Wells Township

September 15, 2026

The Board of Trustees of Wells Township met in regular session on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 6:30 PM at 79 Hudson St, Brilliant, OH.

Officials in attendance: Brian Harvey, Trustee
Jeffrey J Kamerer, Trustee
Rodney Roe, Trustee
Leslie Harvey, Fiscal Officer

Others in attendance: Bub Lazear, Cathy Angles, Patricia Kaneski, Mickey Nest, Chrissy Crawford, Ricky Crawford, Aaron R Dodds

Trustee Kamerer noted the Trustees have read the minutes from September 1, 2026 regular meeting and if there are no additions, deletions, or amendments, the minutes of September 1, 2026 stand as approved.

26-09-13 Trustee Harvey motioned to accept and approve the September 1, 2026 regular meeting minutes as stands. Trustee Roe seconded that motion, vote:

Trustee Harvey	yea
Trustee Kamerer	yea
Trustee Roe	yea

Trustee Kamerer noted the Trustees have reviewed the bills and entertains a motion to approve payment of said bills.

26-09-14 Trustee Roe motioned to approve and pay bills totaling $571,390.27. Trustee Harvey seconded the motion, vote:

Trustee Harvey	yea
Trustee Kamerer	yea
Trustee Roe	yea

Trustee Kamerer stated there are property nuisance letters to be sent out certified return-receipt. He entertains a motion to approve mailing out these letters certified return-receipt.

26-09-15 Trustee Roe motioned to sign and approve mailing out property nuisance letters certified return-receipt. Trustee Harvey seconded the motion, vote:

Trustee Harvey	yea
Trustee Kamerer	yea
Trustee Roe	yea

Trustee Kamerer introduced Aaron Dupe from Jefferson County Water and Soil Conservation District. Mr. Dodds attended this evening's meeting to announce the District has been in the process of maintaining a wetlands preserve off Rush Run consisting of 143 acres in Wells Township to improve the water quality of the stream and to provide a place for public access, and is officially asking the Board of Trustees for a letter of support.

26-09-16 Trustee Roe motioned to approve and sign a letter for support to the Jefferson County Water and Soil Conservation District for the Rush Run Wetlands Preserve project. Trustee Harvey seconded the motion, vote:

Trustee Harvey	yea
Trustee Kamerer	yea
Trustee Roe	yea

Trustee Kamerer announced the Warren Ridge Wranglers 4-H Club is asking for a donation to support their chili cookoff. The Trustees have decided to personally donate $20.00 each for their cookoff.

Trustee Kamerer announced the Township experienced a water break this morning, losing a good amount of water. Trustees were at the site to assist and assess. This happened at the intersection of Hukill and Morris. Took about half a day to resolve.

Trustee Kamerer noted a request from the Haunted House has been made to close Market St on Sunday, September 27, 2026 for the Haunted House Kids Day from 12:00 noon to 7:00pm.

26-09-17 Trustee Roe motioned to approve closing Market Street on Sunday, September 27, 2026 from 12:00 noon to 7:00 pm for the Haunted House Kids Day. Trustee Harvey seconded the motion, vote:

Trustee Harvey	yea
Trustee Kamerer	yea
Trustee Roe	yea

Trustee Harvey noted Kim Nest texted him today regarding a request from the Buckeye Local Cheer Squad to have a Tag Day, Saturday, October 3, 2026 from 3:30pm to 7:30pm. Trustee Kamerer noted they will need to stay north of the bridge intersection, move the times from 2:30pm to 6:00pm because of dusk being sooner and to wear reflective vests and use cones.

26-09-18 Trustee Kamerer motioned to approve allowing the Buckeye Local Cheer Squad to have Tag Day on Saturday, October 3, 2026 from 2:30pm to 6:00pm with the above listed requirements. Trustee Harvey seconded the motion, vote:

Trustee Harvey	yea
Trustee Kamerer	yea
Trustee Roe	yea

Trustee Harvey also noted there has been some prior discussions regarding the Township building at 79 Hudson St and stated in the next couple of meetings there will be additional information for discussion.

Trustee Roe stated residents should be aware of grass cuttings on the road and do their best to blow the clippings back into the yards and not leave them on the roads, which can be hazardous. Trustee Harvey did state there is no law against the clippings being in the road and no tickets will be issued.

Trustee Kamerer stated he has seen people at the property on Railroad Ave and appears they might be getting ready to clean it up. He also noted the house on Steuben St, the porch has been cleaned off. Trustee Roe stated there is a duplex on Steuben St with junk piled up on the porch for the past 2-3 weeks. He believes the police should look into that.

Fiscal Officer Harvey noted the Township is in receipt of an invoice from TASC for the HRAs representing the annual fee in the amount of $1,486.00. She asks for a motion to approve and pay this administrative fee.

26-09-19 Trustee Kamerer motioned to approve the TASC annual administrative fee in the amount of $1,486.00 and to pay this fee. Trustee Roe seconded the motion, vote:

Trustee Harvey	yea
Trustee Kamerer	yea
Trustee Roe	yea

Fiscal Officer Harvey also asked for approval of Then and Now PO #240-2026 in the amount of $999.00 to Smith Outfitters for police departments small tools and minor equipment.

