



Hanover Township Board of Trustees

February 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Larry Miller called the regular Board meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Mr. Johnson gave the opening invocation. Mrs. Ramsey led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mr. Sullivan, Fiscal Officer, took a roll call with Messer's Miller, Johnson and Ramsey present. Other officials present: Road Superintendent Scot Gardner, Deputy Sheriff Ted Sensel, Fire Chief Fred Stitsinger and Bruce E. Henry, Township Administrator.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Ramsey, to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2026 and regular meeting minutes of January 28, 2026 and approve warrants for release/distribution as well as approval of all administration reports. Upon roll call by Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Miller, Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Ramsey voted yes to approve all.

Guest Presentation: Rich Surace, Chief Operating Officer of Energy Alliance, made a presentation about electric Aggregation in general and specifically discussed the agreement with Hanover Township with Constellation. The Hanover Township Board of Trustees voted to place electric aggregation on the November 8, 2016 election. Hanover Township voters approved the measure which allowed Hanover Township to become an electric aggregator as licensed through the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Hanover Township was approved to provide electrical services aggregation to qualified residents as authorized by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio through Certificate #17-1132E (1).

Electric aggregation is the process by which the Township would negotiate a bulk price on the electric commodity for its residents who purchase their electric from Duke Energy. Individual consumers would then decide if they wanted to opt-out of the Township negotiated price and continue to provide for their own electric supply. Duke Energy would continue to carry, service, and bill for the electric supply.

Residents of Hanover Township who purchase their electric from Butler Rural Electric Cooperative already enjoy a similar group-purchasing benefit and are not be affected.

This program is under the direction of PUCO and is provided by the Township. The Township does not receive any fee or compensation for this service. Resident participation is completely

voluntary. Residents will be given the choice to opt-out of the program if they do not wish to participate. The current electrical supply is provided by Constellation for a 13-month period. The current price for energy is 8.411 cents per KWH.

Energy Alliance serves as a consultant to the Township (at no cost to the Township) and any questions can be answered by calling 513-794-5555.

On the Energy Alliance website, there is a Hanover Township page that details more information and there is a section entitled “Frequently Asked Questions”. The link is Hanover Township (Butler County) – Energy Alliance.

Mr. Surace reviewed the current market and how rates change daily. It is time for Hanover Township to work with Energy Alliance to secure the best rate for the Township residents.

Recommendation

Energy Alliances recommend authorizing the Township Administrator to sign an electric aggregation contract with a price not to exceed 10.2¢ per kWh and a term not to exceed 24 months (May 2028 end date) with a supplier to be determined based on pricing at the time of contract execution.

This ceiling:

- Remains below projected Duke default rates.
- Provides rate stability during a period of rising wholesale and capacity costs.
- Avoids locking the Township into an overly long term at a time when long-range pricing remains uncertain.

Authorizing flexibility up to this limit will allow the Township to act quickly and secure the most advantageous rate as markets move. Mr. Henry explained that Resolution No. 24-26 has been prepared if the Board decides to approve. This practice has been followed since the Township became an aggregator. Each Trustee asked questions about the market and potential savings to residents.

Citizen Participation: Cammie Mitrione 2305 Stahlheber Road asked several questions. Are Butler Rural Electric customers fall under the Township Aggregation Program? (Ans-No). Can covered residents opt out if they do want to be covered? (Ans. Yes). Questions about the opt out letter were presented. The Opt Out letter format is determined by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. Question regarding who has jurisdiction over Ross Hanover Road and the proposed construction project to improve the view at the intersection of Columbus Drive? (Ans. County Engineer is responsible for the road and the project. The south side of the road is Ross Township and the north side is in Hanover Township.

Gary Bradley 3151 Old Oxford Road made comments about the failed fire levy and the Township should have asked for a renewal, not new levy. Mr. Bradley commented about a journal news article that mis stated the levy request for the May primary. (No one from the Township was contacted about the article). Mr. Bradley asked about the new 5 Mill levy for the fire department and the cost per \$100,000.00 of value. The Township had not received the certified copy of the ballot language. This information will be made available to residents.

