

Troy Township Trustee Meeting
March 25, 2026

SIGN-IN – No one signed in

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

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

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

MINUTES – – Trustee Recker made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes of the March 11, 2026 Troy Township Trustees Public Zoning Hearing and approve the minutes of the March 11, 2026 Troy Township Trustees Public Zoning Hearing with a second motion by Trustee Knitz. Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

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GUESTS – Brett from the Wood County Engineers Office presented and discussed the Estimate of Construction Cost for the 2026 Troy Township Resurfacing Project. The project includes Lemoyne Road (railroad tracks to Truman Road), NE Access Road (Lemoyne Road to US 20), Dennis Street (Lemoyne to Main Street), Main Street (dead-end to the SE Access Road) and SE Access Road (Lemoyne Road to US 20).

Discussion was had regarding widening the radius and repairing areas on the proposed estimate. There is approximately an additional \$51,000.00 for the additional repairs.

Discussion regarding milling the entire NE Access Road was had. Main Street and Dennis Street will not be milled.

An extra apron of four (4) to five (5) feet of asphalt was discussed for Lemoyne Road in front of Luckey Farmers to help the edges of the road where trucks come in and out.

John Blecke stated he would like to see the top taken off of the NE Access Road and mill SE Access Road.

Brett will move the plan forward with the approval of the Township Trustees. Brett will get the bid packet together.

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Trustee Chairperson Brinker made a motion to approve to proceed with the estimate from Wood County Engineers for the final Construction Cost of the 2026 Troy Township Resurfacing Project in the amount of \$519,900.00 with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.

Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Brett from the Wood County Engineers Office will email a final combined estimate to Fiscal Officer Abke on March 26, 2026. Brett will also create the bid documents. Fiscal Officer Abke will need to advertise, set an open bid documents date, and have the Trustees approve the contract.

The projected resurfacing date will be in June.

REPORTS

Sheriff – No one to report

Zoning – Zoning Inspector Hahn stated a Public Zoning Hearing needs to be schedule for Article 5 Section 5.01 General Lot Standards to minimum lot size to five (5) minimum acres and minimum three (3) hundred feet frontage, 5.04 General Development Standards and Section 5.06 – Agritourism. The Wood County Planning Commission heard these on March 3, 2026. The Troy Township Zoning Commission heard them on March 19, 2026.

During the Public Zoning Hearing, Zoning Inspector Hahn would like to schedule Molly from Crossroads to attend via Zoom to discuss the language for the Clustered Residential Conservation District (District Overlay).

Zoning Inspector Hahn will contact Molly from Crossroads to schedule a Zoom meeting on either April 8 or April 29, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. based on Molly's availability.

Zoning Board of Appeals has a meeting Tuesday, March 31, 2026 regarding a home-based business applicant.

Fire – Chief Woodruff presented his February credit card statements which includes repairs on the airbag regulator controller and shipping charges.

Chief Woodruff asked Fiscal Officer Abke if there was any contact regarding the invoice from ESO and the decrease of the number of employees. Fiscal Officer Abke emailed ESO on March 24, 2025 and Deputy Chief Appelkans has also contacted ESO regarding this. Fiscal Officer Abke

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paid the current invoice as it is due and if adjustments are made, it will be credited to future invoices.

Chief Woodruff asked if the ESO invoices could be combined into one invoice instead of getting several. Fiscal Officer Abke suggested waiting to address that until the number of employees issue is corrected.

EMS – Deputy Chief Appelhans was not in attendance.

Fiscal Officer Abke presented a Drug Screen Flow Chart from Deputy Chief Appelhans. Deputy Chief Appelhans asked for the Trustees to review the Drug Screen Flow Chart. Trustee Knitz stated the new Employee Handbook needs additional clarification as to who is to be drug tested. The Flow Chart to review states if the damage is more than \$1,000 then drug testing is required but Deputy Chief Appelhans is recommending that amount be lowered to \$500.00. By following this Post Accident Test Flow Chart all DOT requirements will also be met.

Fiscal Officer Abke discussed the changes in the paperwork requirements for drug testing with Independence Health Employer Services. Fiscal Officer Abke will create a packet for effected Troy Township Departments.

Fiscal Officer Abke presented an estimated from Stryker for preventative maintenance on two (2) AEDs in the amount of \$982.00 and another estimate from Stryker for preventative maintenance on two (2) LIFEPKs for preventative maintenance in the amount of \$1,172.00. According to Deputy Chief Appelhans, the preventative maintenance on the AEDs has not been done in a while and the preventative maintenance on the LIFEPKs are due. Trustee Recker made a motion to approve the estimates from Stryker for the preventative maintenance for the AEDs in the amount of \$982.00 and the preventative maintenance estimate for the LIFEPKs in the amount of \$1,172.00 with a second motion by Trustee Brinker.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Roads/Cemetery – John Blecke presented updated estimates for the sidewalk in front of the cemetery. Estimates are: B. Hill's Excavating, Inc \$14,454.00; McBride Enterprise, LLC. \$7,754.00; and Sarver & Sons Construction, LLC. \$19,355.00. The estimate from McBride Enterprise, LLC. Does not include concrete, stone and topsoil. This project will begin after Memorial Day.

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Trustee Knitz made a motion to approve the proposal from B. Hill's Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$14,454.00 for the sidewalk project in front of the cemetery with a second motion by Trustee Recker.

