

The meeting was called to order by Patricia Combs, Chairperson, at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Patricia Combs, Jim Marsic, and Rob Weigle.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a welcome given.

Ms. Combs asked if there were any comments, additions, or corrections to the January 20, 2026 minutes. Ms. Combs moved Mr. Marsic seconded the January 20, 2026 minutes and waived the reading. At a call for vote: : Mr. Weigle-Aye, Mr. Marsic-Aye, Ms. Combs-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Items were passed between each Trustee.

Items passed to Ms. Combs included: Grassroots, OTARMA update, Geauga Recorder annual zoning resolution and amendment notice, Zoning Appeals minutes from November '25 & December '25, Zoning Commission minutes from December '25, and a listing of all Zoning board meeting dates.

The Department of Aging Newsletter and a Conversation poster contest was posted.

A letter was received asking for grant support from the Planning Commission.

Ms. Combs moved Mr. Marsic seconded to sign a letter of support to the Planning Commission.

At a call for vote: Mr. Marsic-Aye, Mr. Weigle-Aye, Ms. Combs-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

The letter of support was signed. Mrs. Hawkins will forward to the Planning Commission.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Burger expressed a concern for safety. The doors at the south entry and kitchen were drifted with snow, making it impossible to open. She mentioned that several comments were overhead from fire officials during a County wide safety training event held in Montville about the blocked doors.

**FISCAL OFFICER:**

Mrs. Hawkins reported that the 2025 Year End has been submitted to the State Auditor. A copy of the financial reports and notes were given to each Trustee.

The December 2025 financials were given to each trustee. The packet included:

- Bank reconciliation & Outstanding payments
- Appropriation Status as of 12/31/25
- Fund Activity as of 12/31/25
- Payment listing as of 12/31/25
- Revenue Summary as of 12/31/25
- Payroll Summary

The January 2026 financials were given to each trustee. The packet included:

- Bank reconciliation & Outstanding payments
- Appropriation Status as of 1/31/26
- Fund Activity as of 1/31/26
- Payment listing as of 1/31/26
- Revenue Summary as of 1/31/26
- Payroll Summary

**RESOLUTION 2026-5** was read to close the saving account. Discussion ensued. Mr. Combs moved Mr. Weigle seconded **RESOLUTION 2026-5**. At a call for vote: Ms. Combs-Aye, Mr. Marsic-Aye, Mr. Weigle-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

An appropriation move was requested:

\$12 from 1000-110-230 to 1000-110-599

Mr. Marsic moved Ms. Combs seconded the appropriation move. At a call for vote: Mr. Weigle-Aye, Ms. Combs-Aye, Mr. Marsic-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Other items completed to get 2026 started include:

Directory updates to Planning Commission

Director updates to County Engineers

Carryover balances to Budget Commission

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Jonovich reported 33 calls YTD, 30 in January, 3 in February.

The electronic sign was having problems in the cold. All seems to be working now.

The center front door was not opening. Geauga Door was able to fix the switch.

A 1-day class is being set-up by the State Fire Marshal in October or November of 2026. This class would be for Trustee to experience a day in the life of a firefighter. Trustees expressed an interest. More information will follow as details are known.

Chief Jonovich explained that he attended a class in Delaware, Ohio regarding firefighter/EMS classifications. He turned in an expense report for \$43.61. Trustees approved the reimbursement.

The Chief's car is having problems with the heat. Chief Jonovich informed the Trustees that he has an appointment for next week to fix the problem.

Chief Jonovich requested an executive session for personnel.

Ohio Safety Conference is in March. Chief Jonovich will attend and take classes for the Township. An estimated total for this travel was given to Trustees. Trustees agreed to have Chief Jonovich attend the Ohio Safety Conference.

A letter from Jeff Cvelbar was read. Ms. Combs moved and Mr. Marsic seconded to accept the letter of retirement effective 3/1/26 for Jeff Cvelbar. At a call for vote: Ms. Combs-Aye, Mr. Marsic-Aye, Mr. Weigle-Aye. MOTION CARRIED. Mr. Cvelbar was thanked for his 22 years of service to Montville.

Ms. Combs moved Mr. Marsic seconded to enter into executive session per ORC 121.22, G (1) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee with Trustees, Mrs. Hawkins, Asst. Chief Briskey, and Chief Jonovich in attendance. At a call for vote: Mr. Marsic-Aye, Mr. Weigle-Aye, Ms. Combs-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Executive session was entered at 7:25p.m.

