

The Chester Township Board of Trustees met in **Special** session on **Wednesday, February 25, 2026** in the Town Hall meeting room at **4:00 PM** Chairman Craig S. Richter presided.

Roll Call: All Trustees and the Fiscal Officer were present

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag - The Board led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Leading Motion #: 2026-68

Topics of Discussion

Swearing In of Police Officer Timothy Staley Jr.
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Road Projects

Police Officer Timothy Staley Jr.

2026-68 Mr. Richter moved to approve per the terms of the conditional offer of employment, the recommendation of the Police Chief and authorize the hiring of Timothy Staley Jr. to the position of full-time police officer, at the Step 2 Officer Classification/pay grade of \$38.27 per hour, \$79,611.58 annually. Effective Sunday, March 8, 2026.
Mr. Davis seconded. Vote unanimous; motion passed.

Swearing In of Police Officer Timothy Staley Jr.

Chief Young introduced Police Officer Timothy Staley Jr. and Mr. Richter then administered the oath of office. Officer Staley was sworn in in the presence of his family and friends.

2026 Budget and Permanent Appropriations

All Department Heads met to review and discuss the 2026 permanent appropriations.

During the session, each department presented and reviewed its funding needs for the upcoming year, addressed long-term planning considerations, and finalized its respective budget.

Public Comments

Resident Mr. Mazzurco addressed the Board regarding Road Department operations and vehicle usage. He expressed concerns about the use of the dump trucks and questioned whether their operation is cost-efficient.

Road Projects

2026-69 Mr. Richter moved to rescind motions 2026-58 and 2026-59.
Mr. Davis seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Richter, yes; Mr. Radtke, yes; Mr. Davis, yes. Motion passed.

Note: The documents required a unanimous vote from the board. It was necessary to re-pass the resolutions with all three signatures.

2026-70 Mr. Richter moved to approve and sign a Resolution of Convenience and Necessity for the review of the slope failure behind the guardrail on Blackberry Lane (TR-699 from 3+30 to 5+85) for the 2026 season in Chester Township.
Mr. Davis seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Richter, yes; Mr. Radtke, yes; Mr. Davis, yes. Motion passed.

2026-71 Mr. Richter moved to approve and sign a Resolution of Convenience and Necessity for the sizing of various pipes on Cherry Lane (TR 354-0.08, TR 354-0.41 and TR 354-0.54) for the 2026 season in Chester Township
Mr. Davis seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Richter, yes; Mr. Radtke, yes; Mr. Davis, yes. Motion passed.

2026-72 Mr. Richter moved to approve and sign a Resolution of Convenience and Necessity for the review of the slope failure on Buckeye Drive (TR-263 from 4+18 to 5+00) in the 2026 season in Chester Township
Mr. Davis seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Richter, yes; Mr. Radtke, yes; Mr. Davis, yes. Motion passed.

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2026-73 Mr. Richter moved to approve and authorize Chairman Craig Richter to sign the proposed settlement agreement and release of all claims, as prepared and recommended by Attorney Gregory Beck.
Mr. Davis seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Richter, yes; Mr. Radtke, yes; Mr. Davis, yes. Motion passed.

Financial Items

2026-74 Mr. Richter moved to approve financial transactions as listed below.
Mr. Davis seconded. Vote unanimous; motion passed.

CHECKS		
Date	Starting No.	Ending No.
2/25/26	88706	88707
Fiscal Officer's note: the last check number used on 2/19/26 was 88705		

Chester 225 Proclamation

2026-75 Mr. Richter moved to recognize and sign the proclamation for the 225th anniversary of Justice Miner's arrival and honor Justice and Mabel Miner for their founding role in Chester Township.
Mr. Davis seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Richter, yes; Mr. Radtke, yes; Mr. Davis, yes. Motion passed.

MOU – America 250 Fireworks

Mr. Davis reported that he has established a nonprofit organization, America 250 Chesterland, which will operate separately from the Township. He explained that the organization was formed to provide support for the America 250 firework presentation.

Mr. Davis stated that he is contacting neighboring communities, including Russell Township and Newbury Township, to request their participation and financial assistance for the event.

After consultation with the Assistant Prosecutor, it was noted that the Ohio Revised Code permits Trustees to contribute to a 501(c)(3) organization.

A motion regarding this matter will be placed on the agenda for the March 5, 2026 Board of Trustees meeting.

Executive Session

2026-76 Mr. Richter moved to enter into executive session at 6:05 PM pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G) (1)) to consider compensation of a public employee(s)
Mr. Davis seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Richter, yes; Mr. Radtke, yes; Mr. Davis, yes. Motion passed.

The Board of Trustees

The Board reentered public session at 6:18 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Richter adjourned the meeting at 6:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Jarrett, Fiscal Officer

3/5/26

Approval Date



Craig S. Richter, Chairman



Ken Radtke Jr., Vice-Chairman



Brandon Davis, Trustee