

Minutes for Troy Township Trustees Regular Meeting 05/26/2026

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: Absent

Residents and Other Guests

- None

Adoption/Amendment of Agenda

Mr. Walker made a motion to adopt the meeting agenda, which was distributed prior to this meeting. 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 May 11, 2026, and the special Trustee meeting held on May 19, 2026, both 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. The Board noted that Mr. Thayer issued two additional zoning permits after preparing the Zoning Report. Both permits are for accessory buildings on residential lots. The Trustees reviewed these permits, and they were 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.

Fire/EMS Report

- Chief Compton provided the Board with the following information:
 - Troy Township EMS personnel were recently awarded the 2026 EMS Star of Life during a ceremony in Columbus for their participation in a grain bin rescue in late 2025. A total of 34 people in seven departments participated in the rescue and received individual awards.
 - Squad 149 is now listed on GovDeals with a \$30,000 reserve price. Bidding ends on June 9, 2026. The Township will likely need to replace the battery prior to selling.

Correspondence

- Mrs. Wilkinson shared the following correspondence items:
 - Email from Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) regarding summer construction detours within the Township – The Board noted there will not be a significant impact on Township roads.
 - Signed 2026 Chip Seal Project contract received from Small's Asphalt and Paving, Inc.
 - Letter from Entity Coordinator at the Richland County Auditor's Office stating the Township's 2026 tax budget is due on or before July 20, 2026 – The Entity Coordinator requested both a hard copy and an electronic copy of the budget. Ms. Michalski noted that the Township will hold a public meeting to review the budget once it is finalized.

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Finances

- Purchase Orders: Reviewed and approved
- Bill Payments: Reviewed and approved
- Payroll Vouchers: Reviewed and approved
- Bank Reconciliation: N/A

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

- Mrs. Wilkinson noted that medical supply vendor Boundtree recently inquired about the status of some past due invoices. All are invoices that Ohio Health should pay under a contract established several years ago. Chief Compton noted that Ohio Health had some recent turnover in the role overseeing our contract, and he will contact Ohio Health to request a payment status update.
- Chief Compton noted that the most recent VASU bill includes a repeater installation charge that the Township paid in 2025. He will reach out to VASU to note this billing issue, and Mrs. Wilkinson will not pay the repeater installation portion of the invoice.
- Mrs. Wilkinson shared a draft of the updated appropriations, amended to include the approved road projects and truck purchase. The Trustees will review these amounts and will vote on them during the next meeting when Mr. Schuster is present.

New Business

- The Board discussed upcoming grave digging needs for the Lexington-Troy Township Union Cemetery. Mr. Wittmer will dig two graves and Mr. Walker will dig one grave tomorrow and Monday, respectively. The Trustees will consider contracting a backup person to dig graves as needed.

Old Business

- The Trustees approved the Richland County Parks District's request to install boards in the Township's car port to prevent invasive house sparrows from nesting there.
- Mrs. Wilkinson obtained pricing from Rumpke to investigate increasing the Township's dumpster size and/or service frequency. The Township currently pays \$58 per month, plus fuel charges, for the existing 2-yard dumpster to be emptied once per month. Rumpke quoted a price of \$82 per month, plus fuel charges, to increase service for the existing dumpster to twice per month, and a price of \$78 per month, plus fuel charges, for a 4-yard dumpster with monthly service. Fuel charges are currently around \$15 for one trip per month, so they would likely increase to \$30 per month with the twice monthly service. Thus, Mrs. Wilkinson noted, the 4-yard dumpster is the most economical option, with estimated monthly charges of about \$93. The Trustees agreed the Township should request a 4-yard dumpster with monthly service. Mrs. Wilkinson will contact Rumpke to update the service agreement and arrange for delivery of the 4-yard dumpster.
- Ms. Michalski spoke with the independent auditors, and they expect to have the Township's audit report completed by the June 30th deadline.

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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 7:52 pm.

Troy Township Trustee Vice Chairman, Mr. Luke Wittmer

Troy Township Fiscal Officer, Mrs. Sarah Wilkinson