

# BAZETTA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Date: February 10, 2026, 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 Joel Davis \_\_\_\_  
Fiscal Officer Stacy Marling \_\_\_\_

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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.

We will accept public comment before the reading of the resolutions for each department regarding the resolutions. Opportunity for additional comments for other issues will be accepted at the end of the meeting.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE (COPIES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST):** None

**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!
- 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

**At this time we will accept Public Comment on the Administration Resolutions as presented:**

**037 -26** Resolution to accept the meeting minutes from the January 13, 2026 Trustees Regular Meeting.

**Motion:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Second:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Vote:** Trustee McBride \_\_\_ Trustee Hovis \_\_\_ Trustee Davis \_\_\_

**038 -26** Resolution to authorize the Fiscal Office to pay all outstanding invoices and approve all warrants incurred from February 11, 2026 through March 10, 2026.

**Motion:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Second:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Vote:** Trustee McBride \_\_\_ Trustee Hovis \_\_\_ Trustee Davis \_\_\_

**039-26** Resolution to authorize the Fiscal Officer to amend the 2025 appropriations as follows:

Fund 2082 Police Equipment Fund - \$12,026.04

**Motion:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Second:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Vote:** Trustee McBride \_\_\_ Trustee Hovis \_\_\_ Trustee Davis \_\_\_

**040-26** Resolution to authorize the Fiscal Officer to request Real Estate Tax Advances from the Trumbull County Auditor for 1<sup>st</sup> Half 2026 Collections.

**Motion:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Second:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Vote:** Trustee McBride \_\_\_ Trustee Hovis \_\_\_ Trustee Davis \_\_\_

**FIRE DEPARTMENT: See Agenda Items and monthly Reports**

**Report from Chief Rink:**

**At this time we will accept Public Comment on the Fire Department Resolutions as presented:**

**041-26** Approve the MOU between the Bazetta Township Trustees and the Bazetta Professional Firefighters Local 3703 outlining the terms and conditions upon the conditional hire of a Firefighter/EMT.

**Motion:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Second:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Vote:** Trustee McBride \_\_\_ Trustee Hovis \_\_\_ Trustee Davis \_\_\_

**042-26** Approve the Conditional Offer of Employment agreement between the Bazetta Township Trustees, the Bazetta Professional Firefighters Local 3703 and Talan Cerny.

**Motion:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Second:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Vote:** Trustee McBride \_\_\_ Trustee Hovis \_\_\_ Trustee Davis \_\_\_

**043-26** Approve the Paramedic Tuition Agreement between the Bazetta Township Trustees and the Paramedic candidate.

**Motion:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Second:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Vote:** Trustee McBride \_\_\_ Trustee Hovis \_\_\_ Trustee Davis \_\_\_

**044-26** Resolution to promote Talal Cerny from a Part-time Firefighter/EMT to a Fulltime Firefighter/EMT with a hire date of February 15, 2026, with the condition to become a Firefighter/Paramedic no later than February 15, 2028. Pay rate and probationary period will be per the Mou/Collective bargaining agreement between the Bazetta Township Trustees and the Bazetta Professional Firefighters Local#3703. Talan will have to sign the conditional offer of employment along with passing the OP&F pension physical.

**Motion:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Second:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Vote:** Trustee McBride \_\_\_ Trustee Hovis \_\_\_ Trustee Davis \_\_\_

**POLICE DEPARTMENT: See Agenda Items and monthly Reports**

**Report from Chief Herlinger:**

**At this time we will accept Public Comment on the Police Department Resolutions as presented:**

**045-26** Resolution to accept the 2026 Invoice from the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team (SWAT) team for the amount of \$2,000.00 to be paid from account 2081-210-360-0000.

**Motion:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Second:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Vote:** Trustee McBride \_\_\_ Trustee Hovis \_\_\_ Trustee Davis \_\_\_

**046-26** Resolution to accept 2026 Renewal Invoice #INVLEX11265123 from Lexipol, LLC in the amount of \$9,331.08 for the department's annual policy manual, supplemental manual, and updates/customer service to be paid from account 2081-210-360-0000.

