

Troy Township Trustee Meeting
February 25, 2026

SIGN-IN – Karina Hahn

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

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

Trustee Chairperson Brinker asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES – Trustee Knitz made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes of the February 11, 2026 Troy Township Trustee Meeting and approve the minutes of the February 11, 2026 Troy Township Trustee Meeting with a second motion by Trustee Brinker.

Vote 2-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

GUESTS – Karina Hahn expressed concern regarding the noise from horns that are coming from NSG. Karina Hahn has been told when railcars are moved, the horn needs to be blown. Kariana Hahn stated it was blown eight (8) times in five (5) minutes. Trustee Chairperson Brinker stated he would reach out to NSG. Trustee Brinker stated this may be safety protocol for NSG.

Karina Hahn asked why the Zoning minutes are no longer posted on the Troy Township website. Kariana Hahn stated the years 2023 and 2024 are posted but not 2025. Karina stated it is nice to be able to read them and review, especially with the new Comprehensive Plan and it creates transparency for the Township. Fiscal Officer Abke stated all zoning minutes are in Minutes Books and Trustee Knitz can scan them to the website.

REPORTS

Sheriff – Fiscal Officer Abke presented information regarding the Police Levy to the Trustees for discussion. There was discussion regarding the amount of hours and the cost of the Sheriff contract per month in Troy Township at the February 11, 2026 Trustee meeting. Troy Township currently contracts eighty (80) hours per week of extra coverage with the Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$17,764.32 per month. It was also discussed at the February 11, 2026 meeting, to reduce the number of hours to forty (40) extra hours per week to help reduce the expense for the Township. The increase from forty (40) hours to eighty (80) extra hours per week was done in 2022. The cost per month for forty (40) hours would be \$8,500.00. The Fiscal Officer and Trustees discussed the Police Levy. The need to renew, when to renew and how to collect was discussed. Fiscal Officer Abke spoke to Matt Oestreich and Jami Moenter from the Auditor's Office regarding the options for the Police Levy. Trustee Knitz asked why the increase was made from forty (40) hours to eighty (80) hours in 2022. Trustee Brinker stated there was an increase of complaints of traffic violations and the Trustees felt there was a need for extra patrol. Trustee Chairperson Brinker stated the extra coverage is great, however the cost is a concern with the uncertainty of the property tax funds.

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Fiscal Officer Abke presented the Trustees with the 2025 pay 2026 Estimated Revenue reports from the Auditor's website for Troy Township and surrounding Townships. Troy Township Trustees were commended by the Auditor's Office for providing the residence of Troy Township with the services within Troy Township with amount of levy funds that are collected. Trustee Chairperson Brinker stated Sheriff Mark Wasylshyn will be attending the March 11, 2026 Troy Township Trustee meeting to discuss and review the Sheriff contract in Troy Township.

Trustee Chairperson Brinker stated it is his understanding that if Troy Township Trustees eliminate the Sheriff Contract, Eastwood Schools would lose the DARE officer. Fiscal Officer Abke will check to see if the DARE officer is tied to the Troy Township Trustees contract with the Sheriff.

Trustee Chairperson Brinker stated Troy Township is not unhappy with the Sheriff coverage in Troy Township, Troy Township is looking at options with the uncertainty of property tax collections.

Trustee Chairperson Brinker stated additional conversation regarding the Policy Levy will need to be had with all three Trustees after the Sheriff attends the March 11, 2026 meeting. Fiscal Officer Abke thanked the Trustees for reevaluating the Sheriff contract and thinking of the residence of Troy Township.

Zoning – Zoning Inspector Hahn was not present.

Fire Chief Woodruff stated 111 runs as of date.

Chief Woodruff gave copies of his January credit card statement to the Trustees and Fiscal Officer. The only charge on Chief Woodruff's January credit card statement was for the Lexipol Fire Rescue CE subscription.

Chief Woodruff stated Ohio CAT completed the six (6) month preventative maintenance on the generator at the Fire/EMS Station. The preventative maintenance found a leak in the coolant recovery tank. The estimate to remove/install/replace coolant recovery tank is \$639.75. Trustee Knitz made a motion to approve the repairs to the coolant recovery tank in the amount of \$639.75 with a second motion by Trustee Brinker. Vote 2-Yes 0-No. Motion carries. Fiscal Officer will issue a purchase order for Ohio CAT in the amount of \$639.75 and send to Chief Woodruff.

