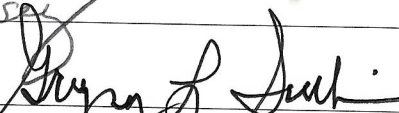


Douglas L. Johnson, Vice President

Diana Ramsey, Trustee:



Verified and attested to: Gregory L. Sullivan, Fiscal Officer:



Date:

8/19/2026

