

# Poland Township Board of Trustees June 2, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes

## 1. Call to Order

The special meeting was called to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken by Mr. Covell. Present: Mr. Ungaro and Mr. DeMain. Absent: Mr. Kempers. A quorum was present.

## 2. Public Comment

Residents Mary Ellen Barringer of Southland Trail and Ron Dapolito of Southwind Trail addressed the Board regarding: (1) long-term placement of roll-off dumpsters in a residential neighborhood and possible zoning regulation of dumpsters and similar containers; and (2) a nuisance and safety concern involving a residential property described as a hoarding condition, including concerns about exterior conditions, possible fire risk, and hazards to neighboring properties and children.

The Board discussed the limits of township zoning authority as to exterior conditions, prior contact with the Board of Health and mental-health resources, and possible follow-up with fire and county officials. The Board also discussed initiating the zoning-amendment process to evaluate possible regulation of dumpsters and similar storage containers in residential areas.

## 3. Business Discussed

**Dumpster / Zoning Discussion:** The Board discussed referring the issue of dumpster regulation to the zoning process for possible language development by the zoning commission, with recognition that any change would require statutory review and hearing procedures before final Board consideration.

**Nuisance / Hoarding Property Discussion:** The Board discussed prior exterior cleanup efforts, complaint follow-up, communication with the Board of Health and mental-health contacts, possible involvement of fire officials, and further review of legally available remedies. No formal action was taken during the meeting beyond directing additional follow-up and future discussion.

**High Grass / Nuisance Enforcement:** The Board discussed complaint-driven nuisance-grass enforcement, practical limits on staffing and notice procedures, and the absence of a fixed inch-based standard in current township practice.

**Road, Stormwater, and Budget Review:** The Board reviewed road resurfacing and stormwater project priorities, available sales-tax-supported funding, budget limits within the road fund, and possible future agenda action regarding Walnut Grove, cemetery-related costs, crack sealing and rejuvenation, and other infrastructure projects.

**Fuel Use Tracking:** The Board discussed implementing or formalizing a vehicle and equipment fuel-use tracking process to comply with state auditing expectations, including unit identification and recording gallons purchased and used.

**Cybersecurity / Technology and Camera Systems:** The Board discussed previously approved and anticipated technology expenses related to cybersecurity compliance, system upgrades, and implementation timing. The Board also discussed camera installation, access, and insurance-related reimbursement questions concerning township facilities.

#### 4. Items Identified for Future Agenda or Follow-Up

- Possible zoning-process referral regarding regulation of dumpsters and similar containers in residential areas.
- Further review of nuisance/hoarding property options with county, health, mental-health, and fire-safety contacts.
- Further public discussion of Walnut Grove and other road and stormwater budget items.
- Discussion of Greenback item and cemetery-related matters at a future meeting.
- Department-head budget review and continued oversight of technology and cybersecurity implementation.

#### 5. Adjournment

Mr. Ungaro moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 p.m. The motion was seconded.

On roll call for adjournment: Mr. Ungaro, yes; Mr. DeMain, yes; Mr. Kempers, absent. Motion carried.

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Eric Ungaro, Chairperson

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Frank DeMain, Vice-Chairperson

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Edward Kempers, Trustee

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Paul J. Canter, Fiscal Officer