Chief Jonovich and Asst. Chief Briskey exited executive session at 7:33p.m.

Joan Jerke entered executive session at 7:34 p.m.

Joan Jerke exited executive session at 7:45 p.m.

Lori Reckart entered executive session at 7:46 p.m.

Lori Reckart exited executive session at 8:06 p.m.

Ron Jonovich entered executive session at 8:08 p.m.

Ron Jonovich exited executive session at 8:35 p.m.

Ms. Combs moved Mr. Marsic seconded to exit executive session and return to regular session. At a call for vote: Mr. Weigle-Aye, Mr. Marsic-Aye, Ms. Combs-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Executive session exited at 8:36 and regular session was re-entered.

Ms. Combs moved Mr. Marsic seconded to accept Mike Taraba's return to work paperwork. Firefighter Taraba is able to resume staffing duty. At a call for vote: Ms. Combs-Aye, Mr. Marsic-Aye, Mr. Weigle-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Combs moved Mr. Marsic seconded to pay Mike Taraba for 5-10hr shifts as agreed on the next pay cycle. At a call for vote: Ms. Combs-Aye, Mr. Marsic-Aye, Mr. Weigle-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

Chief Jonovich stated that he may attend the OTA conference for 2 days. He has not purchased his entrance ticket. Discussion ensued as to classes he was going to attend. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the expenses of the OTA will not be approved for payment for the Chief. Ms. Combs stated she will try to gather the class information and bring it back for the Chief to review. Chief Jonovich stated he plans to attend FDIC in April.

**BUILDINGS, GROUNDS, PARKS:**

Trustees stated that ALL exits to the building need to be cleared. The Fire Department will help with keeping the south hall door clear and the fire station doors clear when on duty. The Cemetery driveway needs to be opened. The snow blower needs to be used. The Road Garage furnace has been repaired and is working well.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT:**

Mr. Marsic stated that it has come to his attention that Sun Rd. is not being plowed by the County. The mailperson will not deliver to the home on the road.

Mr. Reckart stated that he did plow Sun Rd.; however, he is unsure where the road is.

Hart Rd. "A" is a washboard. Discussion ensued on how to fix. Mr. Weigle explained that the County plows will not be able to cut the washboard off due to the new hook-up system. The township International has an old style hook-up system that will allow the washboard to be cut/removed if it is done at a slow speed. Mr. Reckart was instructed to use the International to correct the condition of Hart Rd. "A."

Hart Rd. "D" (dead-end) is still not being plowed to the standards Montville would like.

A complaint from Woodhill has been received, stating that the road department is plowing the snow into the owner's driveway. Discussion ensued. The homeowner plows his driveway across the street into the cul-de-sac. To help reduce snow moved into the driveway, the truck plow will be turned to try and not move the snow to the curb.

It was noted that NO SMOKING is permitted in any vehicle, including tractors or buildings owned by the township.

**FIRE ADDITION:**

An updated drawing was received. Questions were discussed to ask the engineer.

- Why is the wall masonry between the new app. bay and the office building?
- Would cost be decreased to use a dry wall fire wall over a masonry?
- Is the window in the old building being removed?
- Door 102B – swing correction?
- Door into app bay from dorm area – swing correction?

**HALL RENTALS:**

No new.

T. Swindell canceled her rental. No fees had been collected.

**FEES COLLECTED:**

No fees collected.

**PERSONNEL:**

None.

**OTHER:**

Forms for ADP users were signed.

The Energy Grant from NOPEC was received. Montville was awarded \$3,250 for 2026.

**RESOLUTION 2026-6** was read to accept the NOPEC Energy Grant for 2026. Ms. Combs moved Mr. Weigle seconded **RESOLUTION 2026-6**. At a call for vote: Mr. Weigle-Aye, Mr. Marsic-AYE, Ms. Combs-Aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The 2026 NOPEC Energy Grant Agreement was signed. Mrs. Hawkins will submit the paperwork to NOPEC.

The NOPEC Community Sponsorship Grant was received in the amount of \$1,000.

Ms. Combes moved Mr. Weigle seconded to set a budget of \$3,500 of township funds plus the Sponsorship Grant of \$1000 for use for Community Day 2026. At a call for vote: Mr. Marsic-Aye, Ms. Combs-Aye, Mr. Weigle-Aye. **MOTION CARRIED.** This will be incorporated into the 2026 yearly appropriations.