Administration Reports

Law Enforcement:

Butler County Sheriff's Office

District #18
Hanover Township Contract Cars
Monthly Report for January 2026

<u>Activity Area</u>	<u>Month Totals*</u>	<u>YTD</u>
• Dispatched Calls:202		202
• Felony Reports: 02		02
• Misdemeanor Reports: 08		08
• Non-Injury Crash: 02		02
• Injury Crash: 02		25
Total Reports: 14.....		14
• Assists/Back Up: 11		11
• Felony Arrests: 00		00
• Misdemeanor Arrests: 00		00
• OMVI Arrests: 00		00
Total Arrests: 00		00
• Traffic Stops: 13		13
• Moving Citations: 04		04
• Warning Citations: 04		04
• Civil Papers Served: 0		00
• Business Alarms: 1		01
• Residential Alarms:04		04
• Special Details: 01		01
• COPS Times: 2,871 (<i>Min.</i>)		2,871 Min.
• Vacation Checks: 28		28

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



Hanover Township Fire Department

January 2026 Incident Report

Monthly Fire Department Stats

EMS RUNS		FIRE RUNS	
Hanover Twp.	52	Hanover Twp.	16
Milford Twp.	0	Milford Twp.	3
Morgan Twp.	0	Morgan Twp.	2
Reily Twp.	0	Reily Twp.	0
Ross Twp.	0	Ross Twp.	0
City of Hamilton	0	City of Hamilton	2
City of Oxford	0	City of Oxford	0
Total EMS Incidents	52	Total Fire Incidents	23

TOTAL EMS AND FIRE INCIDENTS: JANUARY 2026: 75 **TOTAL FOR 2026: 75**

RECEIVED MUTUAL AID 4 TIMES:

- T21, M23, M132 requested to assist HTFD units for crash with entrapment on Stillwell Beckett.
- Hamilton Fire Department responded to EMS call due to M181 on another call.
- Hamilton Fire Department responded to EMS call due to no staffing.
- Ross Twp Fire Department responded to EMS call due to M181 on another call.

PROVIDED MUTUAL AID 7 TIMES:

- M181 responded into Hamilton for a structure fire.
- M182 responded in place of E181 into Hamilton for a EMS run.
- T181 responded into Milford Twp for a fire alarm at Woodland Country Manor. Disregard during response.
- T181 responded into Milford Twp for a fire alarm at Woodland Country Manor. Disregard during response.
- T181 responded into Milford Twp for a car fire.
- T181 responded into Morgan Twp for a structure fire.
- E181 responded into Morgan Twp for a car fire.

SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS FOR THE MONTH:

- Head on crash on 2100 block of Stillwell Beckett. Multiple patients transported after extrication. Mutual aid units from Hamilton and Reily Twp.
- Shed fire on in 3000 block of Nichols Rd. Fire extinguished with minimal exposure damage.

TOTAL PART TIME HOURS WORKED / HOURS BUDGETED FOR THE MONTH: 2,298 / 2,232

- 228 hours of worked hours were worked during added shifts due to winter weather.
- Hours worked / Hours Budgeted without added weather shifts: 2,070 / 2,232

PARTIAL OR FULL SHIFTS NOT STAFFED: 20



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS
(February 18, 2026)

Millville Cemetery Operations Report January 1 through January 31, 2026

5 Grave sold to Township residents (@ \$1,400) -----	7,000.00
4 Full Interments-----	5,600.00
0 Baby interments-----	0.00
1 Cremations-----	800.00
Foundation and Marker installation fees-----	960.00
Grave Transfer-----	0.00
Donations-----	0.00
 Total: -----	 \$14,360.00

Other Cemetery activities:

1. fixed graves
2. cleaned office and garage
3. picked up and removed flowers from stones
4. fixed bathroom door

Road, Streets and Park
(Scot Gardner)

1. Replaced sections of fence blown down by the high wind behind the Community Center.
2. Performed road check after wind storm and picked up limbs.
3. Replaced two flags after wind storm.
4. Replaced two snow plow blades.
5. Replaced two hydraulic hoses on the Cat backhoe.
6. Replaced fluorescent light bulbs in the Road Department.
7. Cleaned trucks after snow events.
8. Built a new kids' picnic table to go under the large shelter.
9. Replaced a curve chevron road sign on Hogue Road.
10. Performed winter clean on the Road Department garage.
11. Picked up one deer carcass on Hogue Road and one deer carcass on Cochran Road.
12. Performed the yearly storm water report.
13. Performed ice and snow control on January 1, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28.
14. Performed monthly truck, park, and stormwater inspections.

