Troy Township Trustee Meeting
June 11,2025

SIGN-IN – Karina Hahn

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 May 28,2025 Trustee Meeting and approve the minutes of the May 28,2025 Trustee Meeting with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.
Vote: 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

GUESTS

Fire Captain Zach Sarver and Pemberville Freedom Fire Department Chief Duane Martin were present to present information to the Trustees regarding the Troy-Freedom Joint Operational Partnership Plan. Information and discussion were had regarding:

1. Troy Township and Freedom Township members belonging to both agencies. Officers will retain Rank no matter which Department they are operating under. Members will be covered by both Townships insurance. Troy Township Full Time Medics would get OPERS if working a shift at PFFD. Pay scale will be the same at both agencies.
2. Pay Scale – Paid Per Call $20 first 2 hours, additional $20 every add 2 hours. Add service call to pay for Fire Investigations and Inspections. Proposed a pay scale. Fulltime employees will pay into Retirements system (OPERS, Ohio Police and Fire). All others will pay into Social Security. Implement point system at Troy Township that is a Fire Marshall recommendation based on number of runs, on-call. PFFD is $1 per point paid monthly.
3. Joint Responses Operations – add service call to pay for Fire Investigations and Inspections. Joint response to MVS, unconscious not breathing, simultaneous calls in the same district. Troy Township fire trained on duty crew personnel will be utilized on fires if not needed for patient care. On-call at both agencies 24 hours – up to 3 at Troy Township, up to 3 at PFFD from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., up to 5 at PFFD 5 p.m. – 8 a.m. including the on-call medic. An additional tone would be added for the Troy-Freedom Joint Response. Joint Officers meetings.
4. Training – trainings will be open to both agencies. A schedule will be set up by the officers. PFFD will join Troy Township's on-line CE program.
5. Iam Responding – Iam Responding will be set up that both agencies can utilize. Messages will be sent out daily informing of on duty crews and on-call status. Iam Responding will be used for scheduling of on-call.

6. Cost Recovery – Billing rates and mileage will be the same for both agencies. OPV will be billed for lift assist at the main nursing home and Oakwood sections. Implement billing for MVA and fires. Explore Safer Grant and other grant possibilities to help fund this plan.

A Freedom Township Cost Estimate and Troy Township Cost Estimate were presented. PFFD already pays firefighters and has on-call pay implemented. PFFD currently pays at a lower hourly rate than Troy Township (would need to increase pay to match Troy Township). Troy Township's Estimated Cost would include implementing paying firefighters, on-call personnel, and paying for attending training and drills.

A Cost Recovery Plan was discussed including billing rates and mileage for EMS, billing OPV for lift assists at main nursing home, implement billing insurance for fires and MVA's (soft bill for residents). ORC states billing income can be used to offset increased cost of operations. Explore options for the SAFER grant as well as any other applicable grant. HB274 could create an opportunity for grant funds.

Hourly Personnel pay scale was discussed. PFFD is approximately $1.00 an hour lower than Troy Township. OPERS was consulted by Chief Martin and full-time personnel can pay into OPERS and all other personnel can pay into social security. No fire functions can be performed in order to pay into OPERS. If fire functions are performed, will pay into social security. If full-time fire personnel are implemented then they will be paid into Ohio Police and Fire retirement.

Cross-trained personnel (Fire & EMS) is the goal in future hiring. Chief Martin and Trustee Recker stated this is best for the community and Trustee Recker stated it's the Community they need to look out for.

Captain Zach Sarver stated the first step is implementing pay for firefighters and on-call personnel.

Chief Randy Woodruff asked Chief Martin to explain the on-call and geographic area for coverage on-call.

Captain Ashley Shaffer asked if an employee is part-time at Troy and paying into OPERS would they remain paying into OPERS. Chief Martin stated if they are dual trained, the goal is to have them pay into social security so that person can be utilized for both Fire and EMS. Captain Sarver stated that if they are currently and employee and paying into OEPRS they

would stay in OPERS, but any future hires would be crossed trained and pay into Social Security. If paying into OPERS, no fire duties can be performed.

Trustee Brinker asked if being dual trained (Fire & EMS) is the goal, how do they as Trustees or Officers move forward as a department. The Township does not want to lose an employee. It was suggested new hire moving forward will pay into social security because dual trained personnel are ideal.

Trustee Brinker asked about insurance costs for adding personnel to both departments.

Trustee Brinker asked about SOGs. Chief Martin stated the medical side of both departments follow the same protocols now. Operational side, an agreement will need to be made.

Trustee Knitz asked about on-call pay and overtime. Chief Martin stated there is no overtime pay for on-call no matter the number of hours. Trustee Knitz stated as a citizen, is reassuring to know there is on-call personnel.

Trustee Chairperson Recker thanked Captain Zach Sarver and Chief Martin for the information and the Trustees will review all information given.

