

Troy Township Trustee Meeting
August 27, 2025

SIGN-IN – John Nissen, Tom Woodruff, Scott McCoy

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.

Chairperson Recker asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES – Trustee Chairperson Recker made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes of the August 13, 2025 Troy Township Trustee Meeting and approve the minutes of the August 13, 2025 Troy Township Trustee Meeting with a second motion by Trustee Brinker.

Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

GUESTS – John Nissen presented the Trustees with another list of questions. He is running for Troy Township Trustee, property owner and part-time employee and tax payer of Troy Township. Mr. Nissen presented a previous list of questions on March 26, 2025 and has not received one answer. John Nissen wanted to make sure these questions were entered into public record. Mr. Nissen has questions regarding Lemoyne Road, Administrator. John is asking for answers to his questions. If the Trustees have any question regarding the list they can contact Mr. Nissen.

Trustee Chairperson Recker stated there are a few questions that can be addressed at this time. The Lemoyne Road resurfacing project, not all billing has been received. Additional topsoil may be needed. Trustee Brinker stated he has not heard back from Kyle at Gerken Paving, Inc. Mr. Nissen stated at a previous meeting, the Trustees talked about the height of Lemoyne Road and Mr. Nissen is concerned about the uneven base of the road. Trustee Recker stated the road was done the way it was because the base was not good and bringing the sides up would cut the middle out. It did change once the project was started.

Mr. Nissen asked about the Township obtaining a berm reclaimer. Trustee Recker stated the Township has looked into this. The person that did the crack sealing of the roads did a great job. Many of the roads in the Township, the berm is away from the edge of the road which allows water to get under the roads. Bradner Road and Dowling Road both are prime examples. Trustee Recker stated he has been told Troy Township has some of the best roads. Tom Woodruff stated Troy Township Roads are better than Lake Township Roads.

Trustee Recker addressed the JEDD. There are checks and balances. Trustee Recker stated he and Fiscal Officer Abke are working on the JEDD. Trustee Recker did reach out to ask what the JEDD Board can spend their portion of the JEDD money on. He knows it's limited. John Nissen

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asked is the agreement can be renegotiated? Trustee Recker stated having the JEDD was a great idea as it creates approximately \$750,000.00 a year for the Township. John Nissen asked if Trustee Recker could explain further the JEDD at another time.

Trustee Recker addressed the Comprehensive Plan. The Township spent \$35,000.00 for the Comprehensive Plan (\$49,000.00 was budgeted). John Nissen stated money was spent for the Comprehensive Plan but there are violations within the Township now that are not being enforced.

Fiscal Officer Abke addressed the Other/other fund. At the beginning of each year, all revenues are appropriated to the appropriate funds (departments). At the end of the year, any funds that have not been spent is appropriated into the Other/other fund. This fund can be looked at as a savings account for the appropriate departments. This is how the previous fiscal officer also did this. All funds have to be spent within the appropriated department. General funds can be used for other departments. The JEDD money is placed into the General Fund to it can be used for other departments.

John Wagner asked to address Lemoyne Road. It was John's understanding that Lemoyne Road was to be milled and then repaved. He asked if it went out to bid that way. The first bid from the County Engineer did not come back to the Township with total milling. The second bid came back from the County Engineer with additional quantity and only milled the areas that were needed not a total mill. The bid packet did not ask for total milling. Trustee Brinker stated the original discussion was to try to mill the entire road, the County bid just milled sections and joints. John Wagner asked if the bids that were opened were not for milling. Trustee Brinker stated it was not for milling entire road. Trustee Brinker stated if total milling was done it would have opened a bigger can of worms. Trustee Recker stated the base of the road was terrible the closer to State Route 163. John Nissen asked what the total thickness of the asphalt is that had to be used as a leveling coat. Trustee Brinker stated approximately six (6) inches. John Nissen stated the original proposal was from State Route 163 south to the RR tracks but the cost was too high. He asked if the cost for what was done was close to the original bid prices. Trustee Recker stated when a final cost is obtained, it will be shared. Trustee Brinker stated additional dirt will be needed.

Trustee Chairperson Recker suggest Mr. Nissen speak to Chief Woodruff concerning truck questions and speak to Chief Appelhans regarding the Lifepaks.

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Chief Woodruff stated all weather sirens are working within the Township. The bearings still need to be replaced in the siren at the Lemoyne location. He is waiting on Federal to schedule a service date.

John Nissen asked for an update on charging for falls at nursing facilities. Trustee Recker stated this is being worked on.

