

1. The Beaver Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. Chairman Kappler called the meeting to order with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, here; Mr. Tabor, absent; Mrs. Simmons, here.
2. The next regular Township Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 6:00 PM at the Beaver Township Administration Office, 11822 South Ave., North Lima OH 44452.
3. Trustee Simmons presented the updated website and explained the new features.

4. PUBLIC RESPONSE

- All persons presenting information must give name and address.
- All comments must be directed to the Board.
- Comments & disruptive discussion are not to be held among audience.

Gary Delost, 9302 Harvard Blvd., said that the sign on SR 164 coming out of Columbiana is still not up. Road Superintendent Brad Burbick said he would call again. Mr. Burbick added that they are probably geared up for snow and will not happen until spring. Mr. Delost also asked about the 'Do Not Litter' signs on Harvard or lack thereof. Mr. Burbick said he would have to look. Mr. Delost asked if the Mahoning County Prosecutors' Office has any anti-theft pens for check writing. Police Chief Dattilo said that Ptl. Geary was checking to see if they had any.

Irene Calvin, 9364 Melrose Ave., told Road Superintendent Brad Burbick that the snow/ice removal on the road was spot on. She also thanked him and his crew for taking care of the roads.

5. CHECK APPROVAL

A Motion was made by Mrs. Simmons; seconded by Mr. Kappler to pay the following bills from the payroll account checks 10,783 thru 10,798 and 119,574 thru 119,730 and from the regular account checks 47,327 thru 47,441 for a TOTAL= \$254,123.39. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

6. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Eric Dattilo, Police Chief reported for the month of December 2025:

December:	2025 Statistics:
Calls for Service: 1,470	Calls for Service: 17,780
Traffic Stops: 140	Traffic Stops: 2,801
Miles: 11,263	Miles: 149,175
Arrests: 8	Arrests: 155
Citations: 32	Citations: 540
Crashes Inv: 19	Crashes Inv: 197

Fire Chief Sauerwein and I would like to request that the Board of Trustees acknowledge and thank Officer Geary, Officer Arquilla along with Beaver Fire/EMS employees Jordan Weaver and Stephanie Schiavone.

On January 1, 2026, they assisted with removing a female from a vehicle that had lost control and became submerged in a pond at Waters Edge/Harbour Lights Blvd. They were able to extricate the female from her vehicle and get her to safety. Trustees Kappler and Simmons thanked all people involved.

7. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Larry Sauerwein, Fire Chief, reported for the month of December 2025:

For the month of December, the Beaver Township Fire Department responded to 220 calls for service, bringing our year-end total to 2,295 calls. In comparison, our department responded to 2,265 calls in 2024. These include, but are not limited to:

- 5 Motor vehicle accidents
- 25 Public Service
- 1 Carbon Monoxide Incident
- 11 Alarm Activations
- 2 Power Lines Down
- 3 Building Fires
- 1 Unauthorized Burning

I would like the Trustees to hire Rachael Madden as an Intermediate EMT/FF1 effective January 13, 2026.

- 8. A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to hire Rachael Madden as an Intermediate EMT/FF1 effective January 13, 2026. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

Fire Chief Sauerwein added to what Police Chief Dattilo said about the incident that they were lucky to have the duty crew on station at the time which made the response time that much quicker.

9. EMS/INSPECTION DEPARTMENT REPORT

Frank Dispenza, EMS Chief/Lead Fire Inspector was not here this evening. Fire Chief Sauerwein reported for the month of December 2025:

EMS:

(191) Responses; (198) Patients Seen; (125) Transports to Hospital; and (559.5) Loaded Miles

The monthly responses included: (64) ALS Transports; (59) BLS Transports; (1) Medic Back Up to Other Department; (27) Backup to Other Department; (10) Backup to BTFD Crew; (22) Refusals; (2) Coroner Referrals; (19) Cancelled Requests; (10) False Alarm; and (7) Lift Assists.

INSPECTION DEPARTMENT:

(11) Annual Inspections; (3) State Fire Marshal Inspections; (1) Occupancy; (1) Inspector CE; (7) Fire Alarm Problem; (3) Miscellaneous; (5) Reinspection. Total Inspections: 31

10. ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT

Brad Burbick, Road Superintendent, reported for the month of December 2025:

I am requesting that the Board of Trustees approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Mahoning County Commissioners and the Mahoning County Engineer regarding the application of funds from the additional non-emergency sales and use tax for the repair, maintenance and improvements of roads, bridges and other infrastructure located in Beaver Township, Mahoning County. Various roads (Portions of W. Calla Rd, Nila Dr, Strawberry Alley and Elton Road) within the township will be paved using these funds in 2026. The estimated cost is \$328,220.00.

11. RESOLUTION 26-01

A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, on behalf of the residents of Beaver Township that the Board of Trustees approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Mahoning County Commissioners and the Mahoning County Engineer regarding the application of funds from the additional non-emergency sales and use tax for the repair, maintenance and improvements of roads, bridges and other infrastructure located in Beaver Township, Mahoning County. Various roads (Portions of W. Calla Rd, Nila Dr, Strawberry Alley and Elton Road) within the township will be paved using these funds in 2026. The estimated cost is \$328,220.00.