Administrator January Summary Report
(February 18, 2026)

- **BWC Reporting:** Prepared reports required for BWC regarding our employment base and salary payments in 2025 and submitted in January 2026.
- **Computer Upgrades and IT Security:** Held several meetings with staff and Oxford Computer Solutions, Chris Drucker. Throughout the months in December and January upgrades in equipment and software were made in all operations. Security software was installed and future IT security measures were discussed. There will be additional briefings in the future regarding cyber security.
- **Park Restroom:** During the harsh weather conditions and snow events, the restroom was closed. There is follow up work to be done by the contractor. Also, the township is along with engineers evaluating beyond the original scope of the contract important additions to further enhance restroom operations.
- **Ballot Issue (Fire Levy):** In preparation for the submission of Fire Levy since the previous measure was defeated in November 2025, background information and documentation of required steps to be followed in approving another request was developed for the Board of Trustees. A work session was held with Board of Trustees to discuss options and timeline requirements for both the primary and general elections. Worked with legal counsel on required documents (resolutions) in advance of submitting documents to the Board of Elections.
- **Township Website:** Uploaded 2026 information regarding certain township operations. Continuing to collect ideas for improving the website and citizen access.
- **Nuisances and Zoning Issues: Ongoing**- Several properties are on a list to be evaluated in March-April. No information received from County Zoning.
- **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. Prepared economic data cost projections for operations.
- **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. The Ohio General Assembly keeps introducing bills to partially address the concerns raised about the property tax. When available, articles covering this information will be included in board packets.

- **Personnel: Ongoing:** Examining personnel files to ensure all proper forms and related documents are in place. Also reviewing Township Policies that may need updating. Also conferring with the Prosecutor.
- **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. There will be meetings with township staff in the future to review recommended measures.

- **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

January- February 2026

Fire Department- The following list of applicants will 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 and acceptance by the Township Administrator which is in process in February.

- WILLIAM BITNER – 8113 W MILL ST APT 35 CLEVES, OH 45002 – FF/EMT – \$19.00/HR
- JACOB VANCLEAVE – 342 OLD ST APT B MONROE, OH 45050 – FF/EMT - \$19.00/HR
- EDWARD TANNER – 1279 ELIZABETH DR HAMILTON, OH 45013 – FF/EMT - \$19.00/HR
- HUNTER SETTLES – 417 MEADOW LN TRENTON, OH 45067 – FF - \$17.00/HR
- AUSTIN SETTLES – 417 MEADOW LN TRENTON, OH 45067 – FF - \$17.00/HR
- MICHAEL SCHWAB – 2247 BUNKER HILL WOODS RD OXFORD, OH 45056 – FF - \$17.00/HR
- FRANK SAWYER – 766 SCHWARTZ DR HAMILTON, OH 45013 – EMT - \$18.00HR
- DYLAN ROBINSON – 120 S 2ND ST APT 212 HAMILTON, OH 45011 – EMT - \$18.00HR

Cemetery- No new hires. Discussing options with private contractors as back up to current efforts.

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
- July- Cash Balance: \$3,162,801.28

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: \$3,018,684.99
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

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

Of Note- Budget Information

- 1) Total Expenditures all funds for January 31: \$171,220.61 / Revenue: \$68,644.79
- 2) Total General Fund cash on hand January 31: \$1,525,875.85 (39.27%) of Total funds
- 3) Total Fire/EMS Fund cash on hand January 31: \$479,775.96 (12.46%) 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

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 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

Update: Park Restroom: Mr. Henry reported on the follow work to be done by the contractor. Architects are following up on issues related to heating. Should have answers soon for the long-term quality of the restroom.

Electric Aggregation

See information presented above by Rich Surace of Energy Alliance. Resolution No.24-26 will be presented under New Business.

Updates Telephone Program Changes, Email Changes, Website Changes and Cyber Security

Chris Brucker of Oxford Computer Solutions, LLC made a comprehensive presentation regarding the above listed issues. Connecting all Alta Fiber phone lines among the Township facilities will be undertaken in the next several months. New Phones and service will be included. Robinson Communications and Mr. Brucker are coordinating this implementation. Website changes and email system will occur after June when the current contracts expire. Mr. Brucker will become responsible for handling these issues. The interim Township Cyber Security program has been implemented and comprehensive security has been established for all operations. As this program evolves, the Board of Trustees will be briefed.

