

*These meeting minutes are intended to provide a summary of discussions and actions taken, not a verbatim or exhaustive record of all comments, attendees, or proceedings. The official record of each meeting is the audio recording, which is available for those seeking full context or specific details.*

**Working Session 4:45 PM:**

For the purposes of: Obtaining signatures for payment of the bills; updates from Township Administrator Grim; as well as agenda review.

**General Session:**

The regular meeting of the Monclova Township Board of Trustees commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:30 PM.

Roll call of trustees: Trustee Chuck Hoecherl, present; Trustee Barbara Lang; Trustee Debbie Stevens-Laux, present.

Organizational Items for 2026. Lang commented on willingness to serve as chair, in a return to the tradition of rotating the position; thanked Hoecherl for willingness to serve consecutively for the last couple of years. Lang confirmed with Stevens-Laux that she would be prepared to serve as vice chair.

Hoecherl moved to name Trustee Lang as chair and Trustee Stevens-Laux as Vice Chair for 2026. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

Trustees did not have any additions or corrections to make to the two sets of minutes. Moved by Trustee Hoecherl, seconded by Trustee Laux, to dispense with the reading of the December 15 and the December 31, 2025 minutes and approve as submitted by Fiscal Officer Pike. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

Hoecherl moved to establish the meeting times for the Board of Trustees 2026 meetings as 4:45 PM for Working Sessions and 5:30 PM for General Sessions in concert with the meeting dates previously established by this Board on October 6, 2025; exceptions and special meetings will be duly posted in accordance with Ohio Revised Code. Seconded by Lang. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

Hoecherl moved to authorize the Township Administrator to act on contracts as the signatory for said documents that are approved by the Monclova Township Board of Trustees. Seconded by Lang. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

Hoecherl moved to adopt Resolution No. 01052026-01 Declaring the Intent to Sell Property by Internet Auction. Seconded by Laux. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

Hoecherl moved to adopt Resolution No. 01052026-02 to Appoint Township Law Director and Approve Contract of Employment. Seconded by Laux. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

Hoecherl moved to approve the township inventory list as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Lang. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

Hoecherl moved to authorize Fiscal Officer, Administrator, Fire Chief, and Assistant Fiscal Officer to communicate authorization of tax-exempt status for vendors. Seconded by Laux. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

**FINANCIAL:**

Lang moved that the mileage reimbursements be established in accordance with IRS publications and be adjusted as those publications are made available; and that the mileage reimbursement includes compensation for township officials while on township business per Ohio Revised Code, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. Seconded by Hoecherl. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

Lang moved to allow for all necessary and reasonable expenses for the Trustees and Fiscal Officer to attend all Conferences and Township Association meetings, state and local government conferences and activities, Lucas County Township Association activities, and to allow for all necessary and reasonable expenses for the Administrative, Fire, and Maintenance staff to attend approved conferences. This includes reasonable meals for Elected Officials and township employees upon submission of an itemized receipt which will include a tip up to 18%. Alcohol is not reimbursable. Seconded by Hoecherl. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

Lang commented on TMACOG's economic development strategy. Hoecherl commented on Director Spang and obtaining specifics for Monclova Township. Lang moved to approve membership in Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments at the invoiced amount of \$9,647. Seconded by Hoecherl. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

Lang moved to authorize payment from the township treasury the dues of the Lucas County Township Association and Ohio Township Association for 2026 including subscription to Ohio Township News for the Trustees and Fiscal Officer and also pay the 2026 Associate Membership fee for the Township Administrator, Administrative Assistant, Assistant Fiscal Officer, Fire Chief, and Maintenance Superintendent, Law Director, as well as interested individuals on the Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission as approved by the Township Administrator. Seconded by Laux. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

Lang moved to authorize the Fiscal Officer to place temporary appropriations in funds as needed in various accounts retroactive to January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. Seconded by Laux. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

Lang moved to approve electronic funds for payroll and other reoccurring bills that come due between trustees' meetings; all such payments will be formally included at the next trustees' meeting after payment. Seconded by Laux. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

Lang commented on watershed protection. Lang moved to approve \$1,400 to Lucas Soil and Water Conservation for the 2026 contribution. This money will be used to accomplish state funds match up to 89%. Seconded by Hoecherl. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

**COMPENSATION/FRINGE BENEFITS:**

Hoecherl moved to adopt the Board of Trustees' compensation as salary as provided by the Ohio Revised Code. Lang seconded. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

