

Wells Township

July 1, 2025

The Board of Trustees of Wells Township met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, 6:30 PM at 79 Hudson St, Brilliant, OH.

Officials present were:

Ben Batenburg, Trustee
JJ Kamerer, Trustee
Rodney Roe, Trustee
Leslie Harvey, Fiscal Officer
Bruce Clark, Solicitor

Others in attendance

Sean Norman, Butch Keyoski, Bill Cook, Bub Lazear, Georgia Jarman, Ricky Crawford, Chrissy Crawford, Dwain Harkins, Lew Eiler, Mickey Nest, Dan Hutchison, Beth Rupert-Warren

Trustee Roe stated the Board has had time to read the minutes from the June 17, 2025 meeting and if there are no additions, deletions, or amendments, the minutes of June 17, 2025 stand as approved.

25-07-01 Trustee Kamerer motioned to accept the June 17, 2025 minutes as approved. Trustee Batenburg seconded that motion and it passed 3:0.

25-07-02 Trustee Batenburg motioned to approve bills totaling \$53,252.70. Trustee Kamerer seconded the motion and it passed 3:0.

Trustee Roe is in receipt of an invoice from General Rental for the rental of a 20'x20' tent for the July 4th celebrations on July 3, 2025. He entertains a motion to approve the rental in the amount of \$538.98.

25-07-03 Trustee Kamerer motioned to approve the rental of a 20'x20' tent for the July 4th celebration and to pay the invoice in the amount of \$538.98. Trustee Batenburg seconded the motion and it passed 3:0.

Trustee Roe is also in receipt of an invoice from Kelly Paving, in the amount of \$2,590.80, for road repairs and maintenance supplies. He entertains approval to pay the invoice from Kelly Paving.

25-07-04 Trustee Kamerer motioned to approve the payment of \$2,590.80, appropriated from the Road and Bridge fund, for road maintenance and repair supplies, to Kelly Paving. Trustee Batenburg seconded the motion and it passed 3:0.

Trustee Batenburg announced that Fiscal Officer Harvey, Trustee Kamerer, Trustee Roe and himself applied for the Pugliese Grant to remove the gym floor and replacing with a new floor for a new community center. This flooring will include the use of basketball, pickle ball, and volleyball striping. This grant was applied for in March 2025 and received confirmation June 12, 2025. The grant was approved for \$20,000.00. The estimated cost is twenty four thousand and some odd dollars. The grant was applied for with the agreement that the Township would include a ten percent match to what was approved for. The grant was received. Trustee Batenburg read the grant document at this meeting. The project is to be completed by December 31, 2025. Trustee Batenburg stated there is a meeting scheduled with the contractor next week to get a date and start the project. There was a question of whether the walls in the gymnasium should be painted first, before flooring is put down. A decision will be made to paint or not.

25-07-05 Trustee Kameron motioned to accept the Pugliese Grant and to give authority to Trustee Ben Batenburg to sign off on the Grant for the Wells Township Trustees. Trustee Roe seconded the motion and it passed 3:0.

Trustee Kameron announced the Cardinal Plant representatives were at the Community Center building today, measuring the ramp railings. The Cardinal Plant is going to replace the railings as a donation, however, they did request the Township purchase the paint needed for the railings. This project should be done this week.

Trustee Kameron noted he spoke with Foreman Butch Keyoski regarding the tractor. It is a 2012 Massey Ferguson and is starting cost money in repairs/maintenance. Trustee Kameron stated he called to see what a tractor cost today and Ag-Pro will get back to him with pricing. There will be three different quotes. Trustee Kameron asked if the other Trustees want to list this used tractor for sale and accept bids, starting at a minimum bid of \$15,000.00. Trustee Roe and Trustee Batenburg agreed.

Solicitor Clark stated the Board needs to pass the Resolution to Proceed with placing the issue on the ballot for renewal levy for the purposes of Recreation for Wells Township, Jefferson County, Ohio. The first resolution has already been passed. This is a half-mil levy and is estimated to collect \$98,976.00 each year.

25-07-06 Trustee Kameron motioned to accept, execute, and submit the Resolution to Proceed with placing the issue on the ballot for renewal levy for the purposes of Recreation for Wells Township, Jefferson County, Ohio. Trustee Batenburg seconded the motion and it passed 3:0.

Solicitor Clark stated he was contacted by RETTEW, an engineering company, working with Ascent Resources-Utica LLC. They are wanting to do some core drilling in two spots in the roadway and are requesting the submitted permit be signed by the Trustees to do this. TR 162 (Riddles Run Road) and TR 162 are the two roads. Trustee Batenburg stated there would be no problem. Solicitor Clark stated the Trustees will need to motion approval for ZIMNOX TWL-HOP-3 Bore Permit TR-163 (Riddles Run Road) and ZIMNOX TWL-HOP-4 Bore Permit TR-162.

25-07-07 Trustee Kameron motioned to accept and approve (execute) the Bore Permits from RETTEW for ZIMNOX TWL-HOP-3 Bore Permit TR-163 (Riddles Run Road) and ZIMNOX TWL-HOP-4 Bore Permit TR-162. Trustee Batenburg seconded the motion and it passed 3:0.

