

Minutes for Troy Township Trustees Regular Meeting 03/09/2026

Date of the next scheduled Trustee meeting: 03/30/2026

Call to Order

Troy Township Trustee Vice Chairman Mr. Wittmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

- Mr. Mike Schuster, Troy Township Trustee Chairman: Absent
- Mr. Luke Wittmer, Troy Township Trustee Vice Chairman: Present
- Mr. Shaun Walker, Troy Township Trustee: Present
- Mrs. Sarah Wilkinson, Troy Township Fiscal Officer: Present
- Ms. Betsy Michalski, Troy Township Assistant Fiscal Officer: Present
- Mr. Rich Compton, Troy Township Fire Chief: Present
- Mr. Brad Ross, Troy Township Assistant Fire Chief: Absent
- Mr. Matt Thayer, Troy Township Zoning Inspector and Road Superintendent: Present

Residents and Other Guests

- Keith Bacin, Lexington Village Councilman
- Nick Ritchey, Owner of Clips and Cuts Lawn Care, LLC

Nick Ritchey presented a bid to the Board for cemetery and fire station mowing. Clips and Cuts provided the same mowing services to Troy Township during 2025, and the bid presented reflects the same pricing for 2026.

Mr. Walker made a motion to accept Clips and Cuts Lawn Care, LLC's 2026 bid for cemetery and fire station lawn care. Vote:

- Mr. Wittmer: Yea
- Mr. Walker: Yea

Roll Call: Yea: 2; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion carried.

Approval of prior meeting minutes

Minutes from the regular Trustee meeting held on 02/23/2026 and distributed prior to this meeting, were adopted by unanimous consent.

Zoning Report

Mr. Thayer emailed his Zoning Report to the Board prior to the meeting, and the report was filed for record.

Road Report

Mr. Thayer emailed his Road Report to the Board prior to the meeting, and the report was filed for record.

Mr. Thayer also discussed the following Road and Bridge Department items with the Board:

- The department would like to purchase a new, larger truck to use for towing equipment. The current truck, a Ford F250, is overloaded when towing certain heavy equipment such as the MowerMax.
- The department has found a new road worker and would like to hire him starting April 6, 2026.

The Board agreed to discuss both topics in further detail at a later date when Mr. Schuster is present.

Fire/EMS Report

- Chief Compton provided the Board with the following information:
 - Along with the State Fire Marshal, Troy Township Fire Department completed all school inspections last week. They also finished one nursing home inspection and have one nursing home left to inspect.
 - The new EMS squad will be ready soon, likely within the next couple of weeks.
 - Copies of the updated Troy Township Fire and EMS Run report, showing 187 runs in February. The report was filed for record.
- Chief Compton gave Mrs. Wilkinson a grant reimbursement check from the State of Ohio.

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Correspondence

- Mrs. Wilkinson shared the following correspondence items:
 - An email from the Richland County EMA regarding Hazard Mitigation Plan update meetings occurring April 7 and April 14.
 - Articles of general interest from the Ohio Township Association (OTA), including an article announcing the results of a January 2026 statewide poll. The key takeaway from the poll is that Ohioans view their libraries and townships as necessities, not optional amenities.

Finances

- Purchase Orders: Reviewed and approved.
- Payment of Bills: Reviewed and approved.
- Payroll Vouchers: Reviewed and approved.
- Bank Reconciliation: Reviewed and approved.

Motion to Pay Bills

Mr. Walker made a motion to pay bills. Vote:

- Mr. Wittmer: Yea
- Mr. Walker: Yea

Roll Call: Yea: 2; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion carried.

Discussion of Financial Matters

- Ms. Michalski discussed a resolved issue involving the Township's contract with Lexipol, LLC and the reimbursement agreement thereunder. Based on information presented to the Board at a meeting in the fall of 2024, Lexipol stated they would reimburse the Township for half the cost of their contract. However, when the reimbursement check was recently received from Ohio Plan, it covered only the portion of the contract related to the insurance subscriber fees, much less than half. Most of the cost was not reimbursed because it was billed as contract setup fees, which Lexipol did not consider to be part of the reimbursable costs. Lexipol ultimately agreed to reimburse the Township for half of the set-up fees not reimbursed by Ohio Plan.
- Mrs. Wilkinson asked the Board about plans for road maintenance and repairs this summer to adequately budget for these costs. Mr. Thayer noted there are some roads that need crack sealing and some roads that need to be treated with Reclamite. He will drive the Township roads to see what needs to be done this summer.

New Business

- Mr. Thayer asked for the Board's approval to order more road salt to fill the Township's salt shed. We can still order now under the Cargill contract with Richland County and get the 2025-2026 season price before it goes up later in the year. Mr. Thayer estimates we need about 300 tons of salt to completely fill the shed. He has already confirmed with Perry Township that if we order 300 tons of salt and it doesn't fit in our shed, Perry will take the remainder and will reimburse Troy Township for it.
- Mr. Walker made a motion to order 300 tons of salt from Cargill under the current contract. Vote:
 - Mr. Wittmer: Yea
 - Mr. Walker: Yea

Roll Call: Yea: 2; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion carried.

- The Board agreed to hold a special meeting on March 15th to discuss hiring the new Road and Bridge worker. Mrs. Wilkinson will post this meeting on the Township website.

Old Business

- None

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Motion to Adjourn

Having no further business to discuss, Mr. Walker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vote:

- Mr. Wittmer: Yea
- Mr. Walker: Yea

Roll Call: Yea: 2; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Troy Township Trustee Vice Chairman, Mr. Lucas Wittmer

Troy Township Fiscal Officer, Mrs. Sarah Wilkinson