Hoecherl moved to authorize the purchase of medical, dental, vision and life insurance for all full-time employees and elected officials and that the premiums are to be made from the township treasury for coverage in 2026. Seconded by Laux. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

Hoecherl moved to authorize payment for the Monclova Township Zoning Commissioners at a rate of \$95 per meeting to be paid as contractors and not as Monclova Township Employees. Seconded by Lang. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

Hoecherl moved to authorize reimbursement to members of the Board of Zoning Appeals at a rate of \$95 per meeting to be paid as contractors and not as Monclova Township Employees. Seconded by Laux. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Hoecherl moved to name Fiscal Officer and Township Administrator to represent township interests at the Tax Incentive Review Counsel for 2026. Seconded by Laux. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

Hoecherl moved to nominate Stevens-Laux to serve as the township representative on the Monclova Historical Foundation for the year 2026. Seconded by Lang. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

Lang suggested that Trustee Hoecherl could focus on economic development areas in 2026 in terms of committee appointments and trustee involvement and the other trustees would concentrate on other appointment areas.

Hoecherl agreed. Hoecherl moved to nominate Lang as representative to the Lucas County Health Department District Advisory Board for 2026. Seconded by Lang. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

Hoecherl moved to nominate himself, Chuck Hoecherl, to serve on the LCEDC (Economic Development) for a two-period from this date to December 31, 2027. (Nominations in even years due to two-year service. Seconded by Stevens-Laux. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

Hoecherl moved to appoint himself, Chuck Hoecherl, as the TMACOG General Assembly representative for 2026. Seconded by Stevens-Laux. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

Hoecherl moved to appoint Township Administrator Grim as the Lucas County 911 Regional Council of Governments Administrative Technical Advisory Committee representative for 2026. Seconded by Stevens-Laux. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

Two individuals elected by the legislative authority on the 2026 Volunteer Firefighters Dependents Fund Board. Discussion. Hoecherl moved to name Hoecherl and Stevens-Laux to serve as legislative representatives on stated board. Seconded by Lang. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

JEDZ Board Appointment for two-year service: Lang moved to nominate Wendy Gramza and Chuck Hoecherl to serve on the JEDZ Board of Directors for the years 2026 and 2027. Seconded by Stevens-Laux. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

**Correspondence:**

Of significance, data center emails; TMACOG and Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District letters, which were addressed through Organizational Items at the beginning of the meeting.

**Township Administrator's Report:**

Hoecherl moved, Laux seconded, to certify that Monclova Township is responsible for maintaining 66.879 miles of public road as of December 3, 2025. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes.

Grim commented on Republic Services rate adjustment (5:50 PM). Lang inquired about other entities that provide garbage service.

My Monclova mobile app download increases were noted.

Spotted Lantern Fly issues were noted. OSU Extension has communicated grant opportunity specific to the Tree of Heaven host tree. Administrator commented that this will be discussed at staff meeting.

Lang stated need for Executive Session tonight. Also commented on future staff reviews for annual performance review for department heads and Administrator Grim. Asked staff to be prepared for those future meetings.

**Citizen Comment:**

The following individuals gave comments regarding data centers; Zoning Resolution as it relates to data centers-

Dianne Stroshine, Longwater Drive

Marilyn Campbell, Longwater Drive

John Langevin, Tournament Drive

Christina Egan, Ramm Road

Trustees' general comments include but not limited to Laux stating appreciation to residents for communication; Hoecherl commented not opposed to moratoriums, opposed to annexation; Maumee taking moratorium action would make Monclova Township's path much clearer. Hoecherl commented that the trustees take concerns to heart. Trustees live here, too. Lang thanked those in attendance and stated that trustees are working for the residents. Looking at alternate strategies such as generator controls.

**Executive Session:**

Moved by Lang, seconded by Hoecherl, to close General Session and move into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing personnel issues. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laoux, yes.

Moved by Lang, seconded by Hoecherl, to return from Executive Session and enter into General Session. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laoux, yes.

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Hoecherl, seconded by Lang, to adjourn at approximately 7:00 PM. Roll: Hoecherl, yes; Lang, yes; Stevens-Laoux, yes.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gavin S. Pike, Fiscal Officer

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Accepted 01/20/2026

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Barbara S. Lang

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Deborah Stevens-Laoux

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Charles V. Hoecherl

Roll calls taken in random order. Official minutes will display signatures. This meeting was electronically recorded. Audio is available at [monclovatwp.org](http://monclovatwp.org) during that same calendar year. Also on file in the Office of the Fiscal Officer in accordance with the township's Records Retention Schedule.

