

Minutes for Troy Township Trustees Regular Meeting 09/28/2026

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: Absent
- 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

- David Morgenstern, Resident
- Jeff Elder, Troy Township Zoning Board Chairman

Mr. Elder presented the Zoning Board's proposed zoning code changes, including the corresponding analysis and recommendation from the Richland County Regional Planning Commission. The Zoning Board held a public hearing to discuss these changes on September 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Trustee Mr. Wittmer attended the meeting, along with four of the five Zoning Board Members. No Township residents or other members of the public were present at the meeting. As required by Ohio Revised Code (ORC) §519.12, the Troy Township Trustees will hold a second public hearing on October 12, 2026, as part of the regular meeting, to discuss the amendment.

Adoption/Amendment of Agenda

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

Vote:

- Mr. Schuster: 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 September 14, 2026, distributed prior to this meeting, were adopted by unanimous consent.

Zoning Report

No zoning report.

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 presented the following information to the Board:

- Paullin completed the fire house parking lot crack sealing today and will next do the seal coating.
- The replacement radio from VASU, approved by Township Trustees during the September 14th meeting, is scheduled to be installed this week.

Correspondence

Mrs. Wilkinson shared the following correspondence items:

- Township News Break article dated September 21, 2026, noting the 2027 Township Education Subscription renewal invoices will be issued soon. Price remains at \$250, as it was in 2026.
- Unclaimed funds letter from Richland County Prosecutor's Office, dated September 22, 2026, reminds Township officials to search the state database for unclaimed funds due to the Township.

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- Ohio Township Association Press Release, dated September 23, 2026, urges protection of local funding for the state's proposed Gas Tax suspension.

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. Schuster: Yea
- Mr. Walker: Yea

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

Discussion of Financial Matters

Mr. Thayer discussed purchasing #8 limestone for future Township needs. He noted that the Township could purchase 28 tons for \$11 less per ton than a smaller load; however, the Township will need to store the limestone on site. Mr. Thayer will explore this further.

Mrs. Wilkinson presented the following items:

- The Township's Ohio Plan policy renewal application was completed on September 16th. During this application process, Mrs. Wilkinson confirmed the Township's insurance policy was properly updated to include the Road & Bridge Department's new Ford F-350 and the Fire/EMS Department's new squad, and remove the old truck and old squad.
- The Township received a check from Richland County in the amount of \$386,015.12, representing its share of the second half 2025 property tax payments.
- The Township received a check from the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation (BWC) in the amount of \$8,438.16, representing its share of the BWC dividend issued to certain account holders in accordance with BWC criteria.

Old Business

- Mr. Schuster and Mr. Thayer worked with Richland County Engineer Adam Gove to submit the Township's application for a state grant to cover a portion of the Township's proposed 2027 road work.

New Business

- None

Motion to Adjourn

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

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Troy Township Trustee Chairman, Mr. Mike Schuster

Troy Township Fiscal Officer, Mrs. Sarah Wilkinson