The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Simmons with Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

I am requesting that the Board of Trustees approve the Engineering Services Proposal for Various Township Roads Resurfacing with Thomas Fok &

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Associates for the 2026 Mahoning County's Quarter % Sales Tax Funds in the amount of \$17,500.00.

12. RESOLUTION 26-02

A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, on behalf of the residents of Beaver Township that the Board of Trustees approve the Engineering Services Proposal for Various Township Roads Resurfacing with Thomas Fok & Associates for the 2026 Mahoning County's Quarter % Sales Tax Funds in the amount of \$17,500.00.

The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Simmons with Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

Winter keeps showing up. Everything is working good. We have plenty of salt on hand.

13. ZONING REPORT

Lindy Mitchell, Zoning Inspector, reported for the month of December 2025:

Permits: (5); Year to Date Permits: (79); Fees: \$924.00; Year to Date Fees: \$32,326.00; Est'd Value: \$102,105.00; Year to Date Est'd Value: \$11,453,606.00
Number of Violations: 1

14. PARK DEPARTMENT REPORT

Scott Conway, Park/Maintenance Administrator reported for the month of December 2025:

We began scheduling programs for this years' Senior Meetings and Music in the Park. Music begins on June 3rd with The Groove.

Pavilion rentals are now being accepted. Rental costs are as follows:
Residents-\$100 and Non-Residents-\$150.

The flag drop-off box at the Safety Building is getting a lot of use.

15. RECYCLING REPORT

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Cindy Sauerwein, Recycling Coordinator, is not here this evening. Trustee Kappler read her report:

I am requesting that the Board of Trustees approve the 2026 Recycling Site Lease Agreement with the Mahoning County Commissioners in the amount of \$4,500.00. This is the same amount as 2025.

16. RESOLUTION 26-03

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The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Simmons with Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

17. FISCAL OFFICE REPORT

Richard Lotze, Fiscal Officer, reported as follows for the month of December 2025:

Everyone received their financial reports.

I am requesting that the Board of Trustees approve the IRS maximum reimbursement rate allowed of \$0.725 cents per mile for 2026 for the use of personal vehicles to travel outside the township-on-township business if there is not a township vehicle available retroactive to January 1, 2026.

18. A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to approve the IRS maximum reimbursement rate allowed of \$0.725 cents per mile for 2026 for the use of personal vehicles to travel outside the township-on-township business if there is not a township vehicle available retroactive to January 1, 2026. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

19. NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

Action by the Board of Trustees approving unused 2025 vacation time to be carried over and used by June 30, 2026 for the following employees as presented. This vacation time will be NON-PERSable.

Frank Dispenza	29.47 hours
Kristin Yocum	38.63 hours
Larry Sauerwein	80.0 hours
Leonard VanPelt	35.0 hours
Tracey Parks	32.0 hours
Danny Beniston	32.0 hours
Eric Dattilo	8.0 hours
Autumn Householder	4.0 hours
Mike Nulf	16.0 hours
Mike Sinkovich	5.0 hours

20. RESOLUTION 26-04

A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, on behalf of the residents of Beaver Township that the Board of Trustees approve unused 2025 vacation time to be carried over and used by June 30, 2026 for the following employees as presented. This vacation time will be NON-PERSable.

The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Simmons with Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

Action to approve the NOPEC 2026 Community Event Sponsorship Program. Again, this year, they are offering \$1,500 toward a community event. In the past these funds have been put towards Music in the Park.

21. RESOLUTION 26-05

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The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Simmons with Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

Action to designate Ronald L. Kappler as Beaver Township Representative who will take all actions with respect to the NOPEC Agreement.

22. A Motion was made by Mrs. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Kappler to designate Ronald L. Kappler as Beaver Township Representative who will take all actions with respect to the NOPEC Agreement. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

Action to adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Mahoning County Solid Waste Management District.

23. RESOLUTION 26-06

A Motion was made by Mr. Kappler to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, on behalf of the residents of Beaver Township that the Board of Trustees adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Mahoning County Solid Waste Management District.

The Motion was seconded by Mrs. Simmons with Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

Trustee Simmons mentioned that Lou Vega said that there will be no curbside recycling bins and that we are keeping our recycling bins for the next five years.

24. EXECUTIVE SESSION: According to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 to go into executive session at 6:20 PM to consider compensation of public employees. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent; Mrs. Simmons, aye.
25. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: Returned from executive session at 6:30 PM with roll call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent; Mrs. Simmons, aye.
26. With no further business, a Motion was made by Mr. Kappler, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, absent; Mrs. Simmons, aye.

Ronald L. Kappler, Chairperson

Absent
Erik J. Tabor, Vice-Chairperson

Pamela L. Simmons, Trustee

ATTEST:

Richard R. Lotze, Fiscal Officer