

Minutes for Troy Township Trustees Regular Meeting 10/12/2026

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: Absent
- Mr. Matt Thayer, Troy Township Zoning Inspector and Road Superintendent: Present

Residents and Other Guests

- Dwain Reed, Resident
- Jeff Elder, Troy Township Zoning Board Chairman
- Josh Grund, Troy Township Zoning Board Member

Mr. Reed thanked the Road Department for removing a tree that had fallen near his home.

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 September 28, 2026, distributed prior to this meeting, were adopted by unanimous consent.

Public Hearing on Proposed Zoning Amendment

The Board reviewed and discussed the language of the proposed Zoning Code amendment. There were no questions from the public. Mr. Walker made a motion to adopt the Richland County Regional Planning Commission's recommended language to the amended Troy Township Zoning Code, which was distributed and posted publicly prior to this meeting. Vote:

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

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

Zoning Report

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

Road Report

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Fire/EMS Report

Chief Compton presented the following information to the Board:

- The Troy Township Fire and EMS Run Report for September 2026, which shows 70 more calls through September 2026 than were received to date in September 2025.
- Paullin finished sealcoating the fire station parking lot.
- EMS hit a deer on State Route 546 while responding to a call. No one was hurt, but there was some damage to the old squad's air horns and front bumper. The Department will get an estimate on the repair cost.

Correspondence

Mrs. Wilkinson shared the following correspondence items:

- Flyer from Richland County advertising Township Zoning Workshops on November 5th and 18th at the fairgrounds. RSVP is required on or before October 30th. Mrs. Wilkinson will collect responses for all Troy Township Trustees, employees, Zoning Board members, and Zoning Board of Appeals members who are interested in attending and will submit one consolidated RSVP on behalf of Troy Township.
- Email announcing that the Richland County Health Department will host its fall District Advisory Council (DAC) meeting on Thursday, October 29th.
- Email from Richland County regarding 2027 vision insurance coverage, which Mrs. Wilkinson forwarded to all Troy Township employees and Trustees on October 5th.
- Ohio Township Association (OTA) Grassroots Clippings article announcing the 2027 OTA Winter Conference and Tradeshow will be February 10-12, 2027.

Finances

Mrs. Wilkinson presented amended appropriations figures, which increase total appropriations by \$4,050 to cover increased fuel expenses for Township vehicles and equipment, due to the drastic increase in fuel prices. These additional funds are needed to cover one of the purchase orders prepared for this meeting.

Mr. Wittmer made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION #2026-11: A RESOLUTION TO AMEND PERMANENT APPROPRIATION 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. Vote:

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

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

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

Motion to Pay Bills

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 ran an unclaimed funds search for Troy Township and noted there were no relevant results.

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- The Board discussed the appropriate classification of payments to Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals members.
- The Township received its second half 2025 property tax rollback reimbursement credit payment from State in the amount of \$46,688.27.
- Troy Township received its final bill for its share of the Sheirer Rd resurfacing from Springfield Township. The estimated Troy Township share was \$7,170, and the actual was \$6,708.95.

Old Business

- Ohio House Bill 519 passed, starting a 90-day gas tax holiday, and it was signed into law. Troy Township will still receive an amount equal to its share of the gas tax for these 90 days, which the State of Ohio will pay from its reserve fund.

New Business

- None

Motion to Adjourn

Having no further business to discuss, Mr. Schuster 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 7:42 pm.

Troy Township Trustee Chairman, Mr. Mike Schuster

Troy Township Fiscal Officer, Mrs. Sarah Wilkinson