

BAZETTA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Date: July 8, 2025 7:00 pm
Bazetta Township Administration Building
3372 State Route 5, N.E.
Cortland, Ohio 44410

Present:

Chairman Trustee Michael Hovis ____
Vice Chairman Trustee Bob McBride ____
Trustee Michael Morelli ____
Fiscal Officer Stacy Marling ____

Chairman Trustee Hovis opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and followed with a moment of silence.

Trustee McBride reminded the assemblage of the Public Comment Procedures and that the meeting was being video, and audio recorded for informational purposes.

CORRESPONDENCE (COPIES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST):

ADMINISTRATION: The Fiscal Officer's monthly financial report will be posted to the township web site. Please visit www.bazettatwp.org, under the tab titled Administration, Financial page and Reports. See attached agenda items

Announcements:

- Please visit, follow, and share our "Bazetta Township Ohio" Facebook page for updates and community events
- As a reminder our Administration Office is open Monday-Friday, 10:00AM-2:00PM to serve our residents
- We would like to remind everyone our Fire Department holds a "Coffee with the Crew" every Tuesday Morning from 8:30AM – 9:30AM. Please stop by!
- Trustees update on the Trumbull County Auditor's failure to deposit tax money. To date, we have incurred **\$11,476.00** in legal fees and numerous administrative hours looking into and responding to Public Record Requests and other inquiries.
- Remind residents our Police and Fire Department have a Senior Watch Program. If you are a senior and would like to participate or would like to refer someone to this program, contact the Police Department at 330-638-5503
- We are taking Applications for Park Shelter Rentals. Visit our website bazettatwp.org under the Park Tab for the rental information or call the Administration office at 330-637-8816
- Please visit and support the Trumbull County Fair that runs from July 8th-13th

091-25 Resolution to accept the meeting minutes from the Trustees Regular Meeting on June 10, 2025 and Special Meeting on July 1, 2025.

Motion: Trustee _____
Second: Trustee _____
Vote: Trustee McBride ____ Trustee Hovis ____ Trustee Morelli ____

092-25 Resolution to authorize the Fiscal Office to pay all outstanding invoices and approve all warrants incurred from July 10, 2025 through August 12, 2025.

Motion: Trustee _____
Second: Trustee _____
Vote: Trustee McBride ____ Trustee Hovis ____ Trustee Morelli ____

093-25 Resolution to authorize the Fiscal Officer to amend the 2025 Certificate of Estimated Resources as follows:

Fund 1000 General Fund \$294,000

Motion: Trustee _____
Second: Trustee _____
Vote: Trustee McBride ____ Trustee Hovis ____ Trustee Morelli ____

094-25 Resolution to authorize the Fiscal Officer to amend the 2025 appropriations as follows:
Fund 1000 General Fund \$294,000

Motion: Trustee _____
Second: Trustee _____
Vote: Trustee McBride ____ Trustee Hovis ____ Trustee Morelli ____

095-25 Resolution to accept the 2026 Alternative Tax Budget as required by the Trumbull County Auditor.

Motion: Trustee _____
Second: Trustee _____
Vote: Trustee McBride ____ Trustee Hovis ____ Trustee Morelli ____

096-25 Resolution to proceed with **Renewal** of Fire Levy 0.8 mills (see attached)

Motion: Trustee _____
Second: Trustee _____
Vote: Trustee McBride ____ Trustee Hovis ____ Trustee Morelli ____

097-25 Resolution to proceed with **Renewal** of Police Levy 1.8 mills (see attached)

Motion: Trustee _____
Second: Trustee _____
Vote: Trustee McBride ____ Trustee Hovis ____ Trustee Morelli ____

098-25 Resolution to approve the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District (see attached)

Motion: Trustee _____
Second: Trustee _____
Vote: Trustee McBride ____ Trustee Hovis ____ Trustee Morelli ____

Comments:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Nothing for Agenda see monthly reports

Report from Chief Rink:

- Monthly report attached
- We received an EMS grant from the Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$3,227.09 for EMS equipment. I would like to thank Dave West for submitting the grant (see attached)

Comments:

POLICE DEPARTMENT: See Monthly Reports nothing for agenda

Report from Chief Herlinger:

Comments:

ROAD DEPARTMENT: See agenda items

Report from Superintendent Arnal:

Comments:

099-25 Resolution to approve the attached job posting for a Full-time position with the Road Department and to begin accepting applications starting July 9 through July 31, 2025.

Motion: Trustee _____

Second: Trustee _____

Vote: Trustee McBride ____ Trustee Hovis ____ Trustee Morelli ____

Comments:

PLANNING DIRECTOR, ZONING INSPECTOR AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: See agenda items

Zoning Liaison Chairman Trustee Michael J Hovis to report:

- We are saddened to report the unexpected passing of our long-time Zoning Inspector, Pete Pizzulo. Pete was with our Township since 2018 and will be greatly missed
- We would like to welcome and thank Mark Posey for stepping up and offering to fill the Zoning Inspector's position for us. Mark is the current President of the Trumbull County Zoning Inspector's Association and the zoning Inspector for Kinsman, Gustavus and Vienna Townships. Mark was appointed July 1, 2025 and we are confident he will do a great job for our residents.
- The Comprehensive Plan Update final draft has been received and is under review
- Due to recent events, the Monthly Report for June will be included with July at the next meeting

Comments:

ZONING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: See agenda item

Report from Chairman Longo:

- The Zoning Commission is deeply saddened as well for the loss of Inspector Pizzulo. He was the extremely instrumental in helping us navigate the many issues this Board has been challenged with. He was a visionary and helped propel our housing and economic growth. He will be missed
- We welcome Inspector Posey and look forward to a great working relationship with him as well
- Chairman Longo and Commissioner Carr attended the NE Ohio Planning and Zoning Workshop that was recently held Saturday at the Eastwood Event Center. A lot of great information was shared and will be passed along to the commission members
- The Third Quarterly Meeting will be held August 11, 2025 at 6:00PM

Comments:

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD: See agenda items and attachments

Trustee Morelli to give update:

Comments:

ASKED TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA: No one

PUBLIC COMMENT: We will accept public comment at this time

If anyone has a question or comment

- Raise your hand
- The Chairman will recognize you
- State your name and address for the record

Multiple speakers at the same time will not be allowed

Comments:

100-25 Resolution to adjourn meeting at _____.

Motion: Trustee _____

Second: Trustee _____

Vote: Trustee McBride ____ Trustee Hovis ____ Trustee Morelli ____

Chairman Trustee Michael J. Hovis

Date

Vice Chairman Trustee Bob McBride

Date

Trustee Michael Morelli

Date