The regular meeting of the Porter Township Board of Trustees was held on August 3, 2026 at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Mr. Prater. The roll was called with the following members present: Mr. Dennis DeCamp, Mr. Everett Hatfield and Mr. David Prater.

26-224 Mr. Hatfield moved and Mr. DeCamp seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on July 20, 2026, as presented.
Mr. Hatfield – Yes, Mr. DeCamp – Yes, Mr. Prater - Yes. Motion passed

26-225 Mr. DeCamp moved and Mr. Hatfield seconded the motion to authorize Berndt and Murfin Insurance to become the township's new agent of record in association with OTARMA for the township's property and liability insurance coverage, effective August 1, 2026.
Mr. DeCamp – Yes, Mr. Hatfield - Yes, Mr. Prater – Yes. Motion passed.

26-226 Mr. Hatfield moved and Mr. DeCamp seconded the motion to approve the financial statement for July 30, 2026: General - $616,942.24; M.V.L. - $20,675.11; Gas Tax - $187,917.24; Road & Bridge - $359,492.24; Fire - $399,746.18; E.M.S. - $316,456.07; Police Protection - $508,154.70; OneOhio Opioid Settlement - $66,314.43; Ohio OBM/ODNR Grant - $0.00; Public Works Commission Project - $0.00; ARC – STORMWATER LINE REPLACMENT - $0.00; Custodial - $31,013.33.
Mr. Hatfield – Yes, Mr. DeCamp – Yes, Mr. Prater - Yes. Motion passed

26-227 Mr. DeCamp moved and Mr. Hatfield seconded the motion to approve weed nuisance removal notices to be provided to the owners of the property located at: (1) 12000 Gallia Pike, Wheelersburg, Ohio (Parcel # 17-0756.001) and (2) 1620 Clairmont Ave, Wheelersburg, Ohio (Parcel # 17-4132.000).
Mr. DeCamp – Yes, Mr. Hatfield - Yes, Mr. Prater – Yes. Motion passed

26-228 Mr. Hatfield moved and Mr. DeCamp seconded the motion to accept a "Request for Leave" from Seirra Hatcher dated July 23, 2026, and approve her request for a leave of absence effective July 23, 2026, which will be unpaid leave of absence after she has exhausted all of her accumulated paid leave, and to notify Ms. Hatcher that FMLA leave is being granted effective July 23, 2026.
Mr. Hatfield – Yes, Mr. DeCamp – Yes, Mr. Prater - Yes. Motion passed.

26-229 Mr. DeCamp moved and Mr. Hatfield seconded the motion to approve the purchase of two recertified Stryker stair chairs in the amount of $2,660.00 each for a total of $5320.00 from Penn Care, Inc. from the EMS Fund.
Mr. DeCamp – Yes, Mr. Hatfield - Yes, Mr. Prater – Yes. Motion passed.

26-230 Mr. Hatfield moved and Mr. DeCamp seconded the motion to approve the employment of Nickolas Smith as a part-time Firefighter at the rate of $19.00 per hour and as a part-time EMT-Basic at the rate of $16.00 per hour.
Mr. Hatfield – Yes, Mr. DeCamp – Yes, Mr. Prater - Yes. Motion passed.

26-231 Mr. DeCamp moved and Mr. Hatfield seconded the motion to approve the employment of Trace Liston as a part-time firefighter at the rate of $19.00 per hour.
Mr. DeCamp – Yes, Mr. Hatfield - Yes, Mr. Prater – Yes. Motion passed.

26-232 Mr. Hatfield moved and Mr. DeCamp seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Jack Thomas as a full-time employee in the Road and Bridge Department, with his last day of employment being October 2, 2026.
Mr. Hatfield – Yes, Mr. DeCamp – Yes, Mr. Prater - Yes. Motion passed.

26-233 Mr. DeCamp moved and Mr. Hatfield seconded the motion to authorize the payment of an invoice from Atlantic Emergency Solutions dated July 22, 2026, in the amount of $1,609.68, since the original purchase order was only requested for $1,500.00, from the EMS Fund.
Mr. DeCamp – Yes, Mr. Hatfield - Yes, Mr. Prater – Yes. Motion passed.

26-234 Mr. Hatfield moved and Mr. DeCamp seconded the motion to approve the submission to OTARMA of the Porter Township "Statement of Action Taken Form" in response to the Risk Management inspection conducted on February 23, 2026, as presented.
Mr. Hatfield – Yes, Mr. DeCamp – Yes, Mr. Prater - Yes. Motion passed.

26-235 Mr. Hatfield moved and Mr. DeCamp seconded the motion to go into executive session at 5:13 pm per the terms of ORC 121.22(G)(1), to consider the employment, discipline, dismissal, demotion, or compensation of township personnel, inviting the Fiscal Officer, Leah Willis, Zack Conkel, and Alex Prater
Mr. DeCamp – Yes, Mr. Hatfield - Yes, Mr. Prater – Yes. Motion passed.

26-236 Mr. Hatfield moved and Mr. DeCamp seconded the motion to return to regular session at 7:39 pm.
Mr. Hatfield – Yes, Mr. DeCamp – Yes, Mr. Prater - Yes. Motion passed.

26-237 Mr. DeCamp moved and Mr. Hatfield seconded the motion to accept the resignation of Leah Willis as the Porter Township EMS Supervisor effective August 3, 2026, as presented.
Mr. DeCamp – Yes, Mr. Hatfield - Yes, Mr. Prater – Yes. Motion passed.

26-238 Mr. DeCamp moved and Mr. Hatfield seconded the motion to approve the proposed Fire/EMS Staffing Plan as found in Appendix A, effective August 3, 2026.
Mr. Hatfield – Yes, Mr. DeCamp – Yes, Mr. Prater - Yes. Motion passed.

26-239 Mr. DeCamp moved and Mr. Hatfield seconded the motion to approve the employment of Gabe Miller as a full-time paramedic in the EMS Department effective August 15, 2026, at a rate of pay of $18.50 per hour.
Mr. DeCamp – Yes, Mr. Hatfield - Yes, Mr. Prater – Yes. Motion passed.

26-240 Mr. DeCamp moved and Mr. Hatfield seconded the motion to approve the employment of Dakota Wellman as a full-time firefighter in the Fire Department effective August 15, 2026, at a rate of pay of $19.00 per hour.
Mr. Hatfield – Yes, Mr. DeCamp – Yes, Mr. Prater - Yes. Motion passed.

The following individuals signed the visitor registration sheet, indicating their presence at the Board meeting: Mike Mershon, Darrin Roe, Amy DeFoe, Alex Prater, Dylan Hale, Zack Conkel, and Leah Willis

26-241 Mr. Hatfield moved and Mr. DeCamp seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm.
Mr. DeCamp – Yes, Mr. Hatfield - Yes, Mr. Prater – Yes. Motion passed.

_____ Chairman

_____ Fiscal Officer