John Nissen asked about the Luckey Farmers approaches. Trustee Recker stated that once the Township paves that area of Lemoyne Road, Luckey Farmers will match their approaches to the pavement. Mr. Nissen asked why approaches are being done first. Trustee Recker stated that the grade is not known of the pavement for the Road. Mr. Nissen asked if this was part of Luckey Farmers plan. Trustee Recker stated the Township worked with Luckey Farmers and the approaches will be done after the paving of Lemoyne Road in that area. Trustee Brinker stated that section of Lemoyne Road may need to be concrete and not asphalt. John Nissen asked about additional catch-basins.

John Nissen asked since milling of Lemoyne Road was not done, would there have been enough money to pave the entire road to the RR tracks. Trustee Recker stated no and the bid did not change.

Trustee Chairperson Recker stated they will look at the additional questions and get back with Mr. Nissen.

Deputy Chief Appelhans asked John Nissen to contact him to address any EMS questions.

REPORTS

Sheriff – No one to report

Zoning – Zoning Inspector Hahn was not present

Fire – Chief Randy Woodruff stated 558 total runs to date.

Chief Woodruff presented the General Credit Card for June statement for cables. The July General Card was for glucose test strips. Chief Woodruff's credit card charges were for the Chief's Conference in July.

Fire Prevention Week is just around the corner. John Wagner was approached by kindergarten teacher to come to the school. John Wagner stated last year \$1,039.00 was spent last year for material to pass out at the school. He is looking at coloring pages with crayons and Fire Safety

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for Life material. The Trustees approved John Wagner purchasing material for October 10, 2025 to take to Eastwood Elementary School.

EMS – Deputy Chief Appelhans stated he has nothing for this meeting. However, he will have multiple items for the next meeting.

Roads/Cemetery - Trustee Recker reported he has spoken with Todd Gottschalk and John Blecke. They are working on berm along roadways.

Roadside mowing for the third time has been completed.

FISCAL OFFICER –

June and July Bank Reconciliation Statements were given for signatures from Trustees.

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Certification of Special Assessment for Kendal Douglas, 0 Devils Hole Road, Pemberville, Ohio 43450 was discussed. This Assessment needs to be returned to the Wood County Auditor's Office by September 2, 2025. Troy Township has incurred a total of \$1,827.60 for eight mowings at \$228.45 for each mowing of this property. Trustee Knitz made a motion to approve the Certification of Special Assessment for Kendal Douglas, 0 Devils Hole Road, Pemberville, Ohio for mowing with a second motion by Trustee Recker.

Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Certification of Special Assessment for Stony Ridge Lighting was discussed. Last year the Trustees the assessment total from \$5,000 to \$6,500. The Trustees were given a spreadsheet. Fiscal Officer Abke suggested leaving the assessment total at \$6,500. Yearly average cost is \$5,895.84 and the assessment is collecting approximately \$6,337.79, with a surplus of \$441.00 for the year. Trustee Brinker made a motion to certify the Certification of Special Assessment for the Stony Ridge Lighting for \$6,500.00

Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Fiscal Officer Abke provided the Trustees with documentation that cellular phone 419-973-5104 has been cancelled.

A check from New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company was received in the amount of \$53,900.00. This is a demo lien for insured Donald and Patricia Prey. The residence is located at

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582/23 area. Fiscal Officer Abke spoke with Tricia Young, daughter of insured. All information has been forwarded to Zoning Inspector Hahn.

Fiscal Officer Abke received a check for \$1,000.00 for the MORE Grant through OTARMA. The money was used to purchase a fireproof file cabinet.

Fiscal Officer Abke received the OTARMA 2024 Annual Report. It is available for anyone that would like to review.

APPROVE & SIGN CHECKS

Trustee Chairperson Recker made a motion to approve and sign checks for August 22, 2025 in the amount of \$21,032.86, ACH 454-2025 – ACH 477-2025 and Check #62741 to and including Check #62745 with a second motion by Trustees Brinker.

Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustee Knitz made a motion to approve and sign checks for August 27, 2025 in the amount of \$32,060.83, Check #62746 to and including Check #62780 with a second motion by Trustees Recker.

Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustee Knitz made a motion to approve transfer of \$26.28 from 2401-310-599-0000 Stony Ridge Lighting Other-other to 2401-310-314-0000 Stony Ridge Lighting Tax Collection Fees for \$26.28 with a second motion by Trustee Recker.

Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

The Trustees were given a Fund Status Report, Appropriation Status Report, Receipt Listing for August, Wages and Overtime Detail Reports and Positive Pay File Report.

The Receipt Listing for August. The Township received Real Estate Tax for 2nd Half and the second quarter JEDD payment was received with a total amount for August was \$781,496.41.

Trustee Knitz asked Deput Chief Appelhans how the overtime for the EMS was. Deputy Chief Appelhans stating it will be better next month as new hires will begin.

