Troy Township Trustee Meeting
April 30, 2025

SIGN-IN – Branden Abke, Abby McCoy, Karina Claydon, April Evans

Trustee Chairperson Recker called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL with the following Trustees present: Trustee Brinker, Trustee Knitz, Chairperson Trustee Recker

Trustee Chairperson Recker asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTES: Trustee Chairperson Recker made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes of the April 9, 2025 Trustee Meeting and approve the minutes of the April 9, 2025 Trustee Meeting with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.
Vote 3-Yes 0-no. Motion carries.

GUESTS

Paul Perry stated at the April 9th, 2025 meeting it was stated that he is not qualified to teach EMS CEs at Troy Township. That is not a correct statement. He is currently a certified fire and emergency instructor level II in the State of Ohio. What that means is that he can teach EMS up to his level. He can teach Basic EMT classes to his level as well as CE classes at any department as long as they add him to their CE Charter and there is approval from the Medical Director. The certification that he holds is the highest instructor certification for the State of Ohio that is offered. He was told that there was also a motion made to appoint Paul Perry as the EMS training person. At this time, he is not interested in taking on the job of all the training for the department. While he appreciates the thought, there are too many variables that need to be worked out among the department prior to him being willing to accept a position like this. Mr. Paul Perry gave a current list of his qualifications: Fire and Emergency Services Instructor II, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, Fire Instructor, Firefighter II, Live Fire Instructor with expiration dates of May 13, 2026.

Darkon Sentle was present and stated it has been a few weeks and he still has not heard anything regarding repair to his driveway on Bradner Road. He stated he has been told that someone was going to address this and he feels he is being ignored. Mr. Sentle called Tony from Morlock Asphalt and there has been no communication to Morlock Asphalt from the Township. Trustee Recker apologized for the delay and stated he will call Morlock Asphalt tomorrow.

John Wagner asked the status of the questions that were asked at the March 26, 2025 meeting. Trustee Recker stated they are working on getting answers to the questions.

Karina Claydon asked for comments regarding the information that was made public this week with Brush Wellman. Trustee Chairperson Recker stated that the Blade did ask him for a comment and he responded "No Comment" because they have been working on this for over a year and they want a comment within a day without giving time to do research. Kariana asked if the Township has reached out to the EPA, Health Department.
Trustee Recker stated he has spoken to Brent Welker from Eastwood Schools, Cory Panning, Village of Luckey and left a message for Katie Boyer, Ohio EPA.
Troy Township has ordered signs to be placed at the Cemetery stating the water is not for drinking.
Karina stated as a Township this is an important issue and more testing and research is coming. She suggested contacting the EPA and Health Department to ask questions.
Trustee Recker stated there is a Town Hall meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers scheduled in June once a venue is secured.
Karina stated it is good that the Township is working together with other entities on this issue.

Branden Abke stated he attended the Co-Op meeting the previous evening and believes the Township is heading in the right direction. He has some concerns that the meeting was organized by the Pemberville Fire Chief and a Pemberville Trustee ran the meeting. What are the thoughts from Troy Township's Fire Chief regarding the Co-Op as he said nothing at the meeting. Troy Township has the finances over Pemberville and Webster Township regarding a Co-Op.
Trustee Recker stated that the Co-Op talk is still in the beginning stages and Trustee Rahe ran the meeting that was held at Freedom Township so Trustee Recker asked him to continue with that at Troy Township. Trustee Recker stated that these meetings are to get ideas flowing.
Trustee Recker stated he is most interested in recruitment and he is interested in a Co-Op because of the finances. If a District is formed, the JEDD money cannot be used, it would be funded by levy money only.
Trustee Brinker stated this is a two to three project to form a Co-Op. Troy Township has more work to do because Troy is two departments and Freedom is one department. Troy has separate levy money for each department and the levy money needs to keep coming in.
Trustee Brinker stated a goal is three years to have a Co-Op formed.

John Wagner stated at the meeting regarding the Co-Op there was information discussed that pertains to a District. A Co-Op would allow Troy Township money to be Troy Township's but a District would not allow this. Mr. Wagner stated there was some overlap of information regarding a Co-Op versus a District. Trustee Brinker stated there was some confusion regarding

the two and it will probably take additional meetings to explain and have understanding of a Co-Op versus a District.
Mr. Wagner has concern regarding information that could be published that could be confusing to the public. Trustee Brinker stated this is a long process.

