

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MARCH 2, 2026

The Harrison Township Trustees met in regular session on March 2, 2026 at the Township Hall. The Chairman, Mark Van Buren, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Fiscal Officer called the roll, and the following members and guests were present. Trustee Ray Foor was absent.

Trustee	Mark Van Buren
Trustee	Eric Smith
Fiscal Officer	Carolyn Elder
Zoning Inspector	Valerie Hans
Road Superintendent	Pete Sigman
Guests	Lori & David Sanders, 4071 Outville Road
Guests	Jean & Peter Cea, 4356 Gale Road
Guest	Kaysea Troutman, 6565 Outville Road
Guest	Kristy Hawthorne, LC Soil & Water
Guest	Kurt Kochensparger, 66 Challedon Court
Guest	Scott Dunbar, 6550 Outville Road
Zoning Secretary	Vickie Noble
Guest	Bill Ischy, Ischy Technology Solutions

From the floor – Lori Saunders, 4071 Outville Road
She is concerned with trucks going by her house. She would like for a “No Jake Brake” sign to be installed. She has gone to a Licking County Commissioners meeting. The trustees explained it is a county road and they would prefer the county to place the sign.

From the floor – Kaysea Troutman, 6565 Outville Road
She expressed that she had an unpleasant experience with Archer Energy and would suggest the township not contract with them in the future. Her gas bill increased by 35%. Trustee Van Buren explained that the township has not locked in the price of natural gas but has locked in the rider. Gas prices are up because of the cold winter and demand is high.

From the floor – Kurt Kochensparger, 66 Challedon Court
Mr. Kochensparger lives in Beechwood Trails and expressed that he was representing several other residents as well as himself. His neighbor has two German Shepard dogs that are not trained and live in their garage. They bark for hours on end. The township’s noise resolution does not cover barking dogs.
Trustee Mark Van Buren instructed the Zoning Inspector to check with the Licking County Prosecutor concerning the township’s noise resolution and what can be done by the trustees.

From the floor – Scott Dunbar, 6550 Outville Road

Mr. Dunbar stated that he has been cleaning his property and that the pile of tires will be going to recycling soon.

From the floor – Bill Ischy, Ischy Technology Solutions

Bill reviewed and answered questions about the \$15,173.76 quote for security cameras around the township complex. There would be a \$99.00 per year cost for technology related to the cameras. The trustees will consider the quote.

From the floor – Christy Hawthorne, Licking County Soil and Water District

She stated that the MS4 report is due to the EPA by April 1st.

She reviewed the TNC Slim Creek Wetland Grant Map and the South Fork Licking River Watershed Study as well as other projects. She shared information about the upcoming Pond Clinic, Wetlands Creation and the Forestry Field Day.

Road Report – Pete Sigman, Road Superintendent

Pete reported that the F-600 is in line for the paint shop at ACE Truck. The warrant will be held until Pete has inspected the truck.

Pete feels that the township ditches are too close to the road and in places the berm is continually washing out. He will work with property owners to correct the issue. He will start at Refugee Road the west bound lane just east of the retaining wall project and the east bound lane at 6745 Refugee Road.

Pete reported that Mr. Sandusky at 195 Brandon Drive claims that the township has not maintained the culvert on Beecher Road and that it caused his driveway to wash out. Pete inspected the culvert and there was no obstruction. Pete has documented his maintenance and everything is in order.

Pete and Lee will attend classes to obtain their applicator licenses.

Pete will check with Martin Trucking on a price quote for stone material.

Pete updated the quote for the 324 P-Tier Compact Wheel Loader from Murphy Tractor and Equipment Company. The loader is on a Deere Sourcewell Contract Number: 011723-JDC 324P Compact Wheel Loader – 26% Discount contract. Harrison Township's Sourcewell Account number is #187059. The Licking County Prosecutor's office has approved the use of this contract.

-Eric Smith moved to purchase a 324 P-Tier Compact Wheel Loader from Murphy Tractor and Equipment Company. The loader is on a Deere Sourcewell Contract Number: 011723-JDC 324P Compact Wheel Loader – 26% Discount contract. Harrison Township's Sourcewell Account number is #187059. The purchase order is approved for \$132,781.00. The motion further states that Road Superintendent Pete Sigman can sign all necessary contracts for the purchase of this loader. Mark Van Buren seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor ABSENT. The motion passed.

-Eric Smith moved to approve the 2025 Township Highway System Mileage Certification for Harrison Township. With the addition of Chapman Drive, Mayfield Drive, Beaman Gates Blvd., Natalie Lane and Avery Place, the township is responsible for maintaining 51.043 miles of public roads. Mark Van Buren seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor ABSENT. The motion passed.

Zoning Report – Valerie Hans, Zoning Inspector

- The Zoning Inspector reviewed the following items.
- The February zoning permit and fee total was \$1,350.00.
- Edward J. Stiles properties – Court ordered cleanup has been completed. The cost to clean up this property was \$17,170.91. The township will go back to the court to request to have this cost applied to the property owners' taxes.
- 6550 Outville Road – Scott & Becky Dunbar
The trustees would like to hold off on legal action since there has been improvement.
- 138 Ford Ave. – Thomas
The junk motor vehicles will be towed once a seven day notice has been issued by the Zoning Inspector.
- 827 Citation Drive – Baljak
Complaint received concerning excess dog and chicken feces on the property. Valerie will investigate and serve notice.
- The ZC will consider adding data centers as a conditional use in the M-1 zoning district.
- The Yorkgate Estates HOA held their annual meeting at the township hall and residents asked about the possibility of getting streetlights in their neighborhoods.
- Valerie reported that the water leak for the township hall has not been located.

-Eric Smith moved to approve the following:

- 1. The minutes of the February 2, 2026 regular meeting.**
- 2. Payment advice 61-2026 through 108-2026.**
- 3. Warrants 19605 through 19622.**
- 4. The February Bank Reconciliation Report.**

Mark Van Buren seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor ABSENT. The motion passed.

-Eric Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2026 03 02 01 which states: IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SCENIC VIEW ESTATES, LLC. Mark Van Buren seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor ABSENT. The resolution was adopted.

-Mark Van Buren moved to withdraw its request that a hearing be held in our county seat for a request for a liquor permit for DOLGEN WIDWEST LLC, Dollar General Store 30557 located at 10 Ephriam Drive S.W., Granville, Ohio 43023. Harrison Township, Licking County, Ohio no

longer objects to the issuance of this permit and no hearing is necessary. Applicant's name: DOLGEN MIDWEST LLC, Dollar General Store 30557. Permit Number 02234815-728, New Class C-1-2. Eric Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor ABSENT. The motion passed.

The fiscal officer passed out Financial Reports for the trustees to review.

Being no further business, the Chairman Mark Van Buren adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Minutes are unofficial until approved by the trustees.

Respectively Submitted,

Carolyn I. Elder
Harrison Township Fiscal Officer

Resolution 2026 03 02 01 is a part of the March 2, 2026 meeting minutes.