

*ANDERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
February 6, 2025*

*Lexi Lausten, Trustee Chair
Joshua S. Gerth, Trustee Vice Chair
R. Dee Stone, Trustee
Brian M. Johnson, Fiscal Officer*

Mrs. Lausten called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees including: Fiscal Officer Brian Johnson, Township Administrator Vicky Earhart, Assistant Township Administrator for Operations Steve Sievers, Assistant Township Administrator for Human Resources Suzanne Parker, Planning & Zoning Director Paul Drury, Planning & Zoning CO-OP Logan Vaughn, Public Works Director Eric Luginbuhl, Law Director Margaret Comey, Anderson Township Fire & Rescue Chief Richard Martin, Fiscal Office Clerk Katie Arnold, Director of Finance Tammy Disque. Sheriff's Department Lt. Dave Downing joined at 1:52 PM.

CALL TO ORDER – 1:18 P.M.

MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Mrs. Lausten moved to adopt the agenda. **Mr. Gerth** seconded the motion.

Mr. Johnson called the roll: **Mrs. Lausten**, yes; **Mr. Gerth**, yes; **Mrs. Stone** arrived at 1:28 PM.

PRESENTATION REGARDING ZONING PROCESS

Gary Powell, Special Counsel for Zoning Matters

Mr. Powell gave a presentation regarding: history, purpose, and administrative process of zoning in the Township. The Board thanked Mr. Powell for his presentation.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Electricity Aggregation and Building Rate Information

Mr. Magna introduced Dan Deters with Energy Alliances. Mr. Magna and Mr. Deters updated the Board on rate increase timing and likelihood. They will make recommendations to the Board for action for both the Township owned properties as well as aggregation.

Tree Maintenance Plan

Mr. Drury introduced Co-Op Logan Vaughn to the Board. The Board welcomed him. Mr. Drury presented the 2009 tree maintenance program resolution history and asked the Board to review a revised and updated version for consideration at the February 20th meeting.

Bus Shelter for Mercy Anderson

Mr. Sievers stated Anderson Mercy approached the Township regarding funding a new bus shelter outside the hospital. There was discussion about Mercy Health's status as a not-for-profit entity that is exempt from property taxes.

The Board and staff discussed costs, alternative funding, appearance, and its value to residents. The Board asked Mr. Sievers to collaborate with Mercy to replace the bus shelter.

Hamilton County Tax Incentive Review Council Representatives

RESOLUTION NO. 25 – 0206 – 01

Mrs. Lausten moved to appoint Vicky Earhart and Steve Sievers as Anderson Township's Representatives to the Hamilton County Tax Incentive Review Council. Mrs. Stone seconded the motion.

Mr. Johnson called the roll: Mrs. Stone, yes; Mr. Gerth, yes; Mrs. Lausten, yes.

Senate Bill 56 Update

Mrs. Earhart presented Senate bill 56, which was introduced the previous week. The bill removes the cannabis dispensary Host Community funding. She also mentioned the meetings she has attended and conversations she has had since its introduction. She also mentioned other instances that the state eliminated local funding or re-allocated it to the State. Mrs. Earhart gave the Board copies of testimony to be read at the hearing in Columbus the following week and asked for feedback. The Board discussed messaging, testimony phrasing, and the bill's economic impact to the Township.

The Board thanked Mrs. Earhart for all her work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Lausten moved to retire to Executive Session to consider the appointment of a public employee or official as permitted by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1), to consider the purchase of property for public purposes as permitted by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(2), and to confer with the Law Director concerning disputes that are the subject of pending or imminent court action as permitted by Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3). Mr. Gerth seconded the motion.

Mr. Johnson called the roll: Mrs. Lausten, yes; Mr. Gerth, yes; Mrs. Stone, yes.

Mrs. Lausten moved to return from Executive Session. Mr. Gerth seconded the motion.

Mr. Johnson called the roll: Mrs. Lausten, yes; Mr. Gerth, yes; Mrs. Stone, yes.

OPEN SESSION

Decisions Arising from Executive Session

RESOLUTION NO. 25 – 0206 – 02

Mrs. Lausten moved to appoint Brian Elliff to a five-year term on the Anderson Township Zoning Commission, to expire December 31, 2029.

Mr. Gerth seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Lausten, yes; Mr. Gerth, yes; Mrs. Stone, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 25 – 0206 – 03

Mrs. Lausten moved to appoint Susan Ward to an unexpired five-year term on the Anderson Township Zoning Commission to expire on December 31, 2025. Mr. Gerth seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Lausten, yes; Mr. Gerth, yes; Mrs. Stone, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 25 – 0206 – 04

Mrs. Lausten moved to appoint Molly DeFosse as the 1st Alternate to the Anderson Township Zoning Commission for 2025. Mr. Gerth seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Lausten, yes; Mr. Gerth, yes; Mrs. Stone, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 25 – 0206 – 05

Mrs. Lausten moved to appoint Jason Brewer as the 2nd Alternate to the Anderson Township Zoning Commission for 2025. Mr. Gerth seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Lausten, yes; Mr. Gerth, yes; Mrs. Stone, no.

RESOLUTION NO. 25 – 0206 – 06

Mrs. Lausten moved to appoint Jeff Nye to a five-year term on the Anderson Township Board of Zoning Appeals, to expire December 31, 2029; and appoint Greg Heimkreiter as the 1st Alternate and Jennifer Barlow as the 2nd Alternate to the Anderson Township Board of Zoning Appeals for 2025. Mr. Gerth seconded the motion.

Vote: Mrs. Lausten, yes; Mr. Gerth, yes; Mrs. Stone, yes.

VANTAGE AT ANDERSON TOWNE CENTER TOUR – 3:30 P.M.

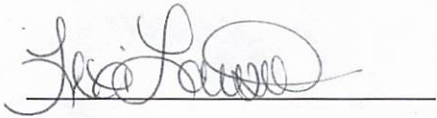
Board Proceeds to Vantage at Anderson Towne Center located at 1445 Towne Center Way for a Brief Tour

The Board was joined by members of staff, and representatives from Metro, including, VP of Strategic Planning and Development Khaled Shammout, and Director – Transit Development & Innovation Steve Anderson. The group toured the Vantage Apartment complex, parking garage and Park and Ride facility.

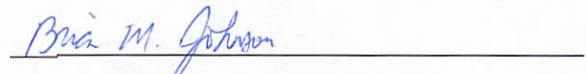
MOTION TO ADJOURN – 4:16 P.M

Mrs. Lausten moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gerth seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 yeas



Lexi Lausten, Chair

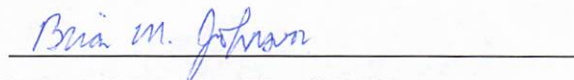


Brian M. Johnson, Fiscal Officer

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly elected and acting Fiscal Officer of Anderson Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true excerpt from the minutes of a regular meeting, including the roll call votes thereat, of the Board of Township Trustees of said Township held on the 20th day of March 2025, and that said minutes have been duly entered upon the Journal of said Township.

This day 20th day of March 2025.



Brian M. Johnson, Fiscal Officer