HARTSGROVE TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

February 11, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mr. Williams. All trustees were present. The Fiscal Officer was absent. Mrs. Noon was clerk in the Fiscal Officer's absence.

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

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Dan Malm was present and introduced himself stating that he has been doing volunteer work with the fire department.

Chuck Skvarek was present and presented the trustees with his proposal for mowing and Spring and Fall cleanup for the following township properties: 1) Circle, 2) Meade Hollow Cemetery, 3) Hartsgrove Cemetery, 4) Garage and fire station/town hall. Mr. Skvarek stated that this proposal was approximately $200 more than the previous period. Mrs. Noon made a motion to approve the proposal, and Mr. Pilarczyk seconded it – all voted yes. Mr. Williams signed the proposal on behalf of the township.

ROADS: Andy Popovich was absent from the meeting, so the road department was presented by Mr. Williams. Mr. Williams stated that during the recent warm weather Andy had plowed all roads to remove accumulated slush. Mr. Williams also stated that someone hit the fence on the circle. Andy had obtained replacement fencing and replaced it. Mrs. Noon inquired if we could put a camera in the circle so that we could identify those who damage the township property and recoup our repair costs. Mrs. Noon will speak with Nathan (IT guy) about the possibility of a camera. Andy has also been dropping stone when needed on icy spots.

ZONING: Mr. Sedivec stated that he was contacted by the county about a property on Route 6 owned by Scott Beaver who had put up buildings without permits. Al will follow up with Mr. Beaver. Al also stated that there is an ACTA meeting on Thursday February 19, 2026 at the Engineers Building and he will be presenting photos of the Bidell and Gutman properties to hopefully quicken cleanup response.

Mr. Sedivec also inquired who would be his trustee contact as Mr. Gottron was his contact in the past. Mrs. Noon provided Mr. Sedivec with her contact information and agreed to be his trustee contact.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: See Attached. Chief Paranish provided to the new trustees the inventory of following equipment utilized by the fire department: Engine 441 – Pumper, 435 3000-gallon tanker, 432 Grass Unit with 200-gallon tank and ability to pull trailer, 445 Kubota with 100-gallon tank.

Mr. Paranish also provided information regarding MABAS, auto-aid and dispatch for the new trustees.

Chief Paranish stated that they have a planned spaghetti dinner at $10 per plate coming up. Mr. Williams offered to provide ground meat for the meal.

Mr. Williams requested that Chief Paranish provide the trustees with an advance copy of their handouts for the upcoming fire levy for approval prior to having a meeting with the residents.

Chief Paranish provided the following information regarding HTFA: President is Duane Hulderman, Vice President Steve Paranish, Treasurer Bruce Gottron, Event Coordinator Shelly Huffman.

Fire department currently has 17 members with 11 carded.

SCAD: Mr. Gottron provided the following information regarding SCAD financials: Income is approximately $4 million with $1.7 million of that being carryover from 2025. Estimated expenditures are $3 million.

SCAD Star Ohio account currently has a balance of $1.4 million which provides approximately $46,000 in interest yearly.

SCAD will be purchasing two new ambulances for approximately $1 million in total. This is partly offset by the insurance proceeds from the accident on 528 where the ambulance was totaled.

Mr. Gottron said that SCAD calls for 2025 were 130 for Hartsgrove Township which was up 9 in 2024. He also said that SCAD had concerns regarding the number of calls to Windsor.

SCAD has 2 units manned 24/7/365 and all are paramedics.

CEMETERY: Mr. Pilarczyk said he has been in contact with Milano Monuments as well as Mr. Engelmann. He stated that Mr. Engelmann has not chosen a final spot for his stone. The Cemetery Memorial Application from Milano Monuments was amended by Mr. Pilarczyk to delete the word "location" and signed by Mr. Pilarczyk.

OTARMA insurance renewal was presented by Mr. Williams. Mrs. Noon asked how much of an increase this is from the previous period. Mr. Williams did not know. Mr. Noon will inquire of the fiscal officer. A conditional motion was made by Mrs. Noon to

accept the insurance renewal upon receipt of the above. Motion seconded by Mr. Pilarczyk and all voted yes.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Mrs. Noon inquired about the maintenance of the furnaces. It was stated that we have a maintenance contract on the furnaces, but the filters are replaced periodically by either Andy or the fire department personnel. Mrs. Noon pointed out to Chief Paranish that the furnace in the fire department does not currently have a filter in it. Chief Paranish stated that they needed to make accommodation so that the filter does not fall out. Mrs. Noon will ask the fiscal officer for the name and contact information of the company that does the maintenance. A case of 16x25x1 furnace filters needs to be purchased.