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

New Business:

Reissue and Amend Township Travel Policy:

Travel and Reimbursement Policy **Amended and Reissued February 18, 2026**

Reference: Prior Resolution No. 49-08 (Township Travel Policy and Expense Reimbursements).

A. Travel and Training Expenses

- 1) The Township shall reimburse (from the respective township fund) all Hanover Township Officials, including the Township Administrator, for all necessary expenses incurred related to attendance at State and National Conventions, classes and training seminars, professional development activities and related costs associated with conducting Township business. Township officials will be required to submit receipts or other appropriate, sufficient documentation for reimbursement of the aforementioned activities. Eligible reimbursement items include lodging, meals, registration fees, parking fees, and mileage fees for travel to and from the sites at which the activities are being held. Mileage reimbursement rates are set at the approved IRS level (currently 72.5 cents per mile) and shall be automatically adjusted when the IRS adjusts rates. Receipts must accompany expense reports unless otherwise approved. Use of taxi cabs will be reimbursed up to \$30.00 per day unless otherwise specifically approved by the Board of Trustees.
- 2) The expense of flying to and from a convention, training, class, or meeting site is reimbursable. Special discounting is allowable and layover/extra days are permitted

as long as there is financial benefit to the township.

- 3) Receipts for expenses claimed are to be itemized and submitted within 30 days after such expenses are incurred. The cost of alcoholic beverages will not be reimbursed.

B. Meeting and Reimbursement Policy

- 1) Elected Officials and other Township employees may conduct business on behalf of the Township which may include purchase of meals for other officials and business affiliates and purchase of food for training sessions, meetings, special events, volunteer committee meetings, prisoner work details, public forums which

serve to further the interests of the Township which are allowed by law an/or policy.
- 2) Receipts for expenses claimed for the above are to be itemized and submitted within 30 days after such expenses are incurred. The cost of alcoholic beverages will not be reimbursed.

C. General

- 1) All activities and conduct under this policy shall be consistent with the Ethics Statutes of Ohio and any related Township ethics policy.
- 2) The Township Administrator is authorized, working in cooperation with the Fiscal Officer, to prescribe any forms and related administrative procedures to be followed by all Township Departments, volunteers, and employees to insure efficiency and compliance with this policy.
- 3) Budgetary limitations may apply. The Fiscal Officer shall be consulted or his designee, the Township Administrator.

Motion made by Mrs. Ramsey to approve the Travel Policy as listed above, which was seconded by Mr. Miller. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all three Trustees voting yes.

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Resolution No. 23-26 Amend and Update Fire Department Pay Plan

Resolution No. 23-26

Amend and Approve Changes to the Hanover Township Pay Plan Associated with Fire and EMS Township Operations

Whereas, The Township Trustees have been evaluating the hiring and promotional needs of the Fire and EMS Operations as well as the need to retain qualified personnel and update the classification plan/pay plan framework; and,

Whereas, there is a need to make adjustments associated with the Pay Plan to clarify language to reflect current conditions and set forth changes as directed by the Board of Trustees; and,

Whereas, to facilitate the quality presentation of services to the public by a well-qualified work force, amendments and adjustments are deemed to necessary from time to time to the adopted Township Fire and EMS Pay Plan; and

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

Section I. That the attached Township Classification and Pay Plan is amended and hereby adopted as it pertains to all Fire and EMS operations. (Attachment)

Section II. That the Fiscal Officer and Township Administrator are authorized to take the necessary steps to set up and implement the Township Classification and Pay Plan adopted herewith except those items specifically requiring Board of Trustee approval.

The foregoing resolution was adopted in an open special 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 June 2025.

Board of Trustees

Vote

Attest:

Larry Miller
Douglas L. Johnson
Diana Ramsey

Gregory L. Sullivan
Fiscal Officer/ Clerk

Mr. Henry explained the changes and updates regarding the Fire Department Pay Plan. The changes incorporated legal requirements and discussions held with the Board in January 2026.