The contract with KRB has been reviewed by our APA. Many changes were made to the contract. Mr. Marsic moved Mr. Weigle seconded the KRB contract with changes from our APA at a cost not to exceed \$5,200. At a call for vote: Ms. Combs-Aye, Mr. Weigle-Aye, Mr. Marsic-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

A bill from KRB was submitted for work completed at a cost of \$2,600. Mr. Marsic moved Mr. Weigle seconded the KRB invoice. At a call for vote: Mr. Weigle-Aye, Ms. Combs-Aye, Mr. Marsic-Aye. MOTION CARRIED.

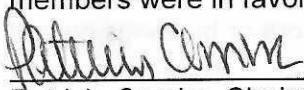
The Millage Certification Certificate submitted from the County Engineers for Montville at 11.8 miles of road was signed. Mrs. Hawkins will forward to the County Engineers. Mrs. Combs distributed the Land Use Survey draft for homework to be discussed at the next meeting.

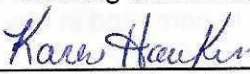
The January reports showing cost for Federal Withholdings, State Tax, and School Tax were signed.

Purchase orders were signed.

Bills to be paid by vouchers and electronic payments were presented for signatures. (attached)

With no other business, Mr. Weigle moved Ms. Combs seconded to close the meeting. All members were in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting closed at 9:53 p.m.

  
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Patricia Combs, Chairperson

  
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Karen Hawkins, Fiscal Officer

2/17/2026  
Date

**Payment Listing**

2/3/2026 to 2/16/2026

Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount	Status
41-2026	01/23/2026	01/19/2026	CH	Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation	\$258.00 *	C
41-2026	02/04/2026	02/04/2026	NEG ADJ	Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation	-\$66.38	O
43-2026	02/04/2026	01/30/2026	EP	Patricia A Combs	\$1,048.31	O
44-2026	02/04/2026	01/30/2026	EP	Karen L Hawkins	\$1,755.46	O
45-2026	02/04/2026	01/30/2026	EP	Ronald G Jonovich	\$907.67	O
46-2026	02/04/2026	01/30/2026	EP	James H Marsic	\$1,080.91	O
47-2026	02/04/2026	01/30/2026	EP	Robert Weigle	\$1,153.38	O
49-2026	02/11/2026	01/30/2026	EP	Bryan A Briskey	\$546.71	O
50-2026	02/11/2026	01/30/2026	EP	Jacqueline M Clay	\$191.95	O
51-2026	02/11/2026	01/30/2026	EP	Joshua D Grigus	\$211.72	O
52-2026	02/11/2026	01/30/2026	EP	Joan S. Jerke	\$109.69	O
53-2026	02/11/2026	01/30/2026	EP	Lori Reckart	\$95.98	O
54-2026	02/11/2026	01/30/2026	EP	Steven D Reckart	\$836.30	O
55-2026	02/11/2026	01/30/2026	EP	Xander J Sedmak	\$334.91	O
56-2026	02/11/2026	01/30/2026	EP	Matthew J Welch	\$326.51	O
58-2026	02/03/2026	02/02/2026	CH	Illuminating Company	\$32.40	O
59-2026	02/03/2026	02/02/2026	CH	Illuminating Company	\$190.53	O
60-2026	02/03/2026	02/02/2026	CH	Illuminating Company	\$650.52	O
61-2026	02/03/2026	02/02/2026	CH	Enbridge Gas Ohio	\$1,972.95	O
62-2026	02/03/2026	02/02/2026	CH	Windstream Western Reserve	\$249.71	O
63-2026	02/04/2026	02/02/2026	EP	Heidi A Abrams	\$208.76	O
64-2026	02/04/2026	02/02/2026	EP	Michael R Benesh	\$651.85	O
68-2026	02/12/2026	02/06/2026	EW	Federal Tax Payee	\$2,002.66	O
69-2026	02/12/2026	02/06/2026	EW	Ohio Department of Taxation (State Tax)	\$403.81	O
70-2026	02/12/2026	02/06/2026	EW	Ohio Department of Taxation (School Tax)	\$109.85	O
26665	02/03/2026	02/02/2026	AW	Home DePot	\$266.25	O
26666	02/03/2026	02/02/2026	AW	Bob Sumerel Tire Co.	\$840.50	O
26667	02/03/2026	02/02/2026	AW	Arms Trucking Co.	\$541.37	O
26668	02/03/2026	02/02/2026	AW	Northeastern Air Control, Inc.	\$775.00	O
26669	02/03/2026	02/02/2026	AW	Chardon Welding, Inc.	\$965.79	O
26670	02/03/2026	02/02/2026	AW	Ohio State Snowmobile Association	\$50.00	O
26671	02/03/2026	02/02/2026	AW	Martha Miller	\$502.60	O
26672	02/06/2026	02/06/2026	AW	KRB Engineering, Inc.	\$2,600.00	O
Total Payments:					\$21,547.67	
Total Conversion Vouchers:					\$0.00	
Total Less Conversion Vouchers:					\$21,547.67	