Branden Abke stated that with the current auto-aide system and agreements the northern part of Troy Township is not benefiting at all. Trustee Brinker stated that from the Co-Op meeting he understands how auto-aide works better and Troy needs to look at restructuring the auto-aide. Mr. Abke stated that having Risingsun on the auto-aide is not going to save his house in northern Troy Township.
Chief Woodruff stated that Troy Township is not relying on Montgomery Township for auto-aide. This was an easy fix for Pemberville-Freedom having not to create a second set of tones. Chief Woodruff stated if Troy Township feels a need for a tanker or engine or manpower from other departments it can be requested. He stated there is a problem with the County and dispatch knowing what kind of call it is. The County has dispatched auto-aide for sparking poles.
Trustee Recker stated auto-aide needs to be addressed.

REPORTS
Sheriff – no one to report

Zoning – Zoning Inspector Hahn has been working on public records requests.
The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on May 20, 2025.
The Comprehensive Plan is finalizing information and next public meeting is May 29, 2025 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., an open house with information available. Crossroads will be present at the meeting but no presentation will be given. The Comprehensive Plan should be completed by June.
Karina Claydon asked if the results of the Comprehensive Plan survey will be published. The data from the survey will be put into a Comprehensive plan and will be presented at the May 29, 2025 meeting according to Trustee Brinker. Karina stated her concern is the data from the survey matches the Comprehensive Plan.

Trustee Brinker stated that he and Zoning Inspector Hahn have spoken regarding the old Motor Wheel location. It is currently zoned Industrial and is privately owned, not owned by the Army Corps of Engineers. Discussion was had regarding the Township rezoning this property to Agriculture A1. Zoning Inspector Hahn stated the Trustees have the authority to present resolution to change a property that the Trustees do not feel fits the zoning in the Township for that area. There is no water or sewer at the property. This can be done along with the

Comprehensive Plan as the Comprehensive Plan will show where growth will be in the Township, where residential should stay, where agriculture will stay. Clean-up originally was to be completed at the Motor Wheel site in 2025 or 2026.
Zoning Inspector Hahn stated Tony Bowles resigned from the Zoning Commission due to a change in his work schedule. Trustee Brinker made a motion to accept the resignation of Tony Bowels from the Zoning Commission with a second motion by Trustee Chairperson Recker.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Fire/EMS –Chief Randy Woodruff stated he is working on confirmation of the repair for the bearing of the Lemoyne siren from Federal Field Services. Also waiting on technician to reposition the antenna for better reception at the Fire/EMS station.

Total run count to date – 286

Captain Shaffer received a text from Meriah Marlano stating on March 5, 2025 she was resigning effective immediately from EMS due to family issues. Trustee Chairperson Recker made a motion to remove Meriah Marlano from the part-time EMS roster with a second motion by Trustee Brinker.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

ROADS/CEMETERY – Todd Gottschalk presented that signs have been ordered for the cemetery regarding non-public water. The signs are complete and will be posted.

The deadline for ordering foundations for the cemetery is today, April 30, 2025. Brad from M&R has spoken to Mr. Gottschalk and the fiscal officer has completed the credit application that was needed.

Restoration work was completed on Lemoyne Road where the tile has collapsed and repaired. Dirt was brought in and grass seed was planted.

Don Rose has contacted John Blecke regarding the public auction. Don Rose is schedule to come next week to inventory and take photos of auction items and obtain information.

Troy Township residential clean up is scheduled for Saturday, May 3, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Trustee Chairperson Recker brought discussion regarding the 2025 Ford F-550 Utility Truck with Crane that was tabled from the previous meeting on April 9, 2025. The presented price of $147,621.00 is effective until May 3, 2025. Trustee Recker discussed finances with Fiscal Officer Abke regarding this purchase. Money was appropriated for vehicle purchases. Trustee Brinker asked if options for financing could be investigated. Fiscal Officer Abke will check on this with Reinke Ford in Findlay. Trustee Knitz made a motion to purchase the 2025 Ford F-550 Utility Truck with Crane for the Maintenance Department in the amount of $147,621.00 with a second motion by Trustee Recker.
Roll Call: Trustee Knitz – Yes Trustee Brinker – Yes Trustee Recker – Yes
Motion carries.
Todd Gottschalk will contract Ryan Weaver from Reinke Ford in Findlay regarding this purchase.

FISCAL OFFICER – Fiscal Officer Abke presented the February 2025 and March 2025 Bank Reconciliations to the Trustees to review and sign at the next meeting.

Demo Lein – Troy Township received a demo lien check in the amount of $30,060.56 from State Farm Insurance for property that was damaged in a fire owned by Dallas Welker. The property has been demolished and cleaned up. An "Application for Fire Insurance Escrow Funds Release" has been drafted for Trustees approval to release the insurance demo lien funds to the property owner, Dallas Welker. Trustee Brinker made a motion to reimburse the demo lien funds in the amount of $30,060.56 to Dallas Welker with a second motion by Trustee Recker.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Fiscal Officer Abke presented a quote from SE Blueprint in the amount of $5,000 for Records Cataloging Services. Travel expenses are included in the quote. This will take approximately 4 days to complete. This is a proposal to assist Troy Township catalog an estimated 254 boxes/bins of records. This will identify the type of records to the State of Ohio's Municipal Records Manual Suggested Record Retention Schedule. Trustee Chairperson Recker made a motion to accept the quote from SE Blueprint in the amount of $5,000 for Records Cataloging Services with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

The receipt of the $5,000 General Permit fees from Rudolph Libbe, Inc. was deposited into the General Fund on 9/30/2021. This money will be used towards the repairs on Eastwood Drive.

