

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. Audio recording for this meeting was impaired Recording only for the last portion of the meeting.

Special Meeting 4:45 PM:

Chair Barbara Lang opened the Special Meeting, which was duly posted, and moved to enter into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, promotion, or compensation of a public employee. Seconded by Laux. Roll Call: Lang, yes; Stevens-Laax, yes; Hoecherl, yes.

Lang moved, Hoecherl seconded, to return from Executive Session. Roll Call: Lang, yes; Stevens-Laax, yes; Hoecherl, yes. Lang noted that there is no action item at this time as a result of the Executive Session.

Lang moved, Hoecherl seconded, to adjourn the Special Meeting. Roll Call: Lang, yes; Stevens-Laax, yes; Hoecherl, yes

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: Barbara Lang, present; Deborah Stevens-Laax, present; Chuck Hoecherl, present.

Lang noted that Fiscal Officer and Township Administrator are not in attendance at tonight's meeting. Lang moved to add Township Administrator Harold Grim recognition to the agenda as well as a contract for Administrator. Seconded by Laux. Roll Call: Lang, yes; Stevens-Laax, yes; Hoecherl, yes.

Lt. Jonathon Leach, Lucas County Sheriff's Department, reviewed activities since last month. Spoke of patrols; helping with a March race held in Monclova Township; commented on community contacts and outreach by extending efforts to residents and engaging in conversations. So far this year, 211 contacts with businesses, walkers, etc., have been made; Lt. Leach wanted to make the public aware that the Sheriff's Department now performs golf cart inspections. 'Low speed vehicle' form needs to be submitted; 180th performing annual training starting this weekend and continuing next week. Leach circled back to golf carts and expressly pointed out that golf cart operators must be licensed drivers, not children. Leach was unaware of the cost to register a golf cart with the state. He also noted that carts driving under 35 miles per hour cannot be on road.

Moved by Trustee Lang, seconded by Trustee Hoecherl, to dispense with the reading of the regular meeting of April 6, 2026 minutes and approve as submitted by Fiscal Officer Pike. Roll Call: Lang, yes; Stevens-Laax, yes; Hoecherl, yes.

Street Lighting District Public Hearing:

Hoecherl moved to commence the public hearing to consider Stoney Creek Plat 5 street lighting district. There was no one to speak either for or against the proposal. Lang commented on the Toledo Edison layout and the fact that this process is routine. Lang moved to close that portion of the hearing that accepts testimony. Laux seconded. Roll Call: Lang, yes; Stevens-Laax, yes; Hoecherl, yes.

Hoecherl moved to adopt Resolution No. 04202026-01, Establishing a street lighting district for Stoney Creek Plat 5, lots 133-181. Seconded by Laux. Roll Call: Lang, yes; Stevens-Laax, yes; Hoecherl, yes.

Lang moved to close the hearing. Seconded by Laux. Roll Call: Lang, yes; Stevens-Laax, yes; Hoecherl, yes.

Old Business:

Roundabout Closure Update-Trustees noted that the Albon and Monclova Roads closure was delayed due to utility company delays. Looking at May closure for 45 days. Hoecherl added that Waterville-Monclova Roads intersection will be closed immediately thereafter for a 40-day roundabout construction; then 20-A and Albon as well as 20-A and Strayer Roads roundabouts construction will commence. Updates through app, My Monclova.

New Business:

Trustee Hoecherl commented on Township Administrator's 25-year tenure with the township. Spoke of growth and how Administrator Grim handled things with grace and humility. Hoecherl and trustees wish him well. Hoecherl commented on his last day of work. Laux moved, and Lang seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 04202026-04, Recognizing Harold Grim upon his retirement. Roll Call: Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes; Hoecherl, yes.

Road Salt contract was reviewed. Laux moved to approve Resolution No. 04202026-02, Authorizing participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded in 2026; further moved to authorize the Administrator to order 1,500 tons of salt through this program. Lang seconded the motion. Roll Call: Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes; Hoecherl, yes.

Lang noted that the Code of Conduct for public meetings need updating as it references a COVID protocol of online comments. Laux moved to approve Resolution No. 04202026-03. Lang seconded. Roll Call: Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes; Hoecherl, yes.

Keener Park playground equipment needs was discussed by Superintendent Holland. Holland highlighted the need to add equipment for younger children. Will help with efficiency of grass mowing by changing and aligning the footprint of the mulched area. It was noted that this was investigated with Hoecherl and Pike and a vendor at Ohio Township Association conference. Holland stated that he will close playground area during construction. Spoke with neighbors and users of the park. He believes the more we offer, the less the children will wonder off near creek or fencing for cemetery. Hoecherl moved, Laux seconded to approve \$50,000 for the purchase of the Challenger Playground set 350-2546 from Century Equipment per their quote. Roll Call: Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes; Hoecherl, yes.

Pickleball Court concrete work discussed. Holland commented on the low-cost fix from last year, stones near perimeter, are scratching court surface as the use of indoor carpet as ab stone inhibitor on the court is not working. Holland is recommending concrete. This will provide a solid pad for picnic tables addition as well and later we will add bleachers for spectators, visitors, and those awaiting court time. Finally, this addition will add proper drainage and will give a visitors a sidewalk from parking lot to court area. Lang commented on trying other solutions due to the price, but the compromise is not working. Discussion on busy use. Per inquiry, Holland noted that there is no room to expand for additional courts while doing this project. Holland further commented that the vendor, Dotson, is local company. Sound barrier will be installed during closure. Hoecherl moved, Laux seconded, to approve \$80,500 for concrete work around the pickleball courts per the quote from The Dotson Company. Roll Call: Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes; Hoecherl, yes.