Karina Hahn asked how this effects levies. Chief Martin stated this plan does not affect levies. The levies would be affected only if a District is formed. It was discussed if a Co-Op is formed, each Township would keep their own money.

REPORTS

Sheriff – presented monthly report

Zoning – Zoning Inspector Hahn stated the JEDD is not on the east side of Pemberville Road. Amplex is adding an addition and they are not in the JEDD. Zoning Inspector Hahn continues to work on Dollar General, Amplex and Wood County Health Department.

Trustee Knitz asked about a system or way to track resident concerns that are received. Zoning Inspector Hahn encouraged Trustees to have residents call her directly. There have been reports to the Health Department regarding some properties that Trustee Knitz received calls about. Trustee Knitz stated she would like to have a way to know about concerns from residents and Zoning Inspector Hahn stated Trustee Knitz could call her anytime.

Fire/EMS – Chief Randy Woodruff stated 386 total runs to date.

May credit card report for the general card was presented.

Ohio CAT made repairs to the generator at the Fire/EMS station.

There was an issue with the kitchen sink drains and Bob's Plumbing was contacted.

The Fire and EMS Association will host the Father's Day Chicken BBQ at the station.

Captain Shaffer presented a quote from Stryker Sales, LLC for the purchase of two (2) Lifepak 35's including a five (5) year service contract in the amount of $124,456.88. Trustee Recker asked about purchasing one at this time. Captain Shaffer stated both current Lifepaks are having issues. The cabling would be different from the new monitors versus the current monitors.

Fiscal Officer asked Captain Shaffer if financing is available. Captain Shaffer stated it would be zero percent financing for five (5) years. John Wagner asked how this purchase would affect the AFG Grant. If Troy Township is awarded the AFG Grant, Troy Township has to full fill what was requested in the Grant. Captain Shaffer stated a monitor can be placed on Engine 718 and also one on the Deputy Chief vehicle they are driving. The Grant results will be available in September.

Fiscal Officer Abke also stated there is funds available for the EMS from the auction proceeds and also from the Brough Donation that was made to the EMS.

John Wagner asked how many monitors were requested in the Grant. Captain Shaffer stated three and it's not likely to receive the Grant for the amount requested. John Wagner stated with a grant that was previously received, it stated the dollar amount and what could be purchased to full fill the requirements of the grant. Captain Shaffer stated there were multiple items requested with the grant and once the grant money is received, items can be chosen and purchased from the list of items on the grant.

Captain Shaffer stated the shelf life on the monitors are approximately five years.

Trustee Chairperson Recker stated he was upset that the Trustees are just now hearing about the failures of the monitors. The last meeting was the first this was addressed.

Trustee Brinker asked about the service contract. Captain Shaffer stated this covers all the preventative maintenance.

The two newest of the three current monitors would receive $8,000 trade-in each.

Fiscal Abke will contact Stryker regarding financing. Captain Shaffer stated the Ben from Stryker stated he does not normally work with Fiscal Officers. Fiscal Officer Abke stated she emailed Ben from Stryker regarding the service contract at the first of the year for budgeting purposes.

Trustee Knitz expressed concerns regarding the grant money and purchasing a monitor now.

Trustee Chairperson Recker made a motion to purchase two (2) Lifepak monitors from Stryker, trading in the two newest Lifepaks for a total of $124,456.88 with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.
Fiscal Officer Abke will reach out to Ben from Stryker regarding the financing.

Captain Shaffer asked if a decision has been made regarding the uniform policy. Trustee Knitz stated during the Reorganizational Meeting in January it was discussed to only provide items that has the Township EMS logo on it. Trustee Brinker stated this will be addressed at the next meeting. Trustee Recker stated a dollar amount for uniforms would be reviewed.

Roads/Cemetery – Trustee Recker, John Blecke and Todd Gottschalk met with Brett Askins from the Wood County Engineers Office to discuss resurfacing of the roads to match as Troy Township has done previously. New Estimates of Construction was given. John Blecke and Trustee Recker presented the estimates for the Troy Township 2025 Resurfacing Project for SW Access Road, Lemoyne Road, NE Access Road, and Railroad Street for a total amount of $791,800.00. Just Lemoyne Road is $386,600.00. Trustees discussed how to split the project to help with the cost. Trustee Knitz asked which roads were the worst condition and Trustee Recker stated he was looking at the most traveled road. Which is Lemoyne Road. Lemoyne and Railroad are the roads in the worst condition. These two roads would be $536,000.00. There is $300,000.00 budgeted. The first quarter Jedd money has not been received.

John Blecke suggested only doing Lemoyne Road to Truman. Trustee Brinker stated Luckey Farmers cannot complete their concrete project until the Township resurfaces Lemoyne Road. Mr. Blecke also stated included in the estimate is a two-foot area of asphalt that is being added by Luckey Farmers location on the west side so trucks are not breaking down the edge of the asphalt and a four foot on the east side.

Trustee Recker stated most bids come under the estimate cost.

Bradner Road from State Route 163 to the Hill is on the plan to resurface next year.

