

Minutes for Troy Township Trustees Regular Meeting 06/08/2026

Call to Order

Troy Township Trustee Chairman Mr. Schuster called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

- Mr. Mike Schuster, Troy Township Trustee Chairman: Present
- 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: Present
- Mr. Matt Thayer, Troy Township Zoning Inspector and Road Superintendent: Present

Residents and Other Guests

- David Morgenstern, Resident
- Keith Bacin, Lexington Village Councilman
- Michael Connolly, Resident

Mr. Connolly voiced his concerns about the dangers of poison hemlock growing on roadsides throughout Richland County, including in Troy Township. The Board agreed that this invasive plant is an issue throughout the area and is difficult to control. There are substances that can be sprayed to kill it before it seeds; however, these substances can also damage surrounding crops and native plants. Historically, the Richland County Health Department has published articles on poison hemlock, warning residents of its negative effects.

Adoption/Amendment of Agenda

Mr. Wittmer made a motion to adopt the meeting agenda, which was distributed prior to this meeting. Vote:

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

Roll Call: Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion carried.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the regular Trustee meeting held on May 26, 2026, 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. Mr. Thayer also shared with the Board a Notice of Zoning Violation, which he issued on May 20, 2026.

Road Report

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

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Fire/EMS Report

Chief Compton emailed a report of Fire/EMS vehicle maintenance to Mrs. Wilkinson and Mr. Wittmer prior to the meeting. During the meeting, Chief Compton discussed this report with the Board, and the report was filed for record.

Correspondence

- Mrs. Wilkinson shared the following correspondence items:
 - Email from Chief Compton regarding his contacts with Ohio Health to resolve the Township's outstanding Bound Tree invoices. Ohio Health will pay the outstanding amounts on behalf of the Township, in accordance with the agreement in place between the parties. Ohio Health also contacted Bound Tree directly and provided updated contact information and procedures for Bound Tree to send Township invoices to Ohio Health.
 - Invitation to the Annual June Picnic Meeting for Richland County Township Association members. RSVP to the Association Secretary by Friday, June 19.
 - Ohio Township Association Township News Break article advertising a moderated chat on property taxes, hosted by the Wayne Economic Development Council on June 23 from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at Greystone Event Center in Wooster.
 - Email from OPERS regarding life insurance available to members.
 - Letter from AEP notifying the Township of upcoming transmission line inspections on Township Garage property.
 - Ohio Township Association Legislative Alert email dated May 22, 2026.

Finances

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

Motion to Pay Bills

Mr. Schuster approved an invoice from Yoder Lumber & Building Supplies for materials used in culvert repairs. The Board previously discussed and approved these repairs.

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

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

Roll Call: Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion carried.

Discussion of Financial Matters

Mrs. Wilkinson presented the following items:

- RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06: A RESOLUTION TO AMEND PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF TROY TOWNSHIP, RICHLAND COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Schuster made a motion to adopt the resolution.

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Vote:

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

Roll Call: Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion carried

- Contract between Troy Township and Springfield Township for Sheirer Road resurfacing work. The majority of Sheirer Road is in Springfield, with only a small portion in Troy, and Springfield has already accepted a bid for resurfacing their portion of Sheirer Road. This contract between the Townships states that the entire length of Sheirer Road will be resurfaced under Springfield's existing contract, and Troy will reimburse Springfield for Troy's portion of the road. Mrs. Wilkinson and the Troy Township Trustees signed the contract, and Mrs. Wilkinson will send it to Springfield to obtain their signatures.

New Business

- The Board discussed the need for tree trimming and removal service along Cockley, Home, Bell, Wittmer, and Gass Roads. Mr. Thayer noted that the Township has not done any extensive tree maintenance or removal in these areas in approximately three years, and there are multiple trees that need to be trimmed or removed to keep the roads safe and passable for drivers. Specialty Tree Service drove the roads and determined that the cost of maintaining the open canopy and removing dead trees will be approximately \$10,000.
- Chief Compton noted that the squad auction ends on GovDeals tomorrow (June 9, 2026). The current bid is at \$10,200, which is well below what the Township hoped to receive. Once the auction closes, the Township can choose to re-list, sell to the highest bidder, or extend the auction. The Board agreed that Chief Compton will monitor auction activity until it closes. If the bidding does not significantly increase, the Township will re-list the squad so it appears on GovDeals as a new auction.

Old Business

- Mrs. Wilkinson called Rumpke and requested a four-yard dumpster, which Rumpke will deliver on the Township's next scheduled pickup date.

Motion to Adjourn

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

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

Roll Call: Yea: 3; Nay: 0; Abstain: 0; Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Troy Township Trustee Chairman, Mr. Mike Schuster

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Troy Township Fiscal Officer, Mrs. Sarah Wilkinson