Roth Memorial Columbarium-Holland reviewed proposal with two benches per columbarium and a walk space with be colored concrete. Trustees will decide design of plaque at a later date. Layout will be placed in CIMS cemetery software. ADA accessible. Initially two columbarium will be installed, but a total of eight for final project is proposed. Lang asked about landscaping. Holland noted that he will add low lighting, similar to architectural lighting. Will be added later when gates are added. Project is broken into stages during the next few years. Holland reviewed access so trustees were aware that a plan is in place. Each niche will hold two cremations. Laux asked about internment charge and Holland noted current cost and recognized that prices may need to be adjusted. Laux moved, Lang seconded, to approve \$45,600 for the purchase of two 48-niche columbariums for Roth Memorial Cemetery from Maumee Valley

Memorials; further moved to approve \$56,280 for concrete work required to install columbarium in Roth Memorial Cemetery per the quote from The Dotson Company. Roll Call: Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes; Hoecherl, yes.

MTFD Part-Time Firefighter Anderson Retirement- Hoecherl thanked Tricia Anderson for her service. Anderson was appointed to the Department in June of 2000 and has served the residents faithfully. Hoecherl moved, Laux seconded, to accept the retirement of part-time firefighter/EMT Tricia Anderson effective March 30, 2026. Roll Call: Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes; Hoecherl, yes.

Fiscal Officer's Report:

Hoecherl moved, Laux seconded, to approve payment of the bills as presented by Fiscal Officer Pike totaling \$382,226.90. Roll Call: Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes; Hoecherl, yes.

Correspondence of note: Chair Barbara Lang noted that Toledo Edison was very responsive to a pole lying in the right-of-way on Indian Wells Court. Staff reported it based on information from a resident and the next day the pole was collected. Excellent service response from Toledo Edison.

Township Administrator's Report:

In Administrator Grim's absence, Hoecherl reviewed report items. All actionable requests have been fulfilled. The remainder of his report is information only. Of note, OPWC Resurfacing Project timeline. Monclova Road overlay project details given; outside electronic sign removal due to roundabout. Administrative Assistant is gathering quotes for new sign and base. Administrator Grim also commented on Byrnwyck drainage and adding this area to an assessment process for drainage improvement.

Finally, Hoecherl noted comments in Harold Grim's report that this is his final of more than 600 memos in his tenure with the township. Grim complimented staff stating "he will miss working with this extraordinary group of dedicated individuals who take their job working for the residents of Monclova Township very seriously." The Board thanked Harold for his service.

New Business - Lang summarized the need to move Director of Safety Services into the position of Township Administrator commencing May 1. Lang moved to accept the contract for Mike Hampton as Township Administrator. Laux seconded the motion. Roll Call: Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes; Hoecherl, yes.

Law Director Dawn Sanderson update-Sanderson noted there was an inquiry from a previous meeting on hiring requirements/ Sanderson noted that townships are not required to post for jobs. There is no Ohio Revised Code or statutory mandate. Board of Trustees have significant leeway on how they wish to conduct hiring. This board, at the request of Fire Chief, has ongoing postings due to ongoing employment needs. Direct hiring has benefits. May lead to hiring experienced person. Confident that that is the case with Mike Hampton.

Department Reports:

Zoning: Zoning Administrator Wagner spoke with the Board regarding busy start to spring. Wagner spoke of text amendment that was sent to Plan Commission and the hearing at county level on Wednesday. This hearing will consider changes to public notices; update auxiliary electric generators; and provide modernization for economic development businesses (unmanned businesses) versus job creation focus. (Also Conditional Use, but was not mentioned during meeting.)

Wagner noted branding suggestion from Lamar advertising. Offering signage by storage business. Two examples were displayed. Board was amenable. Further discussion will occur. Wagner will provide more details at a later date.

During Mr. Holland's report, error in recording equipment was identified and correct. This portion of the meeting is recorded:

Road Maintenance: Superintendent Holland commented on Homestead grate. Holland noted that staff is not trained and does not have proper equipment. Matt McFadden with Lucas County Engineer's Office is aware. Lucas County Engineer Mike Pniewski will be attending the May 4th Board meeting. Holland was asked to be at that meeting.

Multiple Bradford Pear trees came down during recent storms. Maintenance Department rented stump grinder but considering purchase if the cost versus use makes sense.

Lang commented on her outreach to Zoning Administrator Wagner so he could obtain information on grant opportunities for Bradford Pear tree removal. More information will be provided later.

Fire~Rescue: Chief Homik reviewed monthly statistics for March - 232 incidents. Fire Prevention Bureau activity was submitted. Safety Township registration is on-going.

Citizen Comment:

Township Resident Lyn Cox addressed Board and expressed dissatisfaction with Trustee Lang. Asked for Lang's resignation. Trustee Lang responded by stating that she will not be resigning.

Lang moved to adjourn. Seconded by Laux, to adjourn at approximately 6:35 PM. Roll Call: Lang, yes; Stevens-Laux, yes; Hoecherl, yes.

ATTEST: _____
Gavin S. Pike, Fiscal Officer

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Accepted 05/04/2026

Barbara S. Lang

Deborah Stevens-Laux

Charles V. Hoecherl

Roll calls taken in random order. Official minutes will display signatures. This meeting was electronically recorded, though for this meeting, only a portion of the meeting was recorded. Staff apologies. Audio track is available at 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.