Fiscal Officer Abke received an email from the Wood County Engineer's Office regarding Microsurfacing projects for 2025. Troy Township does not have any miscrosurfacing projects for 20225.

Trustee Chairperson Recker made a motion to transfer $40.73 from Stony Ridge Lighting Other-other 2401-310-599-0000 to Stony Ridge Lighting Tax Collection Fees $40.73 2401-310-314-0000 with a second motion by Trustee Brinker.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.
Trustee Brinker made a motion to transfer $1500.00 from General Other-other Expense 1000-110-599-0000 to 1000-110-131-0000 to adjust Employee portion of OPERS with a second motion by Trustee Recker.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

APPROVE & SIGN CHECKS

Chairperson Trustee Recker made a motion to approve and sign checks from April 15, 2025 in the amount of $3,947.56, Check #62395 to and including Check #62398 with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustee Knitz made a motion to approve and sign checks from April 18, 2025 in the amount of $19,741.83, ACH 194-2025 – ACH 219-2025 and Check #62399 to and including Check #62402 with a second motion by Trustee Brinker.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustee Brinker made a motion to approve and sign checks from April 23, 2025 and April 24, 2025 in the amount of $52,787.09, Check #62403 to and including Check #62405 with a second motion by Trustee Recker. (OPERS payments for February, March and Employee Contributions for R. Woodruff).
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustee Knitz made a motion to approve and sign checks from April 30, 2025 in the amount of $70, 728.10, Check #62406 to and including Check #62454 with a second motion by Trustee Recker.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustee Chairperson Recker made a motion to approve and sign check from May 2, 2025 payroll in the amount of $21,260.44, ACH 228-2025 – ACH 250-2025 and Check #62415 to and including Check #62416 with a second motion by Trustee Brinker.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustees were given Fund Status Report, Fund Summary Report, Revenue Status Report, Receipt Listing Report and Wage and Overtime Detail Reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Brinker will contact Morlock Asphalt regarding the driveway on Bradner Road

The Trustees are working on the list of questions given by John Nissen.

Trustee Brinker reported that he spoke with Legal Council Pete Griggs regarding the life assist fee for Otterbein. The amount of the fee will be discussed and addressed at another meeting.

Trustee Brinker reported that Freedom Townships run count to Otterbein for 2025 is 22 runs.

Fiscal Officer Abke will gather rental information for the Stony Ridge Building for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Guest Rosemary Vavrik feels the water information is a political push to get residents to sign up for public water.

Andy Bonner stated wait until the results come back and all information is available.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

- May 3, 2025 Troy Township Residential Clean Up Day from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the old Luckey School site.
- May 14, 2025 meeting, Wood County Park District Director, Chris Smalley will attend Trustee Meeting to present the 2025 Park Grant check for the Stony Ridge Civic Association.

ITEMS ON HOLD

- Uniform Policy

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Chairperson Recker made a motion to enter into executive session regarding employment with a second motion my Trustee Brinker.
Roll Call: Trustee Brinker – Yes Trustee Knitz – Yes Trustee Recker – Yes
Motion carries.
Entered into executive session at 8:05 p.m.

Chairperson Trustee Recker asked Fiscal Officer Abke into executive session at 8:11 p.m.
Fiscal Officer Abke came out of executive session at 8:21 p.m.

Captain Shaffer entered into executive session at 8:21 p.m.
Captain Shaffer came out of executive session at 8:45 p.m.

Chairperson Trustee Recker made a motion to come out of executive session with a second motion by Trustee Brinker.
Roll Call: Trustee Knitz – Yes Trustee Brinker – Yes Trustee Recker – Yes
Motion carries.
Came out of executive session at 8:46 p.m.

Trustee Recker reported that an Interview Committee has been formed for the hiring of the EMS Chief. Trustee Knitz will contact the Interview Committee members to set up a meeting date.

Trustee Brinker made a motion to adjourn the April 30, 2025 meeting with a second motion by Trustee Chairperson Recker.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

The next meeting is Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting ended at 8:47 p.m

Kenneth J. Recker, Chairperson

Kelley A. Knitz, Trustee

Matthew L. Brinker, Trustee

Laura L. Abke, Fiscal Officer