

The Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, Tuesday, March 17, 2026, was called to order at approximately 6:00 PM by Chairman Tomaino, at the Town Hall. After the Pledge of Allegiance roll call was taken. Chairman Tomaino, Trustee Bond, Trustee DiBernardi, Fiscal Officer Balsinger, Fire Chief Oles, Police Chief VanDyke, Zoning Inspector Kurilla, Road & Cemetery David Dunn, Sr and Administrative Assistant Danielle Zlenka, Sgt Zlenka were all present.

Trustee Tomaino moved to hire Jacob Maas as a part time patrol officer with the police department, 03-17-26-01, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

The Board would like to welcome all friends and family of Jacob Maas. Jacob was sworn in by Chief VanDyke and recited his oath of office. Welcome to our newest Patrol Officer, Jacob Maas.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to approve the minutes from Regular of February 17, 2026, 03-17-26-02, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Fiscal Officer Balsinger gave the financial report through February 28, 2026 - The General Fund balance is \$947,558.12, Restricted Funds Total \$2,115,795.38. Total Fund Balances available for Milton Township are \$3,063,353.50. The Fiscal Officer asked for approval of payments by Warrants #34059 through #34082 and EFT #83 thru #171 totaling \$98,401.24. Receipts to date are \$297,622.83 as of February 28, 2026. YTD Expenditure \$356,187.92. Fiscal Officer Balsinger also request approval of 2 reallocations.

Trustee Bond moved to approve the financial report, and to approve the payments by Warrants #34059 through #34082 and EFT #83 thru #171 totaling \$98,401.24 and the 2 reallocations, 03-17-26-03, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Oles reported February had a total of 32 calls. 28 in Milton Township and 4 others. Calls were – 0 structure fires, 7 accident, 15 medical, 0 grass fire, 0 carbon monoxide, 0 trees/wires down, 0 car fire, 0 water emergency/rescue, 4 mutual aid, 0 burning complaints, 2 alarm activation's, 3 gas leak and 1 other. 61 Total calls for 2026. Total Medical Transports in March by MFD –8.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to purchase new dash cam recorders for each of the vehicles approximate cost of \$1,359.76, 03-17-26-04, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to hire Caleb Quinn as EMT Basic personnel at the Fire Department, 03-17-26-05, seconded by Trustee Bond and passed with 3 ayes.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

For the month of February 2026, Milton Police responded to 1,048 calls for service. Of those, 1,048 resulted in 16 reports, 18 citations (112 traffic stops), 93 traffic warnings, and 2 crashes.

Police Academy Job Fair

- On March 25th at Kent State University Trumbull they will be having a Career fair and we got invited Sgt. Carrell and myself will be attending and passing out flyers.

New Hire

- Jacob Maas has passed all the background checks and is ready to be sworn in and then complete onboarding.

Body Armor

- As of today, everyone who needed a new vest has been fitted for one and the order is ready to be sent out.
- Federal Grant is a 50% Match, State Grant is a 25% match, we will be applying again for the State Grant. We have the Federal Grant.

Trainings

- CIT - We are going to be sending 2 Officers, Ofc. Burnham and Ofc. Maas to this training on March 30th to April 3rd. It is free it is held by the Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board.

Conviction updates

- We have had 3 cases in the past year go to the Court of Common Pleas, which is the court that takes felonies. Out of the those 3 we have gotten 2 convictions through plea deals and 1 conviction from the result of a jury trial. The most recent went to jury trail and through the testimony of the victims which includes Sgt. Carrell and the testimony of the Detectives we were able to get a conviction.

ROAD & CEMETERY DEPARTMENTS:

ROAD

1. We decommissioned car 508 to go to auction. 3/17/2026
2. Spring work and up fit all have been performed on the new dump truck.
3. New furnace has been installed in the road garage and lights replaced on the town hall.
4. Still waiting on the new plow to come in for the new truck.

CEMETERY

1. Waiting on estimate for a down tree in Eckis. We have a large pine tree pending against another.

RECYCLING

Nothing to report

Trustee Tomaino moved to pay the approximate \$2,000 cost to remove down trees on an emergency call in Eckis Cemetery, 03-17-26-06, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Kurilla submitted his report. Two permits issued for the month of February. The Estimated valuation for the month of February is \$400,000 Total amount of permit fees for the month of February is \$2,200.00 -Total amount of receipts to YTD 2026 \$16,205.00.

Mr. Kurilla would like to use Land Bank Money to take down a property on 287 NE River Road. He will attempt to search the owner for notifications.

IT UPDATE:

On Friday, March 13, 2026, the township campus experienced a power failure during a windstorm. The police department's generator failed to start. Consequently, our servers powered off. The file server came back online, but the email server did not. We believe this is because the email server shut down in the middle of writing files to the disks. I spent several hours Saturday and Sunday attempting to bring the server back online. When I could not bring it back online, I contacted Rick for assistance. Rick eventually determined that the operating system was corrupted and would have to be either replaced or rebuilt. Since the operating system has not been supported by Microsoft for several years, replacing it is not an option. Rick was successful in rebuilding the operating system and was able to restore full email service by Monday, around noon.

Some of the equipment has been purchased for the network project. We are still looking for the right server.

I want to encourage all employees to take five (5) minutes when NINJIO pops up in their email to watch the animated episode and answer the question. That counts towards your required training.

Trustee DiBernardi moved to accept the donation of \$1,000 from a local resident to the Fire Department and a pizza gift card from the Women’s League, 03-17-26-07, seconded by Trustee Bond and passed with 3 ayes.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS

The board tabled the repair of Town Hall doors until a new estimate comes in.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee DiBernardi moved to accept the permanent appropriations in the amount of \$2,621,718.44, 03-17-26-08, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to approve and pay the annual OTARMA renewal in the amount of \$64,644 03-17-26-09, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Bond moved to approve and pay the annual cost of \$1,339.30 NINJIO Cybersecurity Training, 03-17-26-10, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Bond moved to approve the promotion of Sgt. Thomas Zlenka to Lieutenant and the pay classification for that rank, 03-17-26-11, seconded by Trustee Tomaino and passed with 3 ayes.

The next Township meeting will be moved to April 29th at 7 PM at the Town Hall.

Reminders:

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026 -6 PM-TOWNHALL REGULAR MEETING

Public Comments:

None

Trustee Tomaino moved to go into executive session at 6:42 PM to discuss wages, benefits and/or employee disciplinary action, 03-17-26-12, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi, and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to come out of executive session and return to regular session at 9:12 PM, 03-17-26-13, seconded by Trustee DiBernardi and passed with 3 ayes.

Trustee Tomaino moved to adjourn the meeting, 03-17-26-14, seconded by Trustee Bond and passed with 3 ayes.

Date: _____