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OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Knitz asked Fiscal Officer Abke if she received a proposal from Holli at Crossroads. Holli stated she sent this to Zoning Inspector Hahn. Fiscal Officer Abke has not received this. Trustee Knitz requested a proposal for updating the Zoning Book to match the Comprehensive Plan. Trustee Knitz addressed resident Tom Woodruff regarding last meeting and Mr. Witt. Trustee Knitz stated Zoning Inspector Hahn stated there was a person who denied an easement that adjoined the two properties. Mr. Tom Woodruff stated that Zoning Inspector Hahn was referring to him. Mr. Woodruff has worked with the County on this exact project. Mr. Woodruff proposed a tile in the back of the properties to the creek. Mr. Woodruff stated Mr. Witt purchased his property on sheriff sale as is. The previous homeowner also had drainage problems and had to have tank cleaned out every few months.

The Health Department told Mr. Woodruff that the houses have minimal leach. Mr. Woodruff stated that draining into a tile in the back of the property to the ditch is the answer. Mr. Woodruff is not sure where Zoning Inspector Hahn got her information. Mr. Woodruff contacted the Health Department to see if they had any information or record on a conversation with Mr. Woodruff regarding denying an easement. They had no record of this information. Mr. Woodruff states it's disturbing when Zoning Inspector Hahn calls him a liar. It was Mr. Woodruff's idea to give the easement. Mr. Woodruff also contacted Northwestern Water & Sewer and they do not have any active project going down Luckey Road. Northwestern Water & Sewer said they are not opposed to it but nothing at this time.

Mr. Woodruff questioned why this is a Zoning issue. Zoning does not handle sanitary. The Health Department and Engineer's Office would handle this. Mr. Woodruff has talked to Duane Abke at the Wood County Engineer Office regarding this and looked for the tile on Mr. Woodruff's property.

Trustee Knitz stated she was confused that Zoning Inspector Hahn reported that Mr. Tom Woodruff refused an easement on his property behind the said property with issues. Again, Mr. Woodruff stated he has never talked to the Health Department and he called to verify this. He has only spoken to the Engineer Department.

Mr. Tom Woodruff has exchanged emails with Mr. Witt regarding the easement. Mr. Witt is responsible for obtaining the contractor for the tile per Mr. Woodruff.

Mr. Tom Woodruff had discussion with Northwestern Water & Sewer regarding the seven houses on Luckey Road north of Route 20 and the eleven house south of Route 20 on Luckey

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Road. Mr. Woodruff stated the comment made by Zoning Inspector Hahn that Northwestern Water & Sewer can make residents hook up to Northwestern Water & Sewer line is incorrect. Mr. Woodruff stated 60% of residence have to agree to hook into the line.

Mr. Woodruff has referred Mr. Witt back to the Health Department.
Trustee Knitz addressed the lot that is for sale by the Church located next to the Cemetery. Trustee Knitz stated the Township has interest in the lot but the Township does not agree with the price. Trustee Knitz obtained a cost to have the lot appraised. The cost of the appraisal would be \$550.00. Mr. Tom Woodruff suggested the Township put an offer on paper and submit to the Church. Trustee Recker was not in agreement with an appraisal. Trustee Chairperson Recker stated they will revisit this at the next meeting and talk about putting an offer together to submit to the Church.

NEW BUSINESS - Trustee Chairperson Recker stated new business was addressed with the questions from John Nissen and discussion regarding Roads and Cemetery and the Financial Reports.

MEETINGS/EVENTS - Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. group meeting to discuss Fire Department Payroll and Co-op.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Trustee Knitz made a motion to enter into executive session for employment with a second motion by Trustee Chairperson Recker.

Roll Call: Trustee Brinker – Yes Trustee Knitz – Yes Trustee Recker – Yes

Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries

Entered into executive session at 7:43 p.m.

Trustee Knitz asked Fiscal Officer Abke to enter into executive session.

Fiscal Officer Abke exited executive session at 7:46 p.m.

Trustee Brinker made a motion to come out of executive session with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.

Roll Call: Trustee Brinker – Yes Trustee Knitz – Yes Trustee Recker – Yes

Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries

Came out of executive session at 8:01 p.m.

Trustee Chairperson Recker stated after discussion no action to be taken at this time.

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The next Troy Township Trustee Meeting will be Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson Trustee Recker made a motion to adjourn the August 27, 2025 meeting with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.

Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Meeting ended at 8:02 p.m.

Kenneth J. Recker, Chairperson



Kelley A. Knitz, Trustee



Matthew L. Brinker, Trustee



Laura L. Abke, Fiscal Officer