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Chief Woodruff mentioned the invoices from ESO and reducing the number of employees from 55 to 40 on the contract. Fiscal Officer Abke has sent all information to ESO and is waiting on an answer. It was also discussed to reevaluate the ESO programs and invoices for the year and attempt to consolidate them.

EMS – Deputy Chief Appelhans stated at the next meeting, he will have information regarding preventative maintenance service from Stryker for the loaders and cots.

Deputy Chief Appelhans stated one stair chair was repaired (wheels) and is back in service.

Deputy Chief Appelhans stated the two stair chairs that are being used, are in need of replacement. Quotes for replacement has been obtained; for two (2) power style stair chairs the quote is \$36,176.00.

Troy Township is eligible for a Worker's Compensation Grant and power stair chairs and CPR devices are on the Worker's Compensation Grant, Tier I (which means a single review for the grant) for up to \$40,000.00 and will pay $\frac{3}{4}$ of the total.

Deputy Chief Appelhans stated the Lucas Devices are no longer able to be serviced or to get parts for them. There are no issues with them right now but will need to be replaced in the future. The quote for one (1) Lucas Device is \$22,709.00.

Deputy Chief Appelhans will meet with Fiscal Officer Abke regarding the Worker's Compensation Grant and the process for applying. Deputy Chief Appelhans would recommend listing two (2) stair chairs and one (1) Lucas Devices when applying for the Worker's Compensation Grant.

Deputy Chief Appelhans has also sent the Trustees information regarding employee compensation and benefit comparisons with other agencies.

Deputy Chief Appelhans asked if raises could be back dated if approved. Fiscal Officer Abke stated raises were given in February 2025 and March 30, 2025 at 2% each time and back dating payroll is not an option.

Trustee Knitz asked if Fiscal Officer Abke received a copy of the evaluation of compensation and benefits comparisons, Deputy Chief Appelhans will send Fiscal Officer Abke a copy.

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Fiscal Officer Abke stated employee health insurance went up 22.65% this year and the Township pays 100% of employees' health insurance.

Trustee Brinker asked what the cost-of-living increase is for 2026. The cost-of-living increase is 2.8%. The Trustees and Fiscal Officer were given a 1.75% wage increase determined by the Auditor of State of Ohio.

Roads/Cemetery

An update on the sidewalk in front of the Cemetery will be at the March 11, 2026.

Estimates to rewire the vent system will be presented at the March 11, 2026 meeting.

Estimates for the 2026 Lemoyne Road resurfacing project from Josh Belknap are still being worked on.

FISCAL OFFICER

Trustees were given the December State Bank Reconciliation to sign.

Fiscal Officer Abke presented RESOLUTION NO. 5-2026 WORK AGREEMENT BETWEEN WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND TROY TOWNSHIP for work on various road work in the amount up to \$50,000.00. Trustee Chairperson Brinker made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 5-2026 WORK AGREEMENT BETWEEN WOOD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND TROY TOWNSHIP for various road work in the amount up to \$50,000.00 with a second motion by Trustee Knitz. Vote 2-yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Fiscal Officer Abke presented the Trustees with the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources from the Budget Commission of Wood County for the budget year beginning January 1, 2026 in the amount of \$4,360,527.71. Trustee Chairperson Brinker made a motion to approve the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources for 2026 in the amount of \$4.3 with a second motion by Trustee Knitz. Vote 2-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Isaac Bailey, Wood County Engineers Office attended the last meeting regarding the MS4 Stormwater program. Isaac Bailey suggested Troy Township send a waiver request for the MS4 Stormwater program.

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Mr. Bailey received notice from the EPA stating Troy Township would not be eligible for a waiver from the MS4 Stormwater Program even though the population is less than 1000 people in the MS4 Regulated Area, the Regulated Area is impaired due to urban runoff.

Fiscal Officer Abke presented the Trustees information from the Ohio Township Association and the Wood County Township Association, Steve Powell, regarding eliminating property taxes. Trustee Knitz will see if she can create a link on the Township's website for residence to view this information.

