RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of **Greenfield Township Trustees** *Special Meeting*

October 7, 2026 - *Held 4:00 PM*

The Greenfield Township Trustees met in special session at the Firehouse on October 7, 2026. Trustee Jennifer Sitterley called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. She also conducted the roll call:

Trustees: Lonnie Kosch Sr., Dave Cotner, Jennifer Sitterley

Trustee Sitterley presented the matters to be discussed at the meeting, including a Resolution, and a grid growth discussion. She presented the following resolution:

Resolution 2026-1007-01: Authorizing an Amendment to the Township Appropriations for an additional $63,000 to the Fire Fund for unexpected overtime needs (staff medical issues).

Trustee Sitterley made a motion to increase the overtime amount to address this; seconded by Trustee Cotner.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Sitterley: Yes **Motion Passed 3-0**

Trustee Sitterley went on to explain there would be three meetings to continue discussing the grid growth issue, including the current meeting. The next meeting is a special meeting scheduled for Friday, October 9 in conjunction with Bloom Township. There will be no public comment taken at that meeting. The third meeting will be the regular Greenfield Township Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday, October 14. Hopefully, by having additional meetings at various times, it will accommodate schedules to allow residents to attend. The current meeting is intended as a strategy session and to obtain public comment.

Trustee Kosch raised the issue of the amount of land in Greenfield Township where the grid appears to be platted, including across Lamb Road, Burchey Road, Coonpath Road, Sheets Road and Carroll Southern Road. He also noted it comes within 1,000 feet of the new elementary school, as well as coming within 1,500 to 2,000 feet of several houses on Carroll Southern Road.

Trustee Cotner noted the grid growth group had stated they would taken into consideration other options that the public suggested, and that was the purpose of the current meeting.

A suggestion was made about having the lines follow along the bypass/33 corridor and away from a more populated area. Trustee Kosch noted this was discussed at the

October 1 meeting; however, it was stated that the lines wouldn't work well if they were located near the traffic.

Several residents expressed their questions and concerns about many factors related to the potential grid growth, including:

- Proximity to the local school buildings
- Health and safety of children and residents, including cancer risk
- Health and safety of land, crops, food sources and farm animals
- Whether eminent domain was being used or not being used
- Working with Bloom Township rather than working against them in order to respond to the issue
- Fire department response, i.e. equipment and capabilities related to the towers
- Burying the lines instead of using towers; the lines are too hot for this to be done
- Encouraging residents to respond to the questionnaire that was distributed at the Oct. 1 meeting; it is also on-line
- Submitting a resolution from the October 14 Board of Trustees meeting immediately in order to meet the October 15 deadline
- Effect on property value

Jeff Williamsen, Zoning Inspector, pointed out the following information:

- The Ohio Power Siting Board (appointed) has the final say on the project.
- He encouraged residents to call their elected officials and express their opinions and concerns. He also encouraged residents to attend the County Commissioner meetings; held at 9 a.m. on Tuesday mornings, and allow for a three-minute (maximum) public comment per individual.
- The lines are not intended to power a data center; rather they will be used to increase power at substations.
- The potential to divide the total voltage of 765 and take two routes, having smaller towers and less effect of the larger line.

Discussion continued with participants expressing their concerns about where the lines would go, both in Greenfield and Bloom Townships, and who would sell their property for the project vs. who would not. The group also expressed their desire to work with Bloom Township, but also ultimately protecting Greenfield Township properties.

It was noted there is a hard copy of the Bloom Township resolution available for review, as well as viewing it on-line. There were also three petitions circulating which could be signed by attendees. Another participant gave instructions for going on line to submit

public comments by going to Grid Growth via Google; go to Grid Growth East; view the project map; scroll down below the pictures, and use the button to submit a comment. It was noted there was a QR code which could be used for this purpose.

An attendee also noted there was a No Grid Growth Facebook page where all of the contacts and the case numbers were available so residents can contact elected officials directly with their input and comments. She noted she had asked that this information be printed and left at local businesses so it was available for anyone.

Dave Bichard suggested that a task force be formed to assist the Board and gather information in order to not lose momentum on the issue. Anyone who wished to be involved was asked to submit their name after the meeting. Trustee Sitterley noted the October 15th deadline for public comment; however, she encouraged the attendees and residents to continue to gather and submit input and comments to the Board, preferably by email, and use the task force as a way to communicate after that point. She noted the resolution to be drafted and submitted by Oct. 15 would be broad, but the feedback gathered would be added to the submission. A new email will be posted for this purpose. A sign-in sheet was distributed for those who wished to participate.

The next meeting was noted to be held at the Bloom Township Administrative Office, 8490 Lithopolis Road at 12 p.m. on Friday, October 9. It was again noted that no public comment would be taken; however, it is an open meeting.

With no further business, Trustee Sitterley made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Trustee Cotner.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Sitterley: Yes **Motion Passed 3-0**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM.