

The Troy Township Trustees met for their regular stated meeting.

Date: 2/14/25

Time: 12:00 PM

Roll Call:

- Mr. Tom McCready, Trustee/Chairman: Present
- Mr. Mike Schuster, Trustee/Co-Chairman: Present
- Mr. Luke Wittmer, Trustee: Present
- Mr. Kevin Angle, Troy Twp. Administrator: Present
- Mr. Matt Thayer, Zoning Inspector/Road Superintendent: Absent
- Chief Richard Compton, Fire Chief: Present
- Asst. Fire Chief Brad Ross: Absent
- Ms. Betsy Michalski, Fiscal Officer: Present

Others in Attendance: None

Mr. Schuster made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the Organizational meeting held on 1/13/25. Mr. Wittmer second the motion.

Vote:

- Mr. McCready: Abstained due to being absent for both meetings.
- Mr. Schuster: Yes
- Mr. Wittmer: Yes

Roll Call Yea: 2; Nays: 0; Abstains: 1; Motion carried.

Mr. Wittmer made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the regular stated meeting held on 1/13/25. Mr. Wittmer second the motion.

Vote:

- Mr. McCready: Abstained due to being absent that meeting.
- Mr. Schuster: Yes
- Mr. Wittmer: Yes

Roll Call Yea: 2; Nays: 0; Abstains: 1; Motion carried.

Mr. Wittmer made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the regular stated meeting held on 1/27/25. Mr. McCready second the motion.

Vote:

- Mr. McCready: Yes
- Mr. Schuster: Abstained due to being absent that meeting.
- Mr. Wittmer: Yes

Roll Call Yea: 2; Nays: 0; Abstains: 1; Motion carried.

Public Comments: none

Zoning: Mr. Thayer, Zoning Inspector:

- One permit 0944 Josh Mueck 2000 Owens Rd. addition.
- Letter sent to 1831 Lexington Spring Mill Road.

Mr. Wittmer made a motion to approve Mr. Thayer's Zoning report. Mr. Schuster second the motion.

Vote:

- Mr. McCready: Yes
- Mr. Schuster: Yes
- Mr. Wittmer: Yes

Roll Call Yea: 3; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0; Motion carried.

Road Report: Mr. Thayer Road Superintendent:

- Road crew cleaned a tree up on Kings Corners Rd.
- Mr. Thayer ordered 500 ton of Salt on February 10th.
- Mr. Thayer ordered 100 ton of Salt on January 28th.
- Road crew push drifts back on January 29th.
- Road crew patched potholes on February 3rd.
- Road crew put the speed limit sign up On Eckert Rd on February 4th.
- Road crew pre-treated the roads on February 5th.
- Road crew salted the roads on February 6th.
- Road crew put the Chevron back up on Owens Road corner on February 7th.
- Road crew salted the roads on February 8th.
- Road crew helped Perry install a new radiant heater in their shop.
- Trustee Schuster discussed the following things at last Township meeting that he attended.
 - To match the counties changes
 - Three hour call out instead of the current two hour policy.
 - 40 hours worked instead of 40 hours paid so the employees get overtime if an employee uses a vacation or a sick day that week.
 - Sick time 4.66 hours earned per pay instead of 2.0 hrs. which is the current paid out amount.
 - The county has no cap on their sick time. Currently, the Township employees get capped at 320 hours per the current language in the employee handbook.

Mr. Wittmer made a motion to approve Mr. Thayer's Road report. Mr. Schuster second the motion.

Vote:

- Mr. McCready: Yes
- Mr. Schuster: Yes
- Mr. Wittmer: Yes

Roll Call Yea: 3; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0; Motion carried.

Finances:

- Purchase Orders: Reviewed and signed.
- Payment of Bills: Reviewed and signed.
- Payroll vouchers: Reviewed and signed.
- Bank reconciliation: Reviewed and signed.

Motion to pay bills:

Mr. Wittmer made a motion to pay bills. Mr. Schuster second the motion.

Vote:

- Mr. McCready: Yes
- Mr. Schuster: Yes
- Mr. Wittmer: Yes

Roll Call Yea: 3; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0; Motion carried.

Ms. Michalski, Fiscal Officer:

- Update regarding year end processing - All activities complete and notice regarding 2024 financial statements have been posted / published
- Update regarding 2022_2023 State Audit - No update to report.
- Draft Township Village emergency service and protection contract review. Ms. Michalski is going to forward the draft to the Village for their review.
- Annual Inventory list to Trustees for review.
- Resolution 2025-04 2025 PERMANENT APPROPRIATION MOTION: A MOTION TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE LEXINGTON-TROY TWP. UNION CEMETERY RICHLAND COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025.

Mr. Schuster made a motion to approve the Resolution 2025-04 2025 PERMANENT APPROPRIATION MOTION: A MOTION TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE LEXINGTON-TROY TWP. UNION CEMETERY RICHLAND COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025. Mr. McCready second the motion.

Vote:

- Mr. McCready: Yes
- Mr. Schuster: Yes
- Mr. Wittmer: Yes

Roll Call Yea: 3; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0; Motion carried.