26-09-20 Trustee Roe motioned to approve Then and Now PO 240-2026 and to pay Smith Outfitters the amount of $999.00 for small tools and minor equipment. Trustee Harvey seconded the motion, vote:

Trustee Harvey	yea
Trustee Kamerer	yea
Trustee Roe	yea

Fiscal Officer Harvey noted Police Officer Matthew Morgan was not included on the list of part time officers at the beginning of the 2026 year. He needs to be added, effective 1/1/2026 and motion to approve a pay rate of 28.95 per hour.

26-09-21 Trustee Kamerer motioned to approve re-activating Matthew Morgan as part time police officer, at an hourly rate of $28.95, effective retro to 1/1/2026. Trustee Roe seconded the motion, vote:

Trustee Harvey	yea
Trustee Kamerer	yea
Trustee Roe	yea

Fiscal Officer Harvey noted the Township's audit for 2024-2025 has been completed. Due to an increase in revenue for both years, it was determined the elected officials were underpaid based on the original revenue budget and the increase in revenue. She asks for approval to pay the underpaid portion including all applicable withholdings and penalties/fees, totaling approximately $10,988 to be paid prior to December 31, 2026 to the Trustees. The Fiscal Officer has waived her underpaid portion for 2024 and 2025.

26-09-22 Trustee Roe motioned to approve paying the underpaid portion of the elected Trustees from 2024 and 2025, along with all applicable withholdings and penalties/fees prior to December 31, 2026. Trustee Harvey seconded the motion, vote:

Trustee Harvey	yea
Trustee Kamerer	yea
Trustee Roe	yea

Fiscal Officer Harvey stated the Township has exceeded budgeted revenue for 2026, due to this increase, elected officials will need pay adjustments accordingly based on the increased revenue. Total cost for Trustees increases including all withholdings and fees is estimated to be $22,305.50. She asks for approval to increase and pay appropriately. Trustee Harvey asked what causes that. Fiscal Officer Harvey stated unanticipated grant monies, funds with rollovers, etc. effects the revenue budget and wages should be raised or lowered accordingly at that time. Based on information from the State Auditors, the elected officials wages and benefits can be distributed among each fund based on the percentage of time spent working in each department. The Trustees will have to document on paper their time, which will be submitted quarterly for recordkeeping and the Fiscal Officer will evenly distribute her time. A time form will be given to the Trustees for quarterly submission to the Fiscal Officer.

26-09-23 Trustee Harvey motioned to approve the elected officials pay increase based on the revised revenue budget for 2026, and to distribute elected official wages across appropriate funds based on percentage of time spent with each, with reports submitted quarterly. Trustee Roe seconded the motion, vote;

Trustee Harvey	yea
Trustee Kamerer	yea
Trustee Roe	yea

Bub Lazear stated there is a drain issue off High St.

Patricia Kaneski with the Friends of Harvest Festival is present, and asking if the Trustees could be judges for the car show on Sunday, October 11, 2026. She stated so far she has over 50 vendors for the two day event, October 10 -11, 2026. Becky Rager has been helping her. Patricia asked Chrissy Crawford about entertainment and could she possibly look for someone to entertain on Saturday, October 10th. The stage area will need power. Patricia noted she does have a DJ for Sunday. It was asked if there would be porta johns available to the public? Patricia stated yes along with dumpsters for the garbage and cleanup.

Mickey Nest thanked the community for attending and supporting the 911 services. He stated the cornhole tournament had 16 teams and had to be moved indoors due to rain.

Ricky Crawford stated his weed control license is up for renewal. The renewal fee is $35.00 and he has asked for reimbursement to renew. He will turn in a receipt for reimbursement.

26-09-24 Trustee Harvey motioned to approve reimbursing Ricky Crawford the $35.00 renewal fee for his weed control license. Trustee Roe seconded the motion, vote:

Trustee Harvey	yea
Trustee Kamerer	yea
Trustee Roe	yea

Paul Rusnak stated the road and bridge dept needs approximately 15 more timbers for Blues Run. Total cost will run approximately $569.70. He also stated they need a commercial weed sprayer from a resident in Mingo has one for sale at a cost of $500.00 and has asked for permission to purchase that. The sprayer is truck mounted. The road crew has been working on pothole patching.

26-09-25 Trustee Harvey motioned to approve the purchase of 15 more timbers for the road department at a cost of approximately $569.70, a commercial weed sprayer from Mingo for $500.00. Trustee Kamerer seconded the motion, vote:

Trustee Harvey	yea
Trustee Kamerer	yea
Trustee Roe	yea

With no further business, Trustee Kamerer entertains a motion to adjourn.

26-09-26 Trustee Roe motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:08pm. Trustee Harvey seconded the motion, vote:

Trustee Harvey	yea
Trustee Kamerer	yea
Trustee Roe	yea

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Trustee Trustee

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Trustee Fiscal Officer