John Blecke's recommendation is doing Lemoyne Road from 163 to Truman, just past the intersection and the access roads.

After discussion, the Trustees will obtain an estimate for Lemoyne Road from 163 to Truman Road (past intersection), Railroad Street and SW Access Road from the Wood County Engineers Office. John Blecke will contact Brett Askins regarding the new estimate.

Once the estimates are received, the Troy Township Trustees will have a special meeting to accept the Troy Township 2025 Resurfacing Project estimates.

Trustee Recker will talk to Luckey Farmers regarding this project and their approaches.

John Blecke stated there is one (1) tree left in the cemetery for removal.

John Blecke also stated all Township records have been gathered for the Records Retention Company SE Blueprint.

Fiscal Officer
Presented the Trustees with RESOLUTION 7-2025, Resolution to Approve the Request for Eagleville Ambulance District as Part of the Wood County Fire Chief's Mutual Aid Agreement. The EMS Director, Jeff Klein stated in the email that there is no downside to bringing on Eagleville EMS, it only benefits the county by providing more EMS options.
Trustee Recker made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 7-2025, Resolution to Approve the Request for Eagleville Ambulance District as Part of the Wood County Fire Chief's Mutual Aid Agreement with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue was received for the Current Expense Levy and the Fire Levy. Less money will be collected on the Renewal of these levies because the total taxable value of Troy Township used in calculating the estimated property tax revenue has decreased from 215,420,300 for 2023 pay 2024 to $204,426,150 for 2024 pay 2025. The Current Expense Levy estimated revenue is $118,000 and the Fire Levy estimated revenue is $189,000. It was discussed the Home Depot tax abatement for will expire in 2028.

Trustee Recker made a motion to approve Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue for the Current Expense Levy with a second motion by Trustee Brinker.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustee Recker made a motion to approve Certificate of Estimated Property Tax Revenue for the Fire Levy with a second motion by Trustee Brinker.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

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Trustee Knitz made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 8-2025 Resolution to Proceed for the Renewal of an Existing Tax Exceeding Ten-mill Limitation for Current Expense Levy with a second motion by Trustee Brinker.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustee Brinker made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 9-2025 Resolution to Proceed for the Renewal of an Existing Tax Exceeding Ten-mill Limitation for Fire Levy with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustees were given the April Bank Reconciliation for signature.

Trustees were given the May Bank Reconciliation to review for signatures at the next meeting.

OPERS 2025 Board of Trustees election is upcoming. If anyone is interested, information is available.

Rob Fawcett from UIS will attend the June 25, 2025 meeting to review the proposal from OTARMA. There was a 7% increase from last year (approximately a $3,000 increase).

Trustees were given Wages and Overtime Detail Report, Fund Status Report and Appropriation Status Report.

Fiscal Officer Abke and Trustee Chairperson Recker has emailed and left messages for Isaac Bailey at Wood County Engineers Office regarding the information on the Stormwater Management Program. No contact has been received.

APPROVE & SIGN CHECKS
Trustee Chairperson Recker made a motion to approve and sign checks for May 30,2025 in the amount of $13,079.91 check #62533 with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustee Brinker made a motion to approve and sign checks for June 11,2025 and June 13,2025 in the amount of $107,406.44, ACH 308-2025 to ACH 334-2025, Check #62534 to and including Check #62577 with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

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OLD BUSINESS

- Troy Township 2025 Resurfacing Project
- Life Assist Fee for Otterbein
- Lifepak 35s – cost and financing
- Uniform Policy
- Stormwater Management Program – will reach out again to Isaac Bailey

Karina Hahn asked about the Public Zoning Hearing regarding changing the lot sizes. Trustee Recker stated the meeting was held at 6:30 before the Trustee meeting and lot size change was approved. Trustee Brinker stated it was approved Minimum Lot sizes are 2.5 acres with 300-foot frontage and no depth requirements. Mrs. Hahn asked for the reason for the change. Trustee Recker stated because the Township is in agriculture area, trying to keep from doing one (1) acre lots all over. The Comprehensive Plan's suggestion was 10-acre lots sizes.

Mrs. Hahn presented a letter from Wood County stating Troy Township requested this change for lot sizes. She also saw the recommendation at the Crossroads presentation of 10-acres but also developments were also discussed. She is just asking for transparency. John Blecke stated bigger lots are also needed for septic systems. Trustee Recker stated that the Planning Commission is not pushing lot size changes as much as the Health Department with septic recommendations.

The zoom meeting with Crossroads is scheduled June 30, 2025 to review.

NEW BUSINESS

Was previously addressed in meeting

Trustee Chairperson Recker made a motion to adjourn the June 11, 2025 meeting with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Meeting ended at 9:23 p.m.

Kenneth J. Recker, Chairperson

Kelley A. Knitz, Trustee

Matthew L. Brinker, Trustee

Laura L. Abke, Fiscal Officer