

ELKRUN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
July 6, 2026

Chairman Perrino called to order the regular meeting of the Elkrum Township Board of Trustees meeting at 5:00 pm. The following trustees were in attendance:

Randy Perrino
Kurt Seachrist
Andy Sweeney

The minutes shall reflect 10 visitors presents. The previous meeting minutes from June 1 2026 were accepted on a motion of Trustee Seachrist, Trustee Sweeney gave the second. All in favor with a roll call vote. Chairman Perrino recognized the visitor (s) and fiscal officer as the following business was discussed:

Larry Taylor Trebel Energy was moved from new business to guest, so he did not have to stay with his travel time. The township was presented with Addendum No 2 for electric aggregation. The current program is valid through May 2027; this addendum would permit Trebel to shop for rates for 2029 and 2030. This is the suggestion of Trebel with the volatile rates. Trustee Perrino questioned how many other area municipalities have agreed to the addendum, Mr. Taylor said of the 4 he was met with only one said no. Assistant Prosecutor Hartup has reviewed the addendum having no issues.

Trustee Perrino made the motion to sign addendum number 2 as presented; Trustee Sweeney gave the second. The motion passed with all ayes.

Linda Wylie, Elkrum Tourism Board, asked if the township had any update on the ownership of the cemetery on Churchill Rd, there has not been anything new on the cemetery to date. She also asked if when the road department has time, they could look at the area on Fairmont Rd above the new playground equipment at the park. The large amount of rain has caused a run off.

Wayne Boley wanted to thank the road department for the work they did on Cream Ridge Rd, it looks really good.

Heather Baker asked about ditching on Lower Elkton Rd, it is scheduled, at the moment the department is finishing some patch work and preparing for chip and seal on Elkton West Point Rd.

Larry Malone asked if some gravel could be put in the area on Elkton West Point where the road was cut for a gas line, this will be done.

John Webber, Riffle Rd, first apologized to Trustee Perrino for the way he talked to him on the phone when Mr. Webber called regarding the condition of the road. He explained his concerns about water running down the hill on the road because the ditches are not able to be used. There is a lot of traffic for the sale on this portion of the road that runs off SR 7. Road Foreman Jake Anderson that the neighbor has put a 6 inch pipe and small grate which is buried in the ditch, this is too small and will not work. The department has it on schedule to repair but is not sure what exactly needs to be done yet.

April a resident of Riffle Rd, started with saying she had asked 4 years ago to have the road ditched. She wants them done immediately saying the ditch is more important than the pot holes that are being filled. She also questioned who is in charge of tree limbs, the trustees reported the power company. She said she would contact them because the branches are hitting the roof of their motorhome causing damage.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Seachrist made the motion to approve the Right of Way application on Riffle Rd for fiber optic work, Trustee Sweeney gave the second. The motion passed with all ayes.

The 2026 ODOT salt contract has been awarded the cost is \$151.00 per ton, this is up from \$58.00 per ton last year. ODOT has given municipalities until July 12th at midnight to opt out of the contract if they desire. The township

committed to 100 tons and are required to purchase 85% of this to meet the contract. After some discussion it was decided not to opt out of the current contract where Trustee Seachrist mentioned the last time it was looked at to go outside the contract the salt came from out of the country and did not work properly.

Trustee made the motion to stay in the 2026 ODOT salt contract, Trustee Perrino gave the second. The motion passed with all ayes.

Fiscal Officer Wonner reported she had a zoom call meeting with PEAK IT regarding the cyber security program. During the meeting six sections of policy were discussed in depth, all the paperwork was given to the trustee for review prior to the meeting. PEAK IT was at the garage prior to the meeting to install the updates and firewalls needed on the computers. New email addresses on outlook were set up for the township and road department, respectively. The required training will be completed as a group instead of individually at a date to be determined.

Trustee Perrino made the motion to approve the Cyber Security policies as presented; Trustee Sweeney gave the second. The motion passed with all ayes.

The township trustees prior to the meeting received an email from the Columbiana County Township Association regarding the proposed centralized 911 system. The program review committee for the proposed system has begun preliminary discussions, they are seeking to understand the level of support across the county. The association is asking each township to place this on their upcoming agenda for discussion and report back to the association their response either in support of or not. Trustee Perrino feels this is not something the elected officials should decide, he believes something like this should be on the ballot. Trustee Sweeney and Seachrist agreed. The trustees decided not to support the proposed 911 centralized system at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

The following correspondence was received by standard mail and email, presented for review than retained for filing as required:

1. Ohio Township Association Notices
2. Email introduction from Jennie Stiefel the offsite emergency preparedness specialist for Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Station
3. Buckeye Water CCR

The trustees discussed in detail the amount of blacktop and road work the department has done just since May on various roads. Some of the issues has been related to oil and gas traffic. The current RUMA's have been sent to the prosecutor for review. The fiscal officer prepared an invoice for the work done on Cream Ridge and Darnier Rd where the department spent 6 days and put down 153 tons of material. The invoice will be sent to the prosecutor for review before being sent, if possible, to Pin Oak.

Trustee Sweeney made the motion to approve Resolution No. 07062026, a resolution to exclude the City of Salem which would otherwise be required for an alternative method of apportionment of local government fund monies to be distributed in 2027, Trustee Seachrist gave the second. The motion passed with all ayes.

Trustee Seachrist made the motion to approve Resolution No. 07062026A, a resolution approving a new alternative method of apportionment of local government fund monies to be distributed in 2027, Trustee Sweeney gave the second. The motion passed with all ayes.

Fiscal Officer Wonner went over in detail the 2027 tax budget worksheet and figures with the trustees and those in attendance. Trustee Sweeney made the motion to approve the 2027 tax budget as presented; Trustee Seachrist gave the second. The motion passed with all ayes.

David Dillon Leslie Rd had contacted the trustees regarding an on going neighbor issue, where the sheriff department will not help him. After looking up his address, it was determined he does not live in Elkrun Township, his address is Madison Township.

Trustee Sweeney made the motion to adjourn into executive session for the employment of a public employee, Trustee Seachrist gave the second. The motion passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. The regular meeting adjourned at 5:46 pm.

Trustee Sweeney made the motion to reconvene from executive session at 6:33 pm, Trustee Seachrist gave the second. The motion passed with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Trustee Seachrist made the motion to have Charles Bowers for a seasonal mowing position at a rate of \$19.00 per hour, Trustee Sweeney gave the second. The motion passed with all ayes.

The following financial reports were submitted for review: May and June bank reconciliations, all current month end reports, payment listing and payment warrants for signatures with the relevant invoices attached, purchase orders and most current fund summary. Other reports and items were reviewed, signed, and approved as Trustee Seachrist made the motion to pay the bills and Trustee Sweeney gave the second. The motion passed with all ayes.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Perrino made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm, Trustee Seachrist gave the second.

Chairman:_____

Trustee:_____

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Fiscal Officer:_____