

Eden Township

Licking County, Ohio
10298 Purity Road St. Louisville, Ohio 43071

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chuck Dunlap, Chairman

Dave Baker

Leonard Laughman

FISCAL OFFICER

Dawn Nelson

January 13th, 2026

The organizational meeting of the Eden Township Trustees was called to order at 5:00pm at the Eden Community Center by Chairman Chuck Dunlap with all standing to recite the pledge of allegiance. Trustees Chuck Dunlap, Dave Baker and Leonard Laughman were present. Citizens present were Harry Farley and Jackie Laughman.

The first order of business was to elect a chairman for the 2026 calendar year. Current chairman Chuck Dunlap nominated Dave Baker. This was seconded by Leonard Laughman. There were no other nominations for chairman. With no other nominations being made the nominations were closed. A unanimous vote was cast for Trustee Baker to be the chairman of the Eden Township Trustees for 2026

A motion was made by Trustee Dunlap and seconded by Trustee Baker to set the following policies and approve the following actions for Eden Township for 2026.

1. The meeting times will remain at 6:30pm on the last Monday of the calendar month at the Eden Township Community Center, unless advertised on the Eden Township website. Special meeting shall be called in accordance with applicable standards and statutes,
2. The Trustees and Fiscal Officer shall remain on salary to be paid at the maximum allowed by law for the year 2026
3. The reimbursement for mileage to township officials who use their personal vehicle to perform township business outside of the township shall be at the rate of fifty (.50) cents per mile. Mileage shall be paid from the general fund and shall include parking and travel to and from home while attending meetings and other business related to their positions. The township will pay any and all expenses for township officials to attend OTA Conferences for the 2026 calendar year
4. The township shall continue to provide life insurance coverage for all employees and elected officials
5. Where a driveway culvert is needed by a landowner, whether new, or damaged and in need of repair or replacement, the landowner shall furnish the culvert according to township specifications and the township will install it. In no case shall the township approve a culvert less than 12 inches in diameter and a total of

- 40'ft in length. All residents will first be required to fill out a ditch enclosure application prior to any culvert being installed along the roadway.
6. Trustee Leonard Laughman shall supervise the cemeteries. The rate for opening and closing gravesites shall remain at \$600.00. The rate for opening and closing the gravesite for ashes shall remain at \$250. The price of grave spaces remains at \$300.00 per space for township residents and \$600.00 for out of township residents. There will be \$150.00 surcharge for Saturday funerals and \$200.00 surcharge for Sunday funerals. Eden township does not allow mausoleums or any other above ground burials within the township cemeteries. All payments must be made by check or money order made payable to Eden Township.
 7. The hourly rate shall be \$11.00 for spot maintenance type work, \$14.00 for project employees and up to \$17.00 per hour for equipment operators and licensed CDL drivers.
 8. Road crossing permits shall be required by the township for utility companies, private contractors, or residents needing to ditch or trench across township roads. These permits shall be approved by no less than two trustees and monitored by the Eden Township Road Maintenance Employee.
 9. Dues for the county and state associations shall be paid by the township from the general fund
 10. The rental for the Eden Township Community Center shall remain at \$175.00. Must be paid by check or money order made out to Eden Township.
 11. The township shall continue to pay all associated costs for credit cards issued to the fiscal officer, trustees and to the road maintenance employee. There will be a \$1500.00 maximum on the cards to be used for township business only with each transaction supported by receipts prior to the next monthly meeting. The credit card is not to be used as a credit accommodation and must be paid in full each month.
 12. The policy of the Eden Township shall be to implement a blanket replacement of all signs in an effort to meet the federal and state guidelines regarding reflect ability and reflectivity.
 13. With regards to wages for Eden Township Road Maintenance Employee Beau Liming, his wage shall increase to \$26.00 per hour as of April 1st 2026. Mileage reimbursement shall remain at (.50) cents per mile while using his personal vehicle for township business. He shall receive five (5) days of vacation (as of April 1st), five (5) sick days (as of April 1st) and eleven (11) holidays for the calendar year 2026. All unused vacation time, unused holidays (a maximum of 3) and unused sick leave will be paid in full at the December meeting. Upon termination for any reason, any future holidays will not be paid out and you can only hold a maximum of 3 holidays at any time. Once you reach 3 unused holidays you must use one. The road maintenance employee shall also receive a \$600.00 clothing allowance for the calendar year 2026.
 14. Fiscal Officer Dawn Nelson presented the board with the 2026 budget. As she is still catching up and navigating everything upon talking with the state auditors and licking county auditor we will be using the same budget as last year for the funds. If we need to later in the year we can amend the budget. There are some more items needing attention before she can print the expenditures for 2025 and

appropriations for 2026. Fiscal Officer Nelson has until February 28th to get the budget in and Super Blank PO's done. In the interim some checks may be hand written some may be printed. Fiscal Officer Nelson is working with a Fiscal Officer from the state to get everything done in a timely manner.

****RESOLUTION 2026-01- Trustee Dunlap moved to accept the budget.**

General Fund 259,857.58

MVL Fund 2,6083.77

Gas Fund 253,982.41

Road and Bridge 340,712.19

Fire Levy Fund 259,477.81

Non Expendable Trust Eden Cemetery 1,6665.27

Total 1,156,779.03

Seconded by Trustee Baker. Vote Trustee Baker yes, Trustee Dunlap yes, Trustee Laughman yes
Motion carried.

Trustee Dunlap made a motion to accept the above listed topics. Trustee Baker seconded. Vote Trustee Baker yes, Trustee Dunlap yes, Trustee Laughman yes
Motion carried.

Trustee Dunlap made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Laughman seconded. Vote Trustee Baker yes, Trustee Dunlap yes, Trustee Laughman yes
Motion carried.

Adjourned 5:44 pm

Chairman Dave Baker

Trustee Chuck Dunlap

Trustee Leonard Laughman

Fiscal Officer Dawn Nelson

Date