

Ken Burnett, Chairman, opened the regular portion of the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call: Board Members Ken Burnett, Dan Whiting and Jarred Miller in attendance, together with Fiscal Officer, Katie O’Neill.

Attendees included: Zoning Inspector – Rick Gruber, Road Foreman – Jason Sutter, Philip C. Miller, Aaron Hershberger, Philip Miller Jr., Andrew J. Miller, Bob Umholtz, Tim McCaskey, Norm Byler, Daniel Mast, Robert Hershberger. Simon Miller, Lester Miller, Joe K. Miller, Lee Dewey.

Minutes: The minutes from December 16th, 2024 were approved as amended with a motion from Mr. Miller. Mr. Burnett seconded this motion.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain
Burnett	X		
Whiting			X
Miller	X		
Motion Carried.			

Public Comment: Several residents of Durkee Road attended the meeting to inquire about the road’s current condition and plans for its improvement. Mr. Burnett shared that he had recently attended a Claridon Township meeting where the future of Durkee Road was discussed. He described the conversation as firm and informative.

Mr. Burnett provided a background on the road improvement efforts. About six years ago, there were plans to pave Durkee Road with assistance from both county and state funds. The townships were expected to cover approximately \$300K of the total cost. Burton Township was willing to split the costs 50/50 with Claridon, but Claridon declined to contribute, citing an opinion from their County APA advising against spending tax dollars on roads they do not own. In response, the Burton Trustees have requested the County APA’s opinion and plan to have the Prosecutor’s Office seek further clarification from the Ohio Attorney General.

Mr. Burnett also provided a breakdown of Durkee Road residents, noting that of the 33 parcels along the road:

- 14 parcels are in Burton Township
- 16 parcels are in Claridon Township
- 2 parcels are in Huntsburg Township
- 1 parcel is owned by the City of Akron

A survey is being prepared to gather input from Durkee Road residents. Mr. Burnett has been in contact with the new County Engineer to explore potential options for road improvements.

Residents expressed frustration with the road's current condition, citing issues such as insufficient material, potholes, gravel accumulating in ditches, and a need for dust control. Road Foreman Jason Sutter reported that 200 tons of material were added to the road in late November. Paving the road would address many of these concerns, including the elimination of dust control needs, potholes, and gravel in the ditches. However, some residents raised concerns that paving the road might lead to increased speed and traffic.

The discussion will continue as the Trustees consider the best path forward for Durkee Road improvements. They also encouraged Claridon Township residents to share their concerns with the Claridon Township Trustees.

Department Reports:

Fire Department – Chief Davidson was absent. According to the provided monthly report, Burton Township had 37 incidents during the month of December. There have been 1,296 incidents in 2024. 370 of these have

occurred in Burton Township. Total incidents in 2023 were 1,221, resulting in a 6% increase in call volume year over year. Approximately 62% of all incidents are related to Emergency Medical Services, with the remaining 38% relating to Fire incidents for all of 2024. Chief Davidson confirmed the acceptance of the proposed Fire Contract via email. He will provide a draft of the contract prior to next meeting.

Cemetery – No one in attendance. Nothing pertinent to report.

Zoning – Mr. Gruber reported that 3 permits were issued in December: 2 for additions and 1 for a lot split/consolidation. He also noted that the semi-trailer has been removed from the Adamic property and that he will continue to monitor the situation. Additionally, Mr. Gruber plans to follow up on a potential new accessory building at the corner of Jug and Hubbard, as well as investigate the installation of a solar panel on Georgia.

Park Committee – No one was in attendance.

Roads – Mr. Sutter provided his report for the Road Department. Plowing has been the primary focus, along with routine maintenance work on the trucks. The starter motor was replaced on the 2004 International truck, and efforts have been made to recover trucks from snow. Buckets of stone were also placed on Bigelow Road. Upcoming Items: Gravel will be applied to dirt roads, weather permitting and cold patch needs to be purchased. The total salt usage for the season is currently at 108 tons, with an anticipated total of under 200 tons by season's end. The Board of County Commissioners provided Resolution #24-214 to Improve Gingerich Road. Ms. O'Neill will contact their office for clarification. Mr. Burnett made a motion to appoint Mr. Miller as Designated Employer Representative Alternative (ADER) to the Drug and Alcohol Consortium, to be included in the annual contact information provided to the County Engineers. Mr. Whiting seconded this motion.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain
Burnett	X		
Whiting	X		
Miller	X		
Motion unanimously Carried.			

Mr. Miller suggested researching the purchase of a new truck in 2026.

Building & Grounds – Economy Doors will install new doors as soon as weather permits.

Fiscal Officer – The carryover items and year-end balances were reviewed. Legal counsel's guidance on the maximum uniform health plan policy concerning Medicare reimbursements was also discussed. The Trustees concluded that reimbursement for Medicare within the 75% cap is allowed. Additionally, the Trustees appointed Ms. O'Neill as the authorized official for the 2025 Scrap Tire Grant, with a submission deadline of February 28th. Ms. O'Neill will also reach out to the Burton Chamber of Commerce regarding the SOCA Benefit Plan

Old Business – The results of the Land Use Survey are currently being compiled. The Committee plans to hold a work session on January 28th.

New Business: Mr. Miller will start gathering quotes for power washing the fences at Pleasant Hills and Williams Cemeteries, with plans to have the work completed in the spring. Trash Day for 2025 is scheduled for Saturday, May 17th. The Department on Aging plans to hold their event on Wednesday and Thursday, May 14th and 15th. Mr. Sutter will reach out to Hordeski, Waste Management, and the Fairgrounds to make

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preparations for Trash Day. The County Engineers are seeking a decision regarding the gravel driveway aprons for the 2025 paving projects on Osmond and Forest Roads. Trustees decided to replace the gravel driveway aprons with pavement rather than new stone.

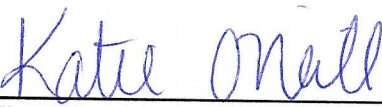
Next Meeting: Monday, February 3rd, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

Warrants Issued: #12622 – 12651

Adjourn: As there was no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m. by a motion from Mr. Miller and seconded by Mr. Whiting.

Roll Call:	Yes	No	Abstain
Burnett	X		
Whiting	X		
Miller	X		
Motion unanimously Carried.			


Chairman


Fiscal Officer