Mrs. Noon asked Mr. Gottron about rental policies and pricing for tables and chairs for township residents. Mr. Gottron shared that it is $3 per table and $.30 per chair. Mrs. Noon asked about currently inventory and was told they did not have one but thought there were approximately 50-60 chairs. Mrs. Noon will conduct an inventory.

Mrs. Noon stated that the man door on the North building needs to be replaced as it is not only rusted by the frame is almost totally detached from the building. A new door would be approximately $265 from Home Depot. Mr. Pilarczyk moved that we purchase a new door from Home Depot for not more than $300 and Mrs. Noon seconded the motion. All voted yes. Mrs. Noon will coordinate installation of the door.

Mrs. Noon inquired who is a heating fuel provider for the township. Mr. Williams said it is propane through Orwell Oil and the generator is also propane.

Mrs. Noon inquired about cleaning of the townhall since it was especially dirty with food residue on the floors. She was told they have a person although Mr. Williams did not know who is was and that they were paid approximately $300 per time to clean as needed. Mrs. Noon will follow up with the Fiscal Officer regarding this information.

Mrs. Noon stated that there is a possible code violation in the blocking of the sub electrical panel by the washing machine. Chief Paranish said he would see that the area was cleared and accessible.

CIRCLE: Discussion was had regarding placement of benches provided by Pat Neuberger, pavers and future sales of pavers. Mr. Williams shared that a drawing of the circle was done by a master gardener, Cheryl Kennedy several years ago showing a proposed plan but he did not know where said information was currently. Mrs. Noon provided information regarding Plant 250 (see attached) an Ashtabula County Master Gardeners initiative to have 250 Ohio Native Buckeye trees planted throughout Ashtabula County this Spring to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Pilarczyk, Mr. Gottron and Mr. Williams expressed their opinions

that buckeye trees are difficult to clean up after and the question of purchasing trees and planting them was tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUILDING: Mrs. Noon asked for access to any prints or documentation regarding the building we were proposing in 2025. Mrs. Noon will ask the fiscal officer for a list of equipment and values that would potentially be stored in said building

FUEL LOG: Mrs. Noon inquired as to the use of a fuel log and when it is reconciled. Mr. Williams shared how the fuel log is used but that it is never reconciled. It is Mrs. Noon's opinion that, as fuel is an expense of the township, the fuel log should be reconciled monthly and an accurate accounting of how much fuel each department is using maintained.

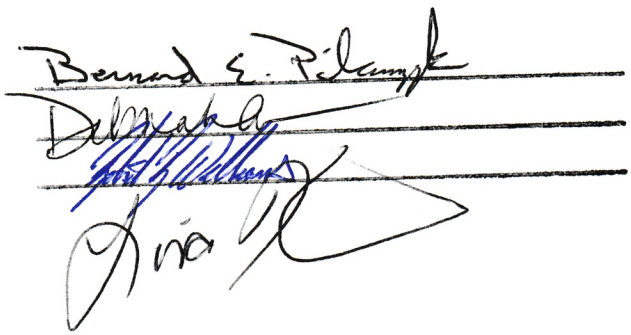
Mrs. Noon stated that David Thomas has introduced a bill before the Ohio house to address issues that arose in connection with the Gutman Fur and Urine Farm. This bill would provide additional uniform statewide registration and identification requirements for wolfdog hybrids and safety standards, improve communication and coordination between county auditors, dog wardens and public health officials by providing the County Commissioners with authority and procedures to address related animal nuisance and allow counties to place a nuisance abasement on property to recoup any costs from a clean up operation when animals are neglected and need to be removed.

Warrants were read. Mrs. Noon made a motion to approve warrants 16175-16186. Mr. Pilarczyk seconded the motion – all voted yes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah A. Noon, Temporary Clerk



AGENDA
FEBRUARY 11, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

MINUTES: APPROVED

AGENDA: APPROVED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

- ZONING
- ROADS
- CEMETERY
- FD

NEW BUSINESS:

- OTARMA INSURANCE RENEWAL

WARRANTS: 16175-16186

EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NEEDED

HARTSGROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT

WED, Febuary 11, 2026

TRUSTEE MEETING NOTES

CALL RUNS TO-DATE FOR YEAR 2026		YEAR 2025
CALLS-TO-DATE:	16	110
MUTUAL-AID TD:	6	50
AUTO-AID TD:	9	34
STRUCTURE FIRE	1	11
EMS		28
STORMS		21

1. MABAS has been updated and sent out to County Sherriff's Office, and sent out to other mutual aid departments.

2. Need 5-5 gallons buckets of foam for trucks. Price is approximately $750.00

3. 10 calls since last meeting up 325% from last year this time.

4. Planning on having a Spaghetti Dinner on March 28th from 4-7

5. Working on getting things put together to have a meeting with residents about the Fire Levy.

6. Been out getting donations for the Pig Roast in August. Going well so far.

End Of Discussion