HARTSGROVE TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2026

The meeting was called to order by the fiscal officer. A motion was made to appoint Mr. Williams as chair by Mrs. Noon and seconded by Mr. Williams-all voted yes. A second motion was made to appoint Mrs. Noon as vice chair by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mrs. Noon-all voted yes.

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Mrs. Noon and seconded by Mr. Williams-all voted yes.

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Mrs. Noon and seconded by Mr. Williams-all voted yes.

There was an open seat on the board for a trustee. Multiple people showed interest in the position and all had a chance to introduce themselves and speak:

Benny Pilarczyk has been a resident since the year 2000 and works for the City of Euclid as a shift operator. Zach Brenkus was previously a stone mason and now owns a distillery on State Route 534. Shelley Lipcsey owns the quilt shop on the circle and has been a long-time resident on off for many years. Matt Welch is a newly promoted lieutenant on the Hartsgrove fire department and is an advanced EMT. Callie Pacholke moved here in 2023 and has previously served on the Rock Creek Village council. Mr. Williams also mentioned that there is a vacancy on the zoning board of appeals.

Mr. Williams moved into executive session and the board discussed all the candidates. After much consideration a decision was made and Mr. Williams moved the meeting back into regular session. He then told Benny Pilarczyk that he was chosen as a trustee. The fiscal officer administered the oath of office and he signed the appointment sheet.

Erica Peavy is still trying to get her Jeep Wrangler claim paid out by the township insurance. It was damaged when the roads were getting maintained last fall due to rain spreading tar. Her claim was denied so she will be requesting an appeal. She is still not happy with how the roads are maintained and was very upset about her vehicle. Said

she may get an attorney if the claim doesn't get paid out. She is paying a $1000 deductible. Zach Brenkus questioned if ODOT could help with funding but they only oversee main roads, not secondary roads.

Zoning-The county approved a permit in Trumbull Township but it seems the township did not issue any permits for an addition on Hoffman Road (south). They were questioning if we issued the permit outside of our township limits. Mr. Sedivec is trying to meet with the prosecutor and the sheriff department to continue the efforts to clean up the Badell property. The county is still seeking funds to support the clean up of the Gutman property. There were 2 inquiries and no new permits.

Roads-The department has been plowing lots of snow and slush. The part time staff has helped out when Andy was out sick. Repaired the fence on the circle. Also repaired some holes on Meade Hollow Road.

Fire Department-There were four calls since the last meeting. The road department assisted with one of the calls. They presented a flyer to hang in the vestibule. It has lots of information for crisis help and a suicide hotline. New fire fighters are coming on board soon, including carded member and cadets. Matt Welch was promoted to lieutenant. The resolution of necessity was read for the potential fire levy going on the ballot in May. Mrs. Noon moved to adopt the resolution and Mr. Pilarczyk seconded it. All trustees voted yes.

The fiscal officer will reach out to Mr. Gottron about getting Mr. Pilarczyk enrolled in the OTA magazine subscription.

There was a discussion about the Amish community and any plans to get them more involved in the community and to vote on issues.

Milano Monuments is still trying to get a sign off on a stone placement. Still need to locate the area and pour the foundation.

The board reviewed the compensation schedule for year 2026.

The board decided to assign departments for the new trustees. Mr. Williams will remain overseeing roads. Mrs. Noon will have buildings and Mr. Pilarczyk will take on cemeteries. OTARMA is looking for townships to submit pictures of their community for the 2027 calendar. May submit pictures of events, including the power show.

Mr. Gottron is willing to continue being the representative for SCAD. A motion was made by Mrs. Noon and seconded by Mr. Pilarczyk to appoint Mr. Gottron-all voted yes.

The warrants were read. A motion was made by Mr. Pilarczyk and seconded by Mrs. Noon to pay warrants 16136-16154-all voted yes.

Having no further business to come before this board, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Williams.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kovach, fiscal officer

AGENDA
January 14, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

MINUTES: APPROVED

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

- TRUSTEE EVALUATION AND APPOINTMENT
- ZONING
- ROADS
- FD-VFDF ANNUAL CERTIFICATION, 1 MILL LEVY
- CEMETERY SIGN OFF-MILANO MONUMENTS

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2026 BOARD COMPENSATION `
- DELEGATE TRUSTEE DEPARTMENTS
- OTARMA 2027 CALENDAR
- SCAD Appt

WARRANTS: 16136-16154

EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NEEDED