

CARDINGTON TOWNSHIP
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MORROW COUNTY, OHIO

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2026

Cardington Township held a regular meeting on September 14, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the township office. The meeting was opened with pledge to flag and prayer by Heacock.

Trustees: Heacock, Patterson, Green

Fiscal Officer: Hardwick

Employees: Moss & Smith

Others: Ray Finnegan and Tim Siegfried

ELECTRIC AGGREGATE:

* Finnegan, representing Priority Power (formerly Aspen Energy), reported the current electric aggregate agreement of \$0.0885/kwh expires December 31. It is time to renew. Priority Power has a target price of \$0.105/kwh for up to 36 months. He provided the trustees with a sample resolution. He also shared that the Village of Cardington's electric aggregate also expires December 31; it may be beneficial to combine aggregation with the Village for more purchasing power. Patterson moved, Green seconded, to enter into agreement with an electricity supplier through Priority Power and authorize Heacock to enter into said agreement on behalf of the trustees. Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

DISCUSSION:

* Siegfried, County Commissioner, provided a County update.

MINUTES:

* Heacock moved, Patterson seconded, to approve the August 10th regular meeting minutes as presented. Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

ZONING:

* Hardwick read Toombs's zoning report.

- 1) The Board of Zoning Appeals met August 25 and approved a conditional use permit for a home based business of selling pre-cut lumber and sheet metal for roofing. Edwin Shrock, land owner, is currently working on satisfying those conditions to receive his final permit. Hardwick distributed the minutes from this meeting to the trustees.
- 2) Aden Wengerd spoke to Toombs about opening a sawmill on US 42. Toombs provided guidance on required setbacks and rules for operating in the commercial zone.
- 3) Floyd Yoder will be building a barn on CR 28 soon. He is working on approval for septic from the health district; once approved he will apply for a zoning permit for a new house.
- 4) The McGees are still working on clean up at their property on TR 141 with some forward progress.
- 5) Toombs anticipates receiving a lot split request for the Mollett property some time this month.

* Patterson shared that Toombs is asking Joe Clase about the zoning for the sawmill.

ROADS:

* Moss provided an update to trustees: ditch and tree work on TR 128, trim trees on TR 136, there is a tile issue on TR 143 – the berm has washed out. Brock Goodman delivered two loads of salt and at least one more load is on the way; Brock Goodman has been able to obtain road salt to sell. Concord Township in Delaware County utilizes brine. Moss has started cutting brush under contract in Lincoln Township.

* Dennison, County Engineer, communicated that OPWC funds cannot be used for chip and seal due to a short life expectancy. OPWC projects must have a longer life expectancy.

EQUIPMENT:

* Moss reported that he had to replace the pole saw extension and purchase a chain tightener. He purchased supplies from OE Meyer, and Smith has been welding the mower. The Ford truck has a recall; Moss called the dealership but the part is not being made.

* The Dexter Company has a John Deere tractor and Tiger mower that they have taken to tradeshow. They have marked it down from \$250,000 to \$210,000 trying to sell it. Moss stepped out and called Dan at Dexter; he lowered price again to \$207,000. Current tractor is 20 years old and needs to be replaced. Tractor prices are not going to go lower. Hardwick shared there is \$85,000 in current appropriations that was not spent on roads that could be used for this purchase. There is enough in last year's carryover to cover the remaining amount but will need to be appropriated. This will avoid financing costs and paperwork. Heacock moved, Green seconded, to purchase the John Deere tractor and Tiger mower from The Dexter Company/Sourcewell at a total cost of \$207,000 and to authorize Heacock and/or Hardwick to complete the paperwork. Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Trustees discussed a temporary moratorium on data centers and the work that the Zoning Board of Commission will need to address. Heacock moved, Patterson seconded, to approve a resolution declaring a temporary moratorium on the acceptance, review, processing, approval, and issuance of zoning certificates, permits, site plan approvals, and other township approvals for data centers within Cardington Township, Morrow County, Ohio. (Resolution attached) Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

* Patterson reported that the new website is live and public notices can now be posted on it.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Patterson moved, Green seconded, a resolution authorizing Doug Heacock, chairman, to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission state capital improvement and/or local transportation improvement program(s) and to execute contracts as required for the Township Road 141 repaving project. (Resolution attached) Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

* DKMM correspondence offers some funding for site improvements at recycling sites – such as fencing, concrete, lighting, and signage.

FINANCIAL:

* Heacock moved, Patterson seconded, to inspect and sign checks 17645-17661 & electronic payments 41-43 and 45. Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

* Hardwick presented the Township's Cash Summary by Fund report and Fund Status report. The August bank reconciliation was distributed for signing by the board. Heacock moved, Patterson seconded, to accept them as submitted. Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

* Heacock moved, Green seconded, to increase total appropriations by \$122,000 in the following funds in order to purchase the new tractor and mower. Roll Call: Heacock yes, Patterson yes, Green yes.

Fund	Increase
General (1000)	\$40,200
Motor Vehicle License Tax (2011)	4,300
Gasoline Tax (2021)	10,500
Road & Bridge (2031)	45,000
Road Levy (2141)	22,000

Heacock moved, Patterson seconded, to adjourn. Time 8:10 PM.

Darla Hardwick

Darla Hardwick, Fiscal Officer

Doug Heacock

Doug Heacock, Chairman

Michael Patterson

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Daniel Green

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