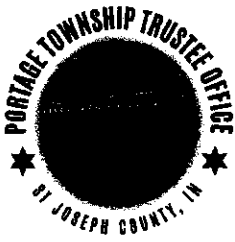


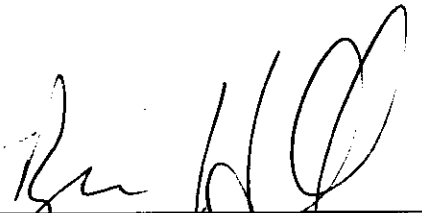
Meeting Minutes
Township Board of Portage Township, St. Joseph County, Indiana
January 6, 2026
Office of Portage Township Trustee
340 Columbia Ave., South Bend, IN 46601
Online Link

- I. Call Meeting to Order-Meeting called to order at 5:05pm.
- II. Roll Call-Jason Critchlow, Muhammad Shabazz, Ryan Hill, Lana Cleary, Cheryl Ashe, Alex Bowman.
- III. Approval of Agenda- Jason Critchlow requested to amend the agenda to add Resolution 01-2026. Muhammad Shabazz motioned to approve the amended agenda. Ryan Hill seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting December 16, 2025- Cheryl Ashe requested an amendment to Section F to add the phrase “people who run a local gastric bypass program.” Muhammad Shabazz motioned to approve the amended minutes. Cheryl Ashe seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- V. Public Comment-None
- VI. New Business
 - a. Election of Officers- Cheryl Ashe nominated Ryan Hill to serve as Board Chair. Ryan Hill accepted. Cheryl Ashe nominated Muhammad Shabazz to serve as Board Secretary. Both appointments were approved unanimously.
- VII. Old Business- Resolution 01-2026 – Substandard Housing-Alex Bowman presented Resolution 01-2026 addressing substandard housing and habitability concerns within the township. The resolution provides mechanisms to limit assistance related to uninhabitable housing, assist with resident relocation, and recover costs from negligent landlords. Board discussion followed regarding enforcement authority, statutory definitions, tenant protections, and coordination with code enforcement. Following discussion, Muhammad Shabazz motioned to approve Resolution 01-2026. Cheryl Ashe seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- VIII. Adjournment-Ryan Hill motioned to adjourn, Muhammad Shabazz seconded meeting adjourned at 5:34pm.

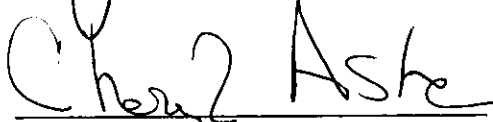


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Trustee Jason Critchlow



Ryan Hill, Board Chair




Cheryl Ashe, Member



Muhammad Shabazz II, Member

Attested to:



Jason Critchlow
Portage Township Trustee