

The Troy Township Trustees met for their regular stated meeting.

Date: 3/31/25

Time: 7:00 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: Present**
- **Ms. Betsy Michalski, Fiscal Officer: Present**

Others in Attendance:

Mr. Schuster made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the regular stated meeting held on 3/17/25. 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.

Public Comments: None

Zoning: Mr. Thayer, Zoning Inspector: (Absent – Emailed Zoning and Road reports)

- Sent a second notice letter to 1855 Lexington Springmill Rd.

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

Road Report: Mr. Thayer Road Superintendent:

- Mr. Thayer ordered 100 ton of salt.
- The "dangerous Intersection" signs from the Richland Co. Street Department won't be ready until April 14. Mark Wright, Richland County contact for the signs, is out of the office until then.
- Road Crew ditched Fox Road, Lohr Road, and Mill Run Road.
- Road Crew received delivery of the fecon head on March 25.
- Road Crew Dura patched bar Texter Road and Gas Road.
- Road Crew change the front brakes on the F250.
- Road Crew cleaned up a tree on Mill Run Road.
- Road Crew use the Fecon head on Mill Run Road.
- Road Crew took the Dura patch to the county to get a second tank of MWS 90.
- Road Crew looked at 1620 Carter Dr. that Trustee Schuster called about. It needs the clay tile replaced. Road Crew will take care of that when both return from vacation. O.U.P.S. will have to be called.
- Joey will be servicing the mowers, backhoe and the mini next week while Mr. Thayer is on vacation.
- Joey will be using the fecon head throughout the township next week while Mr. Thayer is on vacation.

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

Chief Compton:

- The new sign was installed today.
- Had a structure fire and a mail box got damaged on Cedarwood Dr. Chief Compton fixed it.
- Waiting on response from the Fire Chiefs and Fitch & Associates on a comprehensive plan for the Fire Department
- Chief Compton received a call from the Mayor of Lexington who said there will be a Memorial Day parade this year.
- Chief Compton said that he checked with Springfield Township about fire employee wages. Chief Compton suggested \$1.00 per hour raise for each level.
- Trustees discussed raise and felt \$1.00 per hour across the board for all levels was reasonable.

Mr. Wittmer made a motion to raise the fire department's wages by \$1.00 at each level effective 3/16/25. 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.

Assistant Chief Brad Ross: Nothing

Correspondence:

_Mr. McCready provided a copy of the Lexington newsletter.

Motion to pay bills:

Mr. Schuster made a motion to pay bills. 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.

Finances:

- Purchase Orders: Reviewed and signed.
- Payment of Bills: Reviewed and signed.
- Payroll vouchers: Reviewed and signed.
- Bank reconciliation: N/A
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Ms. Michalski, Fiscal Officer:

- Ms. Michalski reviewed some of the things she learned from her Ethics training that applies to the Township and bidding out jobs and making purchases.
- Perry Township returned the contract along with payment for the first half 2025 services. Second half payment is due by July end of month.
- The Village of Lexington reviewed, approved, and returned the executed contract for Troy Township Fire Department to provide emergency services to Industrial and Eagle Drives located in Washington Township.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Mr. McCready:

- Mr. McCready went to the Health Department meeting and the Richland County Township Association meeting was held after. They discussed Solar Farms.
- Mr. McCready explained that Santanna Energy Services is the supplier for gas for the Fire Station and Township Hall. They sent a notice that rates were going up as of April 1st. If the township chooses to opt out, it will revert back to Columbia Gas. Santana's rate will increase \$0.15 April 1st to \$1.0275 per ccf. Columbia Gas rate was \$0.5569 and will increase April 1st by approximately \$0.15 also.

Mr. McCready made a motion to terminate the contract with Santanna Energy Services and to go back to Columbia Gas. 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.

Mr. Schuster:

- Mr. Schuster spoke with the Sherriff's department about patrolling Eckert Rd. now that the speed limit has been posted and they said they would start.
- Web site now has the ability to post minutes and our township minutes will be posted Move to under Mr. McCready.

Mr. Wittmer:

- Said there are people parking by the bridge on Orweiler Rd. and creating a hazard. Mr. Wittmer will speak with the Clear Fork Reservoir ranger about enforcing a no parking on the street.

Mr. Angle: Nothing

No further business to discuss.

Mr. Wittmer made a motion to adjourn. 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.

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:15 PM

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

Troy Twp. Chairman: Mr. Tom McCready

Fiscal Officer: Ms. Betsy Michalski