

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Newbury Township was called to order at 7:01 p.m., April 16, 2025 at the Newbury Township Town Hall. Chairman William Skomrock Jr., Vice Chairman David Lair, Jr. and Trustee Gregory Tropf were in attendance.

Also in attendance:

Tim Charvat	Resident	Lindsay Pollock	Fiscal Officer
Ken Fagan	Fire Chief	Don Rice	Metzenbaum Center
Scott Koller	BZA Alternate	Kaley Richard	Geauga Times
Jim Lang	Zoning Commission	Doug Zimperman	Road Superintendent
Emma MacNiven	Geauga County Maple Leaf		

Mr. Skomrock opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Don Rice, Superintendent of Metzenbaum Center, The Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities spoke about the center and its offerings. The center is currently serving around 1100 individuals in Geauga County anywhere from newborn to 90+ years old. Metzenbaum provides early intervention services, employment services, transportation, intermediate care for adults, residential support, along with grant opportunities to support programs in line with its mission. Even though the population of Geauga County has not risen significantly in recent years, the numbers of those being served has.

Fire Department Update:

- 34 calls this month, 316 YTD.

Road Department Update:

- **Resolution 20250416-01 ODOT Salt Participation**  
Mr. Skomrock moved to approve the resolution as presented and Mr. Tropf seconded. Voice vote: three ayes.
- Stone Rd culvert – received plans from Geauga Engineer’s office, need to obtain quotes from a short list of contractors. Mr. Lair to follow up and clarify next steps with Mr. Woodcock from Engineer’s office.
- Received updated Morton Cemetery driveway bid from GAR Paving with bump out of \$19,175 + \$2,450. Prior estimates for paving Munn Cemetery’s driveway were \$37k from Hazen without chip and seal and \$39k from GAR with chip and seal. Mr. Lair moved to accept GAR Paving’s bid for Munn and the updated GAR Paving bid for Morton and Mr. Skomrock seconded. Voice vote: two ayes, Mr. Tropf abstained.
- Newbury Center Cemetery paving was last done in the mid 1990’s – should be considered in 2026.
- The County Engineer’s office wants us to lower the pipe in the driveway at Oberland Park – to get enough cover to meet the engineer’s specs. Otherwise, the stumps are ground out, ready to start digging out for parking area at Oberland. Trustees agreed should move forward.
- Spectrum update – should be sending a contract to Mr. Lair, should be 3 months free.
- Geauga County Engineer’s office received two bids for the resurfacing project for Stone Rd, Shadowood Dr and Cory Ln. Ronyak (\$433,975) and Karvo (\$421,352.25). They recommended Karvo Companies, Inc. with the lower of the two bids. Mr. Skomrock moved to award the project to Karvo Companies, Inc. for \$421,352.25 and Mr. Lair seconded the motion. Voice vote: two ayes, Mr. Tropf abstained.

Fiscal Officer’s Update:

- Minutes from the April 2nd regular meeting were presented. Fiscal Officer sent drafts to the Trustees for review prior to the meeting. Mr. Tropf moved to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Lair seconded the motion. Voice vote: Three ayes.

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- Ms. Pollock asked if Newbury has bocce courts as was asked by South Russell mayor. The Trustees confirmed, yes. It was a boy scout project but finished by Burton / Middlefield Rotary. Ms. Pollock will let Mayor Koons know.
- Spring cleaning / organizing will take place the week of April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Town Hall.
- Deferred comp has a program by which we can add a Roth 457(b) option. Trustees agreed that would be fine to add, so Ms. Pollock will bring paperwork to next meeting to review.

Mr. Tropf’s Update:

- Geauga Growth got in touch to ask if the township would consider changing zoning to industrial to accommodate a 500k sq foot building near Teague Gravel (route 87).
- Old Newbury Rec Board finally settled lawsuit, but one former member still has an additional lawsuit outstanding.
- H&M weeding for playground – no charge, will let us know when. Have chips, need maybe one load to freshen up old school playground, extend wall out a couple feet to box in.
- Miller Dodson report – still pending final review.