Motion made by Mr. Johnson to approve Resolution No. 23-26 and attachment which was seconded by Mrs. Ramsey. After discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all three Trustees voting yes.

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Background Resolution No. 24-26 Electric Aggregation

Energy Alliances recommends authorizing the Township Administrator to sign an electric aggregation contract with a price not to exceed 10.2¢ per kWh and a term not to exceed 24 months (May 2028 end date) with a supplier to be determined based on pricing at the time of contract execution.

This ceiling:

- Remains below projected Duke default rates.
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Authorizing flexibility up to this limit will allow the Township to act quickly and secure the most advantageous rate as markets move.

Resolution No. 24-26

Authorizing Action Necessary to Secure Best Rates through the Electric Aggregation Program

Whereas, the Hanover Township’s current electric aggregation program is currently at a rate of 8.411¢ per kWh, which began with the May 2025 invoice to residents. and expires on the May 2026 invoice to residents.

Whereas, an aggregation rate is driven primarily by two components: Power and Capacity. *Whereas*, from May 2017 through December 2025, program participants saved over \$775 (9%) on average compared to Duke’s default supply rate, totaling more than \$1.17 million in community-wide savings facilitated by Energy Alliance, consultants to the Township: and,

Whereas, with the current term ending this spring and market conditions becoming increasingly volatile, it is important to evaluate renewal pricing now to ensure residents continue to receive competitive electric rates,

Whereas, the Bord of Trustees since 2016 has authorized, through motion and resolution, flexibility up to this limit which allowed the Township to act quickly and secure the most advantageous rate as markets move; and,

Whereas, the Board of Trustees wishes to secure the best rate possible during the market bidding process and lock in the best rate possible,

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

Section I. That Hanover Township hereby approves continuing as an electric aggregator and authorizes the Township Administrator to work with Energy Alliance to secure the best electrical rates. The Township Administrator is to keep the Board advised on the actions taken.

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 February 2026.

Board of Trustees

Larry Miller
Douglas L. Johnson
Diana Ramsey

Vote

Attest

Gregory L. Sullivan

Fiscal Officer/ Clerk

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-26 based upon the guidelines referenced above which was seconded by Mr. Johnson. After further discussion, Mr. Sullivan called the roll with all three Trustees voting yes. Mr. Henry will keep the Board advised.



Community Survey/ Miami University:

Mr. Henry reviewed a discussion after meeting with the Miami University Graduate program director, Patrick J. Haney, Ph.D. regarding the possibility of conducting another Community Survey for Hanover Township. Previously, surveys were completed in 2005 and 2012. The survey consisted of 39 questions designed by Miami University based upon input from the Trustees and Administrator. If the Board is interested, Miami can prepare a survey for the community and implement it after May of this year. There would be a cost to be negotiated and would be less expensive to use the questions from the 2012 survey which are still relevant. The Board asked that this matter be researched and followed up on the next few months.

General Briefing Hose Bill 96 and House Bill 316:

Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Henry attended briefings through the Ohio Township Association Conference concerning many topics included certain provisions of House Bill 96 and House Bill 316 that impact townships. There were some changes in the Public Records/Sunshine law regarding cyber security plans and issues which can now be discussed in Executive Session. Thew state is working to implement a flat income tax rate and has to balance the loss of revenue from the state’s General Fund and Local Government Distribution Fund. Hanover Township’s Local Government fund proceeds will be reduced by a small percentage, likely less than 1%. Mr. Johnson made a point that the Township used to receive almost \$300,000.00 which has now been reduced to around \$200,000.00. Other provisions are being reviewed and Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Henry will report back on other impacting items after studying the legislation further.

Other:

Mr. Miller asked about the possibility of painting a mural on one of the Community Center Building garage doors. Mr. Henry will have to contact the art teacher at Talawanda High School whose class worked on the ideas that the Board of Trustees reviewed.

There being no further public business and no request for an Executive Session, 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 7:50PM.

February 18, 2026 Minutes Approved by the Board of Trustees as Witnessed by their Signatures:

Larry Miller, President: *Larry Miller*

Douglas L. Johnson, Vice President *Douglas L. Johnson*

Diana Ramsey, Trustee: *Diana Ramsey*

Verified and attested to: Gregory L. Sullivan, Fiscal Officer: *Gregory L. Sullivan*
Date: 3/18/26