

Minutes for Troy Township Trustees Regular Meeting 10/27/2025

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 and Vice Chairman Mike Schuster.

Other officials present: Fiscal Officer Betsy Michalski and Fire Chief Rich Compton.

The following individuals were absent: Trustee Luke Wittmer, Road Superintendent/Zoning Inspector Matt Thayer, Assistant Fiscal Officer Sarah Wilkinson, and Assistant Fire Chief Brad Ross.

Residents and Other Guests

- Keith Bacin, Village of Lexington Councilman
- David Morganstern, resident
- Marc Pfitzenmayer, insurance agent from Rinehart-Walters-Danner Insurance Agency

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Schuster made a motion to accept the minutes from the regular stated meeting held on 10/13/2025. Mr. McCready seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Public Comments

David Morganstern inquired about the possibility of adding a stop light at the intersection of Cook Rd. and Lexington-Springmill Rd. He was referred to Richland County.

Marc Pfitzenmayer presented the insurance policy renewal information for the period 11/8/2025-11/7/2026.

Mr. McCready made a motion to accept the renewal policy as presented at a cost of \$35,277. Mr. Schuster seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Zoning Report from Mr. Thayer, Zoning Inspector

Issued permit number 0964 to Steve Risser of 2862 Clearview Dr. for a 8' x 16' addition to a storage building.

Mr. Thayer remitted all permits and permit fees to Ms. Michalski.

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

Road Report from Mr. Thayer, Road Superintendent

The road crew completed the following tasks since last meeting:

- Mowed back the rights-of-way on the north end
- Ran 200 tons of asphalt for Troy Morrow through our paver
- Purchased and pick up 3 tons of Cold Patch from Sarvers for the hot box
- Patched the cross pipe on Eckert Rd.
- Installed two floodlights on the back of each of the dump trucks
- Serviced the F-550
- Serviced the number two dump truck
- Greased the chassis on the number one dump truck
- Dug a grave at the cemetery
- Used the backhoe to put the columbarium back in place at the cemetery

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

Fire/EMS Report from Chief Compton

Chief Compton shared the following updates:

- Engine 142 has one additional minor repair still to be done; all other equipment repairs have been completed.
- Fire department will participate in annual trick-or-treat scheduled for Thursday, October 30th from 5:30-7:00 pm.
- Keith's Drain and Septic came out to camera the line and repair the cap.

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Correspondence

The Township has received updated correspondence from Medicount since the last meeting. The email notified the Township that Medicare payments have resumed, effective October 23rd. (A previous email from Medicount noted that payments were frozen effective October 1st due to the government shutdown.)

Finances

Mr. Schuster made a motion to pay bills. Mr. McCready 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

- Resolution 2025-17 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. McCready made a motion to accept RES #2025-17 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. Schuster seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes.

- Requested benefits waivers for three firefighters exceeding the 1,976 hour limitation regarding the provision of benefits. One additional firefighter will potentially hit the limitation prior to year-end. Chief Compton will follow up on these waivers.
- Trustees confirmed intention to continue Ohio Township Association education subscription at an annual cost of \$250 for 2026.
- Trustees confirmed intention to hire current fiscal officer as Assistant Fiscal Officer effective December 1, 2026. Hiring will be formally approved at later meeting.
- Open enrollment period for insurance is 11/3 to 11/7. Spousal eligibility form also required to be completed annually. Vision enrollment forms were due County by 10/17/2025.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McCready:

- The Richland County Commissioners approved a 2.5% Owner Occupancy Credit effective January 1, 2026 at their last meeting, which Mr. McCready viewed on YouTube. Troy Township will lose revenue of approximately \$11,500 as a result of this credit, based on 2025 revenue received.

Mr. Schuster:

- Mr. Schuster was unable to attend the Village of Lexington public meeting regarding the State Route 97 connector, which was held on October 21st. The Village will hold another public meeting in November (date to be determined).

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

Motion to Adjourn:

Having no further business to discuss, Mr. McCready made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Schuster seconded the motion and the motion carried with all ayes, ending the meeting at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth Michalski, Troy Twp. Fiscal Officer

Trustee Chairman: Mr. Tom McCready

Fiscal Officer: Ms. Betsy Michalski