**Motion:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Second:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Vote:** Trustee McBride \_\_\_ Trustee Hovis \_\_\_ Trustee Davis \_\_\_

**047-26** Resolution to authorize Police Chief Herlinger to sell the following vehicles obtained via the police department impound lot at a sale price not to exceed \$2,500.00 per ORC 4513.61.

2008 Mercury Mariner VIN: 4M2CU81188KJ44316  
2009 Mitsubishi Lancer VIN: JA3AU16U29U043929  
2003 Chevrolet S-10 VIN: 1GCCS14X038197469  
2005 Ford Five Hundred VIN: 1FAFP25125G150375  
2014 Ford Interceptor SUV VIN: 1FM5K8AT9EGC49592

**Motion:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Second:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Vote:** Trustee McBride \_\_\_\_ Trustee Hovis \_\_\_\_ Trustee Davis \_\_\_\_

**ROAD DEPARTMENT: Nothing for the agenda**

**Report from Superintendent Arnal:**

**PLANNING DIRECTOR, ZONING INSPECTOR AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: See Agenda Item and monthly report**

**Inspector Posey to give update:**

- Month of January 7 Permits issued for \$1,212.00
- **Supporting ORC for Zoning Public Hearing Fees:**

**Per ORC 519.12** The board of township trustees may require that the owner or lessee of property filing an application to amend the zoning resolution pay a fee to defray the cost of advertising, mailing, filing with the county recorder, and other expenses. If the board of township trustees requires such a fee, it shall be required generally, for each application. The board of township trustees, upon the passage of such a resolution, shall certify it to the township zoning commission

**At this time we will accept Public Comment on the Zoning Department Resolutions as presented:**

**048-26** Resolution to reduce the current Zone Change Public Hearing Fee of \$1,200.00 to \$800.00, and Zoning Board of Appeals Hearing Fees from \$800.00 to \$600.00, making them more affordable for our property owners, as our cost has decreased effective immediately. (see attached Fee Schedule)

**Motion:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Second:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Vote:** Trustee McBride \_\_\_\_ Trustee Hovis \_\_\_\_ Trustee Davis \_\_\_\_

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

**Report from Chairman Longo:**

- I Consulted with Inspector Posey to lower the fees for Zone Change and Appeals Public Hearings. The Ohio Revised Code no longer requires us to publish the legal notices in the newspaper which is a considerable cost savings. We still send the meeting notices to the property owners as required, news media, sign out front, our website, and social media. Also, as a result of Trustee Davis's election to Trustee, we no longer incur the \$60.00 Meeting Recording Fees

**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD: See agenda Items**

**Chairwoman Gearhart-Kaschak to give update:**

**At this time we will accept Public Comment on the Park Board Resolutions as presented:**

**049-26** Resolution to set the date of March 21, 2026 at 11:00AM for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Township Park.

**Motion:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Second:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Vote:** Trustee McBride \_\_\_ Trustee Hovis \_\_\_ Trustee Davis \_\_\_

**050-26** Resolution to set the dates for the following Park Fundraisers. There will be no budget needed for these events.

March 8, 2026 Art Day Bazetta Township Hall - Entrance Fee \$40.00 per participant  
May 17, 2026 Car & Craft Show Bazetta Township Park  
Car Pre Registration Entrance Fee \$15.00 Day of \$25.00  
Craft Vendor Entrance Fees \$15.00

**Motion:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Second:** Trustee \_\_\_\_\_  
**Vote:** Trustee McBride \_\_\_ Trustee Hovis \_\_\_ Trustee Davis \_\_\_

**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:**

**051 -26**

Resolution to adjourn meeting at \_\_\_\_\_.

**Motion:** Trustee \_\_\_\_

**Second:** Trustee \_\_\_\_

**Vote:** Trustee McBride \_\_\_\_ Trustee Hovis \_\_\_\_ Trustee Davis \_\_\_\_

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Chairman Trustee Michael J. Hovis

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Date

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Vice Chairman Trustee Bob McBride

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Trustee Joel Davis

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Date