

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JUNE 16, 2026

The Harrison Township Trustees met in regular session on June 16, 2026 at the Township Hall. The Chairman, Mark Van Buren, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. and lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting started a few minutes late due to cybersecurity training running past 9:00 a.m. The Fiscal Officer called the roll, and the following members and guests were present.

Trustee	Mark Van Buren
Trustee	Eric Smith
Trustee	Ray Foor
Fiscal Officer	Carolyn Elder
Road Superintendent	Pete Sigman
Zoning Inspector	Valerie Hans
Zoning Secretary	Vickie Noble
Guest	Constance & Stephen Caruso, 6463 Blacks Road
Guest	Suresh Wagley, 8036 Smoke Road

From the floor – Suresh Wagley, 8036 Smoke Road, Pataskala
Mr. Wagley attended the meeting for a nuisance violation. The Zoning Inspector stated that the property was better. Mr. Wagley inquired about holding a family reunion.

Road Report – Pete Sigman, Road Superintendent
Pete explained that when he ordered sign posts and bases for the 2026 Township Safety Sign Grant, a mistake was made. The posts can be reordered and covered by the grant, but shipping cannot.

-Ray Foor moved to approve paying shipping costs to return the wrong size posts for \$400.59. Pete Sigman can use his credit card. The funds will be paid to Andrew Rasimas Eberl iron works. Eric Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.

The Licking County Engineers estimate for the Harrison Township Refugee Road Culvert Replacement Project was reviewed.

-Eric Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2026 06 16 01 which states: IN THE MATTER OF CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING, RESURFACING, OR IMPROVING The Harrison Township Refugee Road Culvert Replacement Project. Sealed proposals for “Harrison Township Refugee Road Culvert Replacement” in Harrison Township will be received by the Harrison Township Board of Trustees, Licking County, Ohio, C/O Carolyn Elder, at 3886 Outville Road,

Granville, OH 43023, until the 6th day of July, 2026 at 4:00 P.M. On the 6th day of July, 2026, at 6:30 P.M., bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Harrison Township Trustees at the Harrison Township Hall. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The resolution was adopted.

Pete would like to add a change order for The Shelly Company for the Resurfacing of Hollow Road, Refugee Road, Watkins Road and Community Hall Parking Lot in Harrison Township Project. The change would be on Hollow Road, Refugee Road and Watkins Road changing the asphalt from 6422 to 7022 at a cost of \$39,335.32.

The Licking County Prosecutor will be consulted.

Zoning Report – Valerie Hans, Zoning Inspector

- The Zoning Inspector reviewed the following items.
- She has started to look for quotes to build a pickleball court in the park.
- 5419 Columbus Road – Three realtor “For Sale” signs. Only one sign per property is allowed.
- 138 Ford Ave. – Nuisance property will be cleaned up by a township contractor this week.
- 118 Dauber - Nuisance property will be cleaned up by a township contractor this week.
- 137 Kennedy Park – Nuisance property transferred owners. Will start over on the abatement process from the start.
- The DG Market has mowed the entire property and is in compliance.

-Eric Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2026 06 16 02 which states: RESOLUTION TO CERTIFY NUISANCE ABATEMENT COSTS TO THE LICKING COUNTY AUDITOR IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.C. 505.87. Terry S. Cunningham, 116 Cadillac Ave., Pataskala, Ohio 43062, certify \$4,000.00 to the Licking County Auditor. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The resolution was adopted.

From the floor – Vickie Noble, Zoning Secretary

Vickie presented the Board of Trustees with proposed changes/revisions to the Harrison Township Zoning Resolution.

-Eric Smith moved to hold a Public Hearing on July 6, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Harrison Township Hall located at 6750 Outville Road, Pataskala, Ohio 43062. The purpose of this hearing is to consider proposed revisions to the Harrison Township Zoning Resolution.

Articles with proposed revisions to be presented, discussed and acted upon are:

Article 3 - Definitions

Article 4 - Administration

Article 6 - Amendment

Article 11 - C-1 Conservation District

Article 12 - AG - Agricultural District

Article 13 - R - Residential District

Article 15 - B - Business Districts

Article 16 - M-1 Manufacturing District

Article 19 - Signs and Outdoor Advertising Structures

Information will be posted at the Township Hall and on the Township Website at www.harrisantownship.net. Questions can be directed to Valerie Hans, Zoning Inspector at 740-927-8277 or zoning@harrisantownship.net.

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

-Eric Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2026 06 16 03 which states: IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE PATASKALA CORPORATE PARK JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT CONTRACT. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The resolution was adopted.

From the floor – Constance Caruso, 6463 Blacks Road

Mrs. Caruso shared noise resolutions from other townships and wanted the trustees to ban noise twenty-four hours a day.

The trustees stated the Licking County Prosecutor has approved the noise resolution and that noise during the day cannot be controlled. Also, the noise resolutions that were shared are from much larger townships with more residents.

-Eric Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2026 06 16 04 which states: “HARRISON TOWNSHIP NOISE CONTROL REGULATION”. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Discussion: Trustee Smith stated that gun fire, motorcycles and agriculture activities cannot be controlled. Trustee Foor stated that noise cannot be controlled all day, every day. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. The resolution was adopted.

-Eric Smith moved to approve the following:

- 1. The minutes of the June 1, 2026 regular meeting minutes.**
- 2. Payment advice 253-2026 through 267-2026.**
- 3. Warrants 19679 through 19685.**

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

Cybersecurity training was held prior to the meeting today. Training was required to be completed by June 30, 2026. All elected officials, Zoning Inspector, Zoning Secretary, and the Road Department attended training presented by Bill Ischy of Ischy Technology Solutions, the township’s IT person. This training will take place on an annual cycle and more often if deemed a necessity.

-Eric Smith moved to follow the Licking County Prosecutor's recommendation on training employees according to the township's Cybersecurity Policy. The Licking County Prosecutor stated that the Harrison Township Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals do not have to attend cybersecurity training at this time since they do not have access to our internal computers, network or email. This will be reviewed annually and be part of the Harrison Township Cybersecurity Policy, as per LCP recommendation. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Van Buren YES, Smith YES and Foor YES. 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 10:15 a.m. Minutes are unofficial until approved by the trustees.

Respectively Submitted,

Carolyn I. Elder
Harrison Township Fiscal Officer

The following resolutions are a part of the June 16, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

Resolution 2026 06 16 01

Resolution 2026 06 16 02

Resolution 2026 06 16 03

Resolution 2026 06 16 04