Type: AM - Accounting Manual Warrant, AW - Accounting Warrant, IM - Investment Manual Warrant, IW - Investment Warrant, PM - Payroll Manual Warrant, PR - Payroll Warrant, RW - Reduction of Receipt Warrant, SW - Skipped Warrant, WH - Withholding Warrant, WM - Withholding Manual, WS - Special Warrant, CH - Electronic Payment Advice, IL - Investment Loss, EP - Payroll EFT Voucher, CV - Payroll Conversion Voucher, SV - Payroll Special Voucher, EW - Withholding Voucher, POS ADJ - Positive Adjustment, NEG ADJ - Negative Adjustment, POS REAL - Positive Reallocation, NEG REAL - Negative Reallocation

Status: O - Outstanding, C - Cleared, V - Voided, B - Batch

\* Asterisked amounts are not included in report totals. These transactions occurred outside the reported date range but are listed for reference.

RESOLUTION 2026-6

NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC)  
ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM  
(2026 NEC GRANT(S))

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2026 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT

WHEREAS, the Township of Montville, Ohio (the "GRANTEE") is a member of the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC") and is eligible for one or more NOPEC Energized Community Grant(s) for 2026 ("NEC Grant(s)") as provided for in the NEC Grant Program guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the GRANTEE wishes to enter into a Grant Agreement with NOPEC, Inc. in substantially the form presented to this Board of Trustees to receive one or more NEC Grant(s); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF GEAUGA, AND STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. This Board of Trustees of the GRANTEE (the "Board") finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the GRANTEE to enter into the Grant Agreement to accept the NEC Grant(s) for 2026, and authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the Grant Agreement to accept the NEC Grant(s) funds.

SECTION 2. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 3. This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the GRANTEE; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the GRANTEE.

DATE ADOPTED: Feb 3, 2026

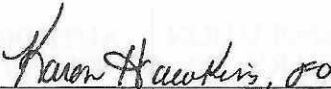
*Patricia Connor*  
Chairman of Board of Trustees

Submitted to the Board for Approval on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026

ATTEST:  
this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026

*Karen Hawker*  
Fiscal Officer of the Board of Trustees

I, Karen Hawkins, as Fiscal Officer of the Board of Trustees of Montville Township, County of Geauga, State of Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2026-6 adopted by the Board of Trustees of said Township on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.

  
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Karen Hawkins, Fiscal Officer

Resolution No. 2026-05

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER TO  
CLOSE A SAVING ACCOUNT**

Montville Township, Geauga County, Ohio

The Board of Trustees of Montville, Township, Geauga County, Ohio met in regular session on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Feb., 2026 at the office of the Montville Township Trustees with the following members present:

Patricia Combs, Jim Marsic, Robert Weigle

Ms. Combs moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS:** Montville Township Board of Trustees, hereinafter called "Board of Trustees", find that there is no longer a true and real need for the saving account #0283 at the Middlefield Banking Company and;

**WHEREAS:** The tools of the banking industry have changed making the saving account an obsolete tool for Montville Township and;

**WHEREAS:** The Board of Trustees wish to close the saving account #0283 and transfer the balance used to keep the account open without fees to the checking account #2169.



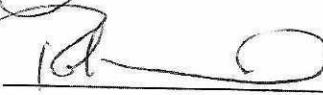
**THEREFORE:** Middlefield Banking Company is instructed to close account #0283 and deposit the balance into account #2169 and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Township Fiscal Officer is hereby instructed to transmit an original signed copy of this resolution to the Middlefield Bank Company.

Mr. Weigle seconded the motion.


Adopted and effective this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of ~~January~~ February, 2026.

Upon the call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

<u>TRUSTEES</u>	<u>YEA or NAY</u>
 Patricia Combs, Trustee	YEA Vote
 James Marsic, Trustee	YEA Vote
 Robert Weigle, Trustee	Yea Vote

## CERTIFICATE

I, Karen Hawkins, Fiscal Officer of the Board of Trustees of Montville Township, Geauga County, Ohio, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened Board meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.

  
Karen Hawkins, Fiscal Officer  
Montville Township