Roll Call: Trustee Recker – Yes Trustee Knitz – Yes Trustee Brinker – abstain
Vote 2- Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain. Motion carries. Proposal was signed and given to John Blecke to return to B. Hill's Excavating, Inc.

John Blecke presented three quotes for the grading and seeding on Devils Hole Road where the tile repair was done: 1) B. Hill's Excavating, Inc. for \$2,640.00; 2) McBride Enterprise, LLC for \$1,314.00 and 3) Sarver & Sons Construction, LLC for \$2,555.00. B. Hill's Excavating, Inc. will hydroseed and McBride Enterprise, LLC and Sarver & Sons Construction, LLC will seed and straw. John Blecke stated McBride Enterprise, LLC and Sarver & Sons Construction measured each section and B. Hill's measured at the widest parcel. This is why the square yardage is different in the estimates. Trustee Chairperson Brinker made a motion to approve the estimate from McBride Enterprise, LLC. in the amount of \$1,314.00 for the Devils Hole Road Ditch Project grading and seeding with a second motion by Trustee Recker.

Roll Call: Trustee Recker – Yes Trustee Knitz – Yes Trustee Brinker – Yes
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries. Estimate was signed and given to John Blecke to return to McBride Enterprise, LLC.

John Blecke stated during the wind storm, there was damage to the salt shed. The damage includes the vinyl siding and steel above the doors. Trustee Chairperson made a motion to approve the estimate from Sarver & Sons Construction LLC in the amount of \$3,425.00 to repair damage to the salt shed with a second motion from Trustee Knitz.

Roll Call: Trustee Recker – Yes Trustee Kntiz – Yes Trustee Brinker – Yes
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries. Estimate was signed and given to John Blecke to return to Sarver & Sons Construction LLC.

John Blecke stated during the wind storm, there was damage to the fence on the east side at the cemetery. An estimate for repair will be obtained on Monday, March 30, 2026. The repair will include fence and posts. Fiscal Officer Abke stated the salt shed and fence are all on one claim with the insurance company with a \$2,500.00 deductible.

John Blecke stated a farmer on Bradner Road is having ditches cleaned and is requesting the Township pay for the cleaning under the Bradner Road and Sampson Road culverts. The farmer will pay for the ditches to be cleaned but is requesting the Township pay for cleaning under the culverts (approximately 30 feet). Troy Township Trustees will not pay for cleaning under the culverts.

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John Blecke stated the roads/maintenance department was in Stony Ridge to repair a sinkhole. It was discovered that the top of the 6" concrete farmer tile has disintegrated. The tile repair is approximately 300' from catch basin to catch basin. There will be no road damage for this repair, however there is a 50 ft. concrete driveway that will need to be repaired. Estimates are being obtained from B. Hill's, Sarver & Sons Construction, LLC and Chad from Wonderly Construction.

John Blecke presented \$2.02 per foot for black tile from Baughman Tile until April 15th, 2026 and then there will be a price increase. The Stony Ridge Project is approximately 300 feet. John Blecke is proposing adding an additional catch basin. The other two (2) catch basins look good and Wood County will clean out the catch basins. The Trustees agreed to purchase the pipe before the price increase. Trustee Recker made a motion to approve the purchase of 340 feet of 6" black pipe at \$2.02 a foot with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

John Blecke stated the driveway that will be affected from the Stony Ridge Project will be taken back to the first saw cut, approximately 10ft back from the road.

Mr. Blecke stated Residential Trash & Metal Clean Up Days will be Saturday, May 9, 2026. The location for the cleanup will be on Basic Street. There will be NO cleanup in the fall.

FISCAL OFFICER – Fiscal Officer Abke gave the Trustees the February State Bank Reconciliation to review and sign at the next meeting.

Fiscal Officer Abke presented information from Wood County Economic Development Commission's Annual Dinner on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Dinner and program are \$50.00 per person or \$400.00 for a table of 8. Reservations need to be in by April 6, 2026. Trustees decided to not attend this year.

Fiscal Officer Abke presented the Trustees with the thank you email from Wood County Sheriff, Mark Wasylyshyn thanking the Trustees for allowing him to present during the March 11, 2026 meeting.

Fiscal Officer Abke presented a letter from the Wood County Sheriff's Office stating the agreement between Troy Township and the Wood County Sheriff's Office will be increasing due to finalizing the employee bargaining unit contract pay rates for 2026. The change will go into

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effect with the March billing that will be sent in April. The total hourly cost for 2026 will be \$55.76 per hour. Trustee Recker stated three-quarters of the cost is for health benefits.

Trustee Recker stated he would like to decrease the contracted hours from 80 hours a month to 40 hours a month. Trustee Chairperson Brinker stated he is not opposed to going to 40 hours a month. Chief Woodruff stated it's good to see the Sheriff presence but it has to be cost effective.

Discussion regarding renewing the Police Levy, putting collections from the Police Levy on hold, reducing the collected amount from Residents, reducing the Sheriff's hours and the best options for the Township and Residents.

John Nissen asked if any appropriations have been set to pay fire fighters or fixing Pemberville Road. Trustee Recker stated the JEDD Board is working on funds for the Township to use for Emergency Services. The JEDD Board also created a Resolution to