APPROVE & SIGN CHECKS

Trustee Chairperson Brinker made a motion to transfer \$478.63 to General Zoning Duties 1000-130-150-1005 from Zoning Inspector Expenses 1000-130-599-0122 \$478.63 with a second motion by Trustee Knitz. Vote 2-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustee Knitz made a motion to transfer \$882.05 to Natural Gas, 237 Krotzer 1000-330-353-7000 from Other-other expenses 1000-110-599-0000 \$882.05 with a second motion by Trustee Brinker. Vote 2-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustee Chairperson Brinker made a motion to approve and sign checks for February 17, 2026 in the amount of \$1.38, check #63267 with a second motion by Trustee Knitz. Trustee Kntiz asked what this payment was for, Fiscal Officer Abke stated there was a payroll correction and this was the payroll taxes for the correction.

Vote 2-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustee Knitz made a motion to approve and sign checks for February 20, 2026 in the amount of \$20,495.88, ACH 101-2026 to ACH 130-2026, Check #63268 to and including check #63271 with a second motion by Trustee Brinker.

Vote 2-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustee Chairperson Brinker made a motion to approve and sign checks for February 25, 2026 in the amount of \$44,924.55, check #63272 to and including check #63306 with a second motion by Trustee Knitz. Vote 2-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustees were given Positive Pay Reports and Wages and Overtime Detail reports.

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OLD BUSINESS – Trustee Knitz stated a zoom meeting is scheduled with Shumaker Technology Group regarding the Township’s website on March 5, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS – Trustee Knitz reported the insurance for the Township stated there is a liability for personal vehicles being stored on Township property and a Troy Township Policy on Storage of Personal Vehicles on Township Property was presented to the Trustees for review. Trustee Knitz made a motion to approve the Troy Township Policy on Storage of Personal Vehicles on Township Property with a second motion by Trustee Chairperson Brinker.

Vote 2-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustee Knitz asked Chief Woodruff what the status of the school bus in the back of the Fire/EMS station was. Chief Woodruff stated the Department was given the bus on loan for extrication training and this training will be scheduled when the weather breaks. Chief Woodruff stated the pickup truck was also donated for extrication training. Trustee Knitz asked if there are any other vehicles stored on the property. Chief Woodruff stated just those two (2) vehicles.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

MS4 Stormwater Program meeting March 3, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioner’s hearing room (5th floor) to discuss the overall cost of the stormwater program for each co-permittee and how each co-permittee can help with the program and reduce the cost.

Wood County District Advisory Council will meet on Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Wood County Job and Family Services Building at 1928 E. Gypsy Lane Road, Bowling Green to elect the DAC chair and secretary, make necessary appointments to the Board of Health.

Annual Meeting – Wood County Tax Incentive Review Council, March 25, 2026, 2:00 p.m. in the Wood County Commissioner’s Hearing Room on the fifth (5th) floor of the County Office Building.

The next Troy Township Trustee Meeting will be March 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. and the Wood County Sheriff will be in attendance.

The Troy Township Public Zoning Hearing will be March 11, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. to update and add text amendments to the township zoning resolutions. The amendments will include: adding section 7.23 – Driveways and Culverts, and making updates to article 12.4.1 and 12.7.2 – public hearing and notices and article 15.2.3 – public hearing and notices by the zoning commission.

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ITEMS ON HOLD

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Trustee Knitz made a motion to enter into executive session for Employment with a second motion by Trustee Chairperson Brinker.

Roll Call: Trustee Knitz – Yes Trustee Brinker – Yes

Motion carries.

Entered into Executive Session at 7:49 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Trustee Knitz – Yes Trustee Brinker – Yes

Vote 2-Yes 0-No. Motion carries

Came out of executive session at 8:02 p.m.

Trustee Chairperson Brinker stated no action taken at this time.

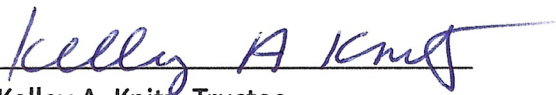
Trustee Chairperson Brinker made a motion to adjourn the February 25, 2026 meeting with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.

Vote 2-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Meeting ended at 8.03 p.m.



Matthew L. Brinker, Chairperson



Kelley A. Knitz, Trustee

Kenneth J. Brinker, Trustee



Laura L. Abke, Fiscal Officer