

Monroe Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2026

6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Aranyos at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Ms. Morgan-present, Mr. Peck-present, Ms. Aranyos-present, Ms. Forder-present

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Special Guest Speakers: Kelly Sininger and Mike Parry with Grant Career Center: Presenting “Investing in Tomorrow’s Workforce November 2026 Ballot Issue”.

- The current main building is 50 years old.
- Joint Vocation School District: Bethel-Tate, Felicity, New Richmond, and Williamsburg.
- Listing of careers that the school offers including adult education, enrollment numbers, community investment, and facility assessment for building upgrade.
- November 3, 2026 Ballot will be a 1.99 mill levy. Based on a home value of \$100,000.00 this will be a monthly cost of \$5.80 or \$69.00 per year on a \$100,000.00 value.

Deputy Montgomery: absent

Township Business:

Motion# 105-2026 was made by Mr. Peck to promote Logan Bartels from part-time FF/EMT-B to full-time FF/EMT-B with a pay rate of \$18.35 per hour effective August 15, 2026 with a 6-month probation. Ms. Morgan 2nd the motion.

Vote: Ms. Morgan-yes, Mr. Peck-yes, Ms. Aranyos-yes

Swearing in of full-time FF/EMT-B Logan Bartels by Chief Michael Welch.

Fiscal Officer Candace Forder

Motion# 106-2026 was made by Mr. Peck to approve the Monroe Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes dated July 6, 2026 as presented. Ms. Morgan 2nd the motion.

Vote: Ms. Morgan-yes, Mr. Peck-yes, Ms. Aranyos-yes

Motion# 107-2026 was made by Ms. Morgan to approve the financial statements (included in packets) for the period ending July 31, 2026 as presented. Mr. Peck 2nd the motion.

Vote: Ms. Morgan-yes, Mr. Peck-yes, Ms. Aranyos-yes

Motion# 108-2026 was made by Mr. Peck to approve Resolution #2026-03 "A Resolution of Monroe Township Trustees Adopting the Clermont County Hazard Mitigation Plan" as presented. Ms. Morgan 2nd the motion.

Vote: Ms. Morgan-yes, Mr. Peck-yes, Ms. Aranyos-yes

Ms. Judith donated \$1,000.00 for help with efforts involving the property of Monroe Presbyterian Cemetery.

Deputy Montgomery collected \$350.00 donation from Houck Asphalt for "Rumble in the Park".

Zoning Kristen Bennett: absent

Ms. Aranyos presented the report.

- 9 permits issued since the last meeting and 8 new violations.
- Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled from August 25, 2026.
- Land Use Plan Committee met on August 6, 2026 and reviewed and established questions for Residents and Business Owner surveys.

Motion# 109-2026 was made by Mr. Peck to approve the conditional variance of a new-single family from of 1140 sq ft located at 2056 #10 Clermontville Laurel Road, New Richmond that was approved by the BZA on July 29, 2026. Ms. Morgan 2nd the motion.

Vote: Ms. Morgan-yes, Mr. Peck-yes, Ms. Aranyos-yes

Maintenance Greg Schrichten:

The report was in writing.

- The department has been working on mowing.
- Jeremy Evens visited South Altman Road: there is grant but to apply it would be very time sensitive with being due the end of August. The Township will wait until next year to apply be able to work with the County. The department with skim coat the area of the road to level the dip.
- Problems with one of maintenance doors: Mr. Schrichten will contact True Cut.
- The contracted road paving has been completed.

Motion# 110-2026 was made by Ms. Morgan to contract Cincinnati Arbor to remove the tree on Bainum and Steven in the amount of \$350.00. Mr. Peck 2nd the motion.

Vote: Ms. Morgan-yes, Mr. Peck-yes, Ms. Aranyos-yes

Cemeteries:

One deed to sign.

Fire/EMS Department Chief Michael Welch

The report was in writing.

- 135 runs for the month of July.
- Several grants have been applied for.
- Duke Energy is coming out for a free training for natural gas leaks.
- Problems with the generator: A quote was received from Airport Electric Services, Inc. for the repairs or correction of the generator in the amount of \$6,450.00, Chief Welch will contact True Cut due to the generator should be under warranty.
- The siren at station 33 has been repaired.

Ms. Aranyos has received the quote for the complete repairs to station 33 in the amount of \$377,000.00. Funds needs to be found for this to be completed.

Motion# 111-2026 was made by Mr. Peck to purchase 5 portable radios not to exceed \$5,500.00. Ms. Morgan 2nd the motion.

Vote: Ms. Morgan-yes, Mr. Peck-yes, Ms. Aranyos-yes

Motion# 112-2026 was made by Tom Peck to hire Kiara Shafter FF/EMT pay rate \$17.66 per hour, Patrick Salvatore FF/Medic pay rate \$19.66 per hour, Kyle Cornette FF/EMT-A pay rate \$18.46, Madelyn Davison FF/EMT-B pay rate \$17.66 per hour, and Lillian Earls FF/EMT-B pay rate \$17.66 per hour all effective August 15, 2026 with a one-year probation. Ms. Morgan 2nd the motion.

Vote: Ms. Morgan-yes, Mr. Peck-yes, Ms. Aranyos-yes

Motion# 113-2026 was made by Ms. Morgan to add Donald Gibson and Fabian Williamson as volunteers effective August 15, 2026 with a one-year probation. Mr. Peck 2nd the motion.

Vote: Ms. Morgan-yes, Mr. Peck-yes, Ms. Aranyos-yes

Motion# 114-2026 was made by Mr. Peck to hire Mariah Sims has a part-time FF/Medic at a pay rate of \$19.66 per hour effective August 15, 2026 with a one-year probation. Ms. Morgan 2nd the motion.

Vote: Ms. Morgan-yes, Mr. Peck-yes, Ms. Aranyos-yes

Motion# 115-2026 was made by Ms. Morgan to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Peck 2nd the motion.

Vote: Ms. Morgan-yes, Mr. Peck-yes, Ms. Aranyos-yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes taken by Candace Forder

Ms. Morgan _____

Mr. Peck _____

Ms. Aranyos _____