

Minutes for Troy Township Trustees Regular Meeting 10/13/2025

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, Assistant Fiscal Officer Sarah Wilkinson, Fire Chief Rich Compton and Assistant Fire Chief Brad Ross.

Road Superintendent / Zoning Inspector Matt Thayer was absent.

Residents and Other Guests

- Keith Bacin, Village of Lexington Councilman
- Josh Grund, resident
- Shaun Walker, resident

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Schuster made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular stated meeting held on 09/29/2025. Mr. Wittmer seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Public Comments

None

Zoning Report from Mr. Thayer, Zoning Inspector

No items to report.

Road Report from Mr. Thayer, Road Superintendent

Mr. Thayer emailed the road report to the trustees, fiscal officer, and assistant fiscal officer prior to the meeting.

- The road crew completed the following tasks since last meeting:
 - Finished mowing the right-of-way on the south end
 - Changed a failed cross pipe on Eckert Rd.
 - Reassembled the berm belt
 - Dug a grave at the cemetery
 - Helped Perry Township do ditching
 - Washed the F-250 and the F-550
 - Power washed the new concrete pad
 - Put more steel pipe couplings on the Eckert Rd. cross pipe
 - Started mowing the right-of-way on the north end
- GT Contracting finished crack sealing on Bowers, Kings Corners, Cockley, and Greibling Roads.
- When the road crew was returning to the garage after changing the cross pipe on Eckert Rd., a walnut fell and cracked the corner of the windshield on the F-550.

Mr. McCready noted he will discuss the windshield damage and repair with Mr. Thayer to ensure we are in communication with the insurance company.

Mr. Wittmer made a motion to accept the road report as presented. Mr. Schuster seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Fire/EMS Report from Chief Compton and Assistant Chief Ross

Chief Compton provided a copy of the following monthly fire and EMS report to the meeting attendees:

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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	222
MARCH	251	296	287	350	316	359	374	326	306	332
APRIL	366	377	385	443	405	469	433	424	433	452
MAY	450	460	498	547	500	571	534	538	528	566
JUNE	530	560	609	657	640	671	669	652	634	656
JULY	611	647	724	761	732	785	796	766	725	762
AUGUST	725	750	833	868	861	918	912	873	817	853
SEPTEMBER	814	851	933	980	962	1020	1002	976	942	953
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 also shared the following updates:

- To promote fire safety week, the fire department attended a public relations event last week at Western Elementary and will attend an event this week at Eastern Elementary.
- VASU installed repeaters last week, which is the last expenditure for the MARCS grant. There will be some grant money left over which the department will use to purchase extra batteries for their devices.

Assistant Chief Ross shared the following updates:

- Engine 142 repairs should be completed today or tomorrow within the estimated cost previously approved.
- There was a sewer backup recently at the station. Keith’s Drain and Septic came out to snake the line. Keith’s will return to camera the line and repair the cap.

Correspondence

The Township has received the following correspondence items since the last meeting:

- Email from Traveler’s Insurance’s collection agency to Ms. Michalski following up on the letter they previously sent the Township – the Township has no liability for the recently paid insurance claims and the letter implying that the Township was liable was sent in error.
- Letter from State of Ohio Department of Taxation – denies the Township’s refund request relating to 2021 employment taxes, which Ms. Michalski filed when it was discovered in early 2025. Ms. Michalski and Mrs. Wilkinson will follow up with the state.
- Letter from Village of Lexington – notification of a meeting on at 5:00 pm on October 21, 2025 at the Lexington Senior Civic Center (the Depot) regarding the State Route 97 connector project.
- Information from Richland County Commissioners distributed during the public meeting on Thursday, October 9, 2025, regarding the potential new property tax abatements – if both piggyback abatements are implemented in full by the end of October, the Township will lose \$30,995 in annual revenue, beginning in January 2026. If the abatements are implemented after the end of October, they will not take effect until the second half of 2026. The Commissioners have the option to offer one, both, or no abatements, at any amount up to 2.5% each. The Commissioners will hold another meeting to get input from the public prior to making a decision.
- Email regarding employee benefits – enrollment dates are November 3-7, 2025. A benefits fair will be held on October 22nd and CEBCO meetings will be held on October 28th and 29th.

Finances

Mr. Wittmer made a motion to pay bills. Mr. Schuster 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: Reviewed and approved

Ms. Michalski, Fiscal Officer

- RES #2025-16 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE RICHLAND COUNTY, OHIO AGREEMENT WITH CARGILL, INC.
 - Salt price went up approximately \$10 per ton from last year’s prices. The Township purchased as much salt as possible at the end of last year’s contract in anticipation of this price increase. The salt shed is currently completely full.

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- Fire fund appropriations must be amended to cover increase in salaries and related increase in OPERS contributions. Ms. Michalski and Mrs. Wilkinson will present these figures during the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McCready:

- The Zoning Board of Appeals hired Mrs. Wilkinson as the board clerk during their last meeting on October 8, 2025. Mr. McCready has spoken with the Zoning Board, and they are planning to vote on hiring Mrs. Wilkinson as clerk during their next meeting on November 18, 2025.

Mr. Schuster:

- Received correspondence from AEP regarding installation of new power lines and poles, starting near the intersection of Greibling and Home Rd. and continuing east, across Cook Road, across Lexington Avenue, and through to the land across from the Blueberry Patch.

Mr. Wittmer:

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- ODOT release pertaining to the roadwork detour on Eckert Road – Mr. Thayer previously mentioned that the road held up well and there was a road marker that needed to be reinstalled. The Trustees signed the ODOT release, and Ms. Michalski will speak with Mr. Thayer prior to sending it to ODOT.

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 all ayes, ending the meeting at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Sarah Wilkinson, Assistant Troy Twp. Fiscal Officer

Trustee Chairman: Mr. Tom McCready

Fiscal Officer: Ms. Betsy Michalski