Trustee Kameron stated the Trustees had a meeting with the Brilliant Water Board regarding the water line replacement project. The water dept will backfill the water lines with three tenths which is a 304 sand mix, and then come up with another lift of 304 on top of that. The Wells Township Trustees stopped them from doing that, making them do a 304 base for the asphalt. They will have to dig up 600 feet of line already laid.

Chrissy Crawford stated from the original 13 barrels of chlorine ordered at the beginning of the swim season, she is now down to one barrel. There has been an order placed with a new vendor, found lower pricing, however they cannot get order to the pool soon enough. Chrissy has asked for permission for the Township to go pick up two barrels for her in the interim of Sal Chemical's delivery of the remaining 11 barrels.

She also noted the pool paint for the baby pool is in. This has to be re-painted due to the original paint chipping off terribly and paint chips floating in the baby pool. \$159.00 for the replacement paint.

Chrissy mentioned there was an approval for a 20'x20' tent to be used for the 4th of July celebrations and asked the Trustees where the tent is to be placed? She requested the Trustees to please let her know when they make these types of decisions as it makes her planning go much more smoothly and potentially thwart any issues that may arise.

Alexis Reger contacted Chrissy about a deposit refund for the park, wanting to know when she will receive it? Fiscal Officer Harvey stated anyone calling about refunds should be referred to her for resolution.

Chrissy also noted the vendors for the 4th of July celebration will be setting up at 4:00pm on July 3, 2025.

Butch Keyoski stated all has been taken care of for the July 4th celebrations on the 3rd of July. He also noted Trustee Kameron stated they are to be getting grindings off route 7. Butch also stated he would like to set up a meeting next week with the county engineers and the Wells Township Trustees regarding Young Rd and let the engineers state where the road is going. He would like everyone on site so there is not misunderstanding. Friday, July 11th at 1:00pm is the date and time for meeting.

Trustee Roe stated since all the rain has happened, is there any complaints from residents. Butch Keyoski stated yes, right at the intersection at the post office. The road crew has been sweeping up the debris.

Dwain Harkins agrees with Butch in having the engineers and Trustees meet out at the site regarding placement of the road. Mr. Harkins did request the property owners out there be notified when work is to begin so they will have idea of construction going on for safety reasons.

Beth Rupert-Warren with Resource Network gave a small presentation about what the Resource Network is all about and what it offers all of the residents of Jefferson County. Their website is jcreourcenetwork.org. There is the website as well as a phone app, offering 74 categories to date. This network offers multiple aspects such as utility assistance, food assistance, birth certificates, death certificates, etc. She left a number of fliers for reference. They offer a community connections email listing that can be signed up to receive emails throughout the county.

Lew Eiler asked if there is any chance the old dump could be opened up? Trustee Roe stated yes, just over the railroad tracks to the right is a dumpster for lawn clippings, small branches, etc. No household garbage is allowed. Chrissy Crawford mentioned Jodi Rouch from the water dept stated that gate must be locked during their non-working hours. Trustee Batenburg stated the water department has their own fencing and gate(s) that get locked surrounding the sewage area and the water department cannot keep the Township from accessing the Township's own property. He noted an easy resolution is to remove the Township's gate all together as the dump area is for all Wells Township residents to use if they choose. Trustee Batenburg will talk with the water department.

Georgia Jarman asked if a decision was made about the toiletries purchase for the library. Trustee Batenburg state no. He would talk with Mr. Gray about their supplies.

Mickey Nest was down cleaning out the concession stand. He informed the Trustees that a freezer that was down there is now gone. Trustee Batenburg stated there is a freezer down at the other end of the baseball field in the concession and asked if that one works? Butch stated he would check it out. Mickey also announced that Friday, July 4, 2025 is the Legion's celebration for the 4th of July, doors open at 3:00pm, free food, free entertainment, and free fireworks that start approximately 9:30pm. He again asked permission to close a portion of Market St. Trustees agreed.

Trustee Kamerer talked with Butch and stated the paving project is going to start on Tarr’s Hill. This is a Steubenville Township project on their road. An OOPS ticket will be called in on Monday for Tarr’s Hill. Their Township will provide the pipe and materials if Wells Township crew can dig it and install it. Once that is done, they will close the road, mill and pave it.

Trustee Kamerer has been looking into the solicitation situation throughout the Township. He suggested putting together a “no knock” list for the solicitors, for those residents who do not want to be bothered. This list should be addresses only – no names. Trustee Batenburg stated that would need to be updated by the Secretary. Bruce Clark will put it in a resolution.

Dan Hutchison stated all is good to go with the fireworks on July 3, 2025.

Trustee Kamerer stated County Water contacted him, asking for the township’s assistance and could the road crew assist them by cutting a path for them up to their tower off 19.

Fiscal Officer Harvey asked for approval on tires purchased from Ziegler for the police department.

25-07-08 Trustee Batenburg motioned to approve payment of tires from Ziegler for the police department in the amount of \$664.98. Trustee Kamerer seconded the motion and it passed 3:0.

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

25-07-09 Trustee Kamerer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:14pm. Trustee Batenburg seconded and it passed 3:0.

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