

HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
Wednesday, September 10, 2025
Huntington Township Office

MEETING MINUTES

Members present: Tim Guy, Tammy Kline, Mike Perkins
Others present: Township Trustee EJ Carroll; Township Fire Chief Jeff White; Ron Kline, member of the public; Jessi Brown, member of the public

Regular Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Board President Tammy Kline

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the board's August 13, 2025 regular meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Guy; seconded by Perkins. Vote: 3-0, to approve.

Fire Department Report

Chief White told the board the department intends to enter into response/aid agreements with all other volunteer departments in Huntington County that should enhance insurability for homes and businesses throughout the county. The chief added that required INDOT testing of the department's vehicles, ladders, and equipment has been completed.

He said the department responded to 48 calls in August and to 15 more in the first 10 days of September. It also conducted recent inspections of three township businesses, checking access, occupancy limits, fire extinguishers, and the like.

He reported that four members of the department are enrolled in state Fire Officer Certification classes being held in Marion. Two firefighters are in the basic Fire 1 class and the other two are in the more advanced Fire 2 class.

He also said the department will take part in two community events in September.

Financial Reports

Financial activity reports through August 31, 2025, as well as the First Federal Savings Bank reconciliation report, were reviewed. No substantive questions were raised about the reports. Motion to approve by Guy; seconded by Perkins. Vote: 3-0.

- The Huntington Township 2026 Budget Resolution was introduced by Trustee Carroll, who noted that it contains small raises for clerical assistants but no raises for the trustee or fire chief. The overall salary allocation will increase by approximately \$1,000 in 2026. Tim Guy moved that the resolution be approved on first reading; seconded by Mike Perkins. Vote: 3-0 for approval. Second and final reading on the budget resolution will take place at the October board meeting.
- Trustee Carroll said that, overall, the 2025 township budget remains "in readily good shape" though an additional appropriation will be required soon in the Park and Recreation category to cover construction, maintenance and insurance costs.

Trustee Report

Trustee Carroll reported that 27 relief assistance applications were received in August, representing households totaling 52 individuals, and 18 applications were approved. He said Canada geese continue to be a sanitation problem on the Lake Clare property, to the extent that the small south shore pavilion will be closed early this year.

New Business

No new business was brought to the board.

Old Business

No old business was brought to the board.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:16 p.m.
- *Next meeting:* Wednesday, October 8, 2025; 6:30 p.m., at the Township Office.

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Special Capital Improvement Plan Meeting was called to order at 7:18 p.m.

Trustee Carroll presented an outline for the Township's required 2026 Capital Improvement Plan. He said the township must earmark its available General Fund balance for specific projects by month's end or shift 30 percent of those dollars to Huntington County for designated uses.

He suggested taking a total of \$125,000 in available funds for Township Fire Department capital needs, including turnout gear and additional air tanks. The balance of the available funds could be augmented by a private donation to construct a multi-purpose, boardwalk-style pier along the north shore of Lake Clare and retrofitting the park's fitness area to conform with ADA specifications. He suggested the township contract with project planning and engineering consultants Lochmueller Group, of Fort Wayne. Guy moved fro approve \$8,000 for preliminary planning services from Lochmueller; seconded by Perkins. Vote: 3-0 to approve.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 7:32 p.m.