

Minutes for Troy Township Trustees Regular Meeting 08/25/2025:

Call to Order:

Trustee Chairman McCready called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

The following Trustees were present: Chairman Tom McCready, Vice Chairman Mike Schuster and Trustee Luke Wittmer.

Other officials present: Fiscal Officer Betsy Michalski, Fire Chief Rich Compton, Assistant Fire Chief Brad Ross and Road Superintendent / Zoning Inspector Matt Thayer.

Residents and Other Guests:

Keith Bacin, Lexington Village Councilman
Shaun Walker, Township Zoning Board member and Trustee candidate
Josh Grund and David Morgenstern, residents

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Wittmer made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular stated meeting held on 08/11/20. Mr. McCready seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Public Comments: None

Zoning Report: Mr. Thayer, Zoning Inspector: Nothing to report

Road Report: Mr. Thayer, Road Superintendent

- Road crew boom mowed Kochheiser and Mill Run Road trees
- Road crew mounted and wired the new sprayer on the MowerMax
- Road crew laid more asphalt millings in the berm on Graham Road where the cross pipe was repaired
- Road crew serviced and cleaned the berm belt and ordered new rubber seals
- Road crew met with Shelley and Sands personnel to drive the roads being paved. Eckert paving to be done 08/25 and Rolling Meadows to be paved 08/26.
- Road crew dura patched on Gass Road
- Road crew dura patched the Lexington Water Dept. driveway
- Road crew drove Schmidt and Eckert Roads to observe ODOT detour traffic with no issues noted
- Road crew replaced the cable and flag at the Township garage
- Dump Truck #2 taken to Ontario Truck Center for repair; brake chamber leaking
- Road crew completed grave opening for Lexington-Troy Twp. Union Cemetery on 08/21
- Road Superintendent completed hillside mowing at Lexington-Troy Twp. Union Cemetery on 08/22

Mr. Wittmer made a motion to accept the Road Report with the addition of work performed for Lexington-Troy Twp. Union Cemetery on 08/21 and 08/22. Mr. Schuster seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Chief Compton:

- 2004 Ford Explorer re-listed on GovDeals with lower reserve amount as Trustee approved at 08/11 meeting. Reserve has been exceeded with scheduled bid close date of 08/29.
- TTFD personnel completed fireworks inspection and provided safety services for Lexington Blueberry Festival.
- TTFD personnel participated in 1ST Responder Touch a Truck event at Lexington local library
- Replacement fire alarm panel has been ordered by True North Fire Protection Company as approved by Trustees at 08/11 meeting.
- Chief Compton presented new hire application of James Matthew Lyon as Firefighter/EMT for Trustee review and approval

Mr. Wittmer made a motion to hire James Matthew Lyon as requested, effective 08/26/2025. Mr. McCready seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Asst. Chief Ross: Nothing to report

Correspondence:

- Reviewed Rinehart Insurance renewal application with addition of new Sprayer attachment to MowerMax as only significant change noted. Ms. Michalski to submit to Rinehart-Walters-Danner Insurance
- New Ohio Cybersecurity Program law in H.B 96 to be implemented by September 30, 2025; training being offered 08/28 by OTA and 09/19 by OhioPlan

Finances:

Mr. Schuster made a motion to pay bills. Mr. Wittmer seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes.

- Purchase Orders: Reviewed and approved
- Payment of Bills: Reviewed and approved
- Payroll Vouchers: Reviewed and approved
- Bank Reconciliation: N/A

Ms. Michalski, Fiscal Officer

- Received partial refund for cancellation of Township Administrator surety bond effective 07/31/2025.
- Review of funds available for investment and current interest rate environment: Fiscal Officer recommended investing from CDARs money market \$400k in CDARs certificates of deposit and \$400k in StarOhio. It is also recommended that \$100k be transferred from the Park National sweep checking account to the Park National money market account.

Mr. McCready made a motion to accept the investment recommendations as presented by the Fiscal Officer. Mr. Schuster seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes.

- Resolution 2025-12, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2025 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. Schuster made a motion to accept RES #2025-12, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND 2025 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF TROY TOWNSHIP, RICHLAND COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Wittmer seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. McCready:

- Will be absent from 09/08/2025 and 10/13/2025 meetings
- Discussion on the large-scale solar resolution letter received from the County Commissioners: Richland County Citizens for Property Rights presented petition for matter to be submitted to electors for approval or rejection at the May 5, 2026 election. County resolution not in effect until after election.
- Township small scale solar resolution filed with the Richland County Recorder's office. Road Superintendent to pick up free No Littering signs available from Richland County on 08/26.

Mr. Schuster:

- Proposed Zoning Board changes 2026: Josh Grund presented as new member to fill seat previously occupied by Scott Plew for new five-year term and Andy Kruze potential replacement for Shaun Walker upon his election as Troy Township Trustee. Kevin Angle also previously expressed interest in occupying a vacant seat. No further action to be taken until after November election.
- Richland County Public Health placed additional mosquito traps in the Township to test for West Nile virus.

Mr. Wittmer: Nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Township Hall lot repair/replacement held over from 08/11/2025 meeting: Proposed replacement to be no larger than 50' x 80' with concrete costs to be no greater than \$12,000 and labor costs no greater than \$8,000. Per Fiscal Officer total estimated cost does not exceed existing amount appropriated for project.

Mr. Wittmer made a motion to complete the lot repair/replacement project at a cost not to exceed the total appropriated amount of \$20,000. Mr. Schuster seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Motion to Adjourn:

Having no further business to discuss Mr. Wittmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Schuster seconded the motion and the motion carried with the meeting ending at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted: Betsy Michalski, Troy Twp. Fiscal Officer

Trustee Chairman: Mr. Tom McCready

Fiscal Officer: Ms. Betsy Michalski