Chief Compton:

- The update on Tridaco and BP Electric is that they are working with the Boring contractor to get the sign installed. They should be ready to go very soon.
- Need an updated on Lexipol that was contacted over training.
- Fitch Associates came in at a higher quote for a feasibility study and evaluating a Joint Fire District.
- OFCA (Ohio Fire Chiefs' Association) was also approached to do a feasibility study on a Joint Fire District.
- Chief Compton to check with OFCA to get an updated proposal and to detail what exactly the feasibility study will include.
- Still waiting on the contract with Perry Twp. for fire protection that has been completed and the Trustees signed and waiting for Perry Twp.'s approval and commitment.
- Mr. McCready suggested that the Township write up a contract with the Village of Lexington to cover Industrial Drive. Currently, the Village of Lexington is paying Troy Twp. \$4,000.00 per year for coverage per verbal agreement. It was decided that the current price charged is reasonable and should not be changed. A resolution will be made at the next meeting and a contract will be written up for the Village of Lexington approval and commitment for the fire and EMS coverage of Industrial Drive.

Chief Compton submitted the following updates:

- Installed smoke alarms for a village resident.
- Inspected both nursing homes.
- Inspected a Day Care facility.
- Ladder testing was completed.
- Initial Lexipol session completed. Next session next week..
- Sign is completed at Tridico. Underground boring company now waiting on ground to thaw a little before boring.
- Attended Lexipol Recruitment and Retention webinar.

Mr. Schuster made a motion to accept Chief Compton's report. Mr. Wittmer second the motion.

Vote:

- Mr. McCready: Yes
- Mr. Schuster: Yes
- Mr. Wittmer: Yes

Roll Call Yea: 3; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0; Motion carried.

Chief Compton:

Troy Twp Fire and EMS Runs										
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
JANUARY	88	115	100	124	108	129	116	127	119	119
FEBRUARY	171	193	207	244	217	225	226	211	215	
MARCH	251	296	287	350	316	359	374	326	306	
APRIL	366	377	385	443	405	469	433	424	433	
MAY	450	460	498	547	500	571	534	538	528	
JUNE	530	560	609	657	640	671	669	652	634	
JULY	611	647	724	761	732	785	796	766	725	
AUGUST	725	750	833	868	861	918	912	873	817	
SEPTEMBER	814	851	933	980	962	1020	1002	976	942	
OCTOBER	900	937	1023	1096	1081	1136	1121	1064	1047	
NOVEMBER	990	1042	1108	1179	1207	1239	1245	1172	1153	
DECEMBER	1085	1145	1214	1293	1344	1368	1355	1288	1260	

Chief Compton had no other Fire Business to bring before the Trustees.

Assistant Chief Brad Ross: Absent

Correspondence:

- Mr. McCready had a letter from Santanna that has changes in connection with Columbia Gas.
- Mr. McCready received a newsletter from the Village of Lexington for anyone to read and was left on the conference table.

New Business:

- Ms. Michalski was able to get the Township's address updated at the County Auditor's office for all the parcels owned by the Township.
- New Federal milage rate is \$0.70 per mile.

Old Business: None

Mr. McCready:

- The web site has been updated with all Township updates.
- The new rates for the Cemetery have been updated on the web site.
- Richland County Commissioner Darrel Banks called and they are looking for feedback from all townships for their position on large scale installation of solar and wind farms in Richland County. Feedback or a township resolution against it should be filed to the Commissioners by April 30, 2025
 - Troy Zoning Board still reviewing small scale solar panels.

Mr. Schuster:

- Mr. Schuster will contact Bev. Wilson with ODOT for the replacement of the culvert on St. Rt. 42 between Grubb and Schmitt Rd.
- The speed limit signs on Ekert Rd. have been installed.

Mr. Wittmer:

- A free Webinar on the Sunshine law is being held on April 2nd at 4:15 PM on the Attorney General's Webb site.

Mr. Angle: Nothing

Mr. Schuster made a motion to go into executive session at 1:10 PM for personnel matters.

Mr. Wittmer second the motion.

Vote:

- Mr. McCready: Yes
- Mr. Schuster: Yes
- Mr. Wittmer: Yes

Roll Call Yea: 3; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0; Motion carried.

Mr. Wittmer made a motion to come out of executive session at 1:55 PM for personnel matters.

Mr. Wittmer second the motion.

Vote:

- Mr. McCready: Yes
- Mr. Schuster: Yes
- Mr. Wittmer: Yes

Roll Call Yea: 3; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0; Motion carried.

Requests from the Road Superintendent will be tabled to the next meeting for further discussion.

No further business to discuss.

Mr. Wittmer made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schuster second the motion.

Vote:

- Mr. McCready: Yes
- Mr. Schuster: Yes
- Mr. Wittmer: Yes

Roll Call Yea: 2; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0; Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at: 1:56 PM

Respectfully submitted: Kevin J. Angle, Troy Twp. Administrator

Troy Twp. Chairman: Mr. Tom McCready

Fiscal Officer: Ms. Betsy Michalski