Mr. Lair’s Update:

- Mr. Lair shared that he received communication from a resident who is replacing a damaged headstone with a new one at the cemetery. Would we put up cameras to monitor as they have a disgruntled family member that they worry will cause damage to it. Mr. Lair suggested that maybe the township can put up a sign that says if you damage, we will prosecute. After some discussion, Trustees and Road Superintendent agree it is not worth spending money as neither is likely to prevent damage.
- NOPEC sent email asking if we have signs from them to put out for Memorial Day – they will give us two signs for this year if we need. Mr. Lair will ask if they have bags for the car show for handouts.

Mr. Skomrock’s Update:

- Geauga County Township Association meeting took place. Jennifer Jones of Go Green, Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste presented their latest five-year plan and asked townships to review. Trustees will review and present resolution at next meeting.
- GreenFlush restroom update: Mr. Skomrock applied for a variance through Geauga Public Health for a 140-gallon water storage tank even though it doesn’t meet Ohio requirements for hauled water storage for potable water (1000 gallons). The variance was approved. GreenFlush said they’d proceed with original plan.
- Kathy Shimer was at the last Trustee meeting to talk about America 250. Mr. Skomrock would like Newbury Twp to participate, suggested creating a committee. Mr. Lair will speak with Park Board. Some ideas: Stationary parade maybe in conjunction with the car show / concert.
- Mr. Skomrock mentioned Bob Ruckstuhl as a potential Park Board member – will suggest that he write a letter to Trustees to request appointment to Park Board.
- Mr. Skomrock received communication from a business owner and Newbury resident stating he doesn’t want the township regulating solar panels. Ohio law changed in 2023 (HB501) to allow townships to regulate small solar facilities (under 50 megawatts). Mr. Skomrock noted the concern but also made clear his opposition to large solar farms and wind farms in the township.

Warrants approved prior to or at this meeting:

Number	Post Date	Type	Total Warrant Amount	Payee	Status
38556	4/4/25	AW	\$272,500.00	Newbury Volunteer Fire Department	O
38557	4/16/25	AW	\$179.23	Active Plumbing Supply Co.	O
38558	4/16/25	AW	\$197.50	Aris Company	O
38559	4/16/25	AW	\$29.54	Bradford Neal Machinery Inc.	O
38560	4/16/25	AW	\$5,281.23	Cargill, Incorporated	O
38561	4/16/25	AW	\$2,650.18	Cargill, Incorporated	O

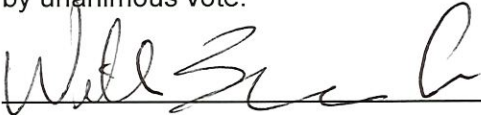
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Number	Post Date	Type	Total Warrant Amount	Payee	Status
38562	4/16/25	AW	\$1,538.79	Cintas Corp.	O
38563	4/16/25	AW	\$966.00	Cleveland Plumbing Supply Co.	O
38564	4/16/25	AW	\$1,816.25	Exscape Designs, LLC	O
38565	4/16/25	AW	\$175.08	Fisher Auto Parts	O
38566	4/16/25	AW	\$280.00	Geauga County Township Association	O
38567	4/16/25	AW	\$2,881.92	First Energy	O
38568	4/16/25	AW	\$2,900.00	Kolsom Tires	O
38569	4/16/25	AW	\$21.30	Ruth Cavanagh	O
38570	4/16/25	AW	\$448.80	Star2Star Communications LLC	O
38571	4/16/25	AW	\$100.00	Spectrum Business	O
38572	4/16/25	AW	\$181.00	UH Occupational Health	O
38573	4/16/25	AW	\$16.08	Waste Management of Ohio Inc.	O
38574	4/16/25	AW	\$3,219.90	Countryside Truck Service, Inc.	O
			\$295,382.80	TOTAL PAYMENTS	

Mr. Skomrock asked if any final questions.

Tim Charvat asked if we have leases signed for the ball fields. Mr. Skomrock confirmed that he handed them out at the last meeting and have not had any returned so far. Mr. Skomrock also mentioned he inquired with a landscape company regarding work to be done on field 4, no reply yet.

Mr. Skomrock moved to adjourn and Mr. Tropf seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:31p.m. by unanimous vote.



William Skomrock, Jr. - Chairman



Gregory Tropf - Trustee



David Lair, Jr. - Vice Chairman



Lindsay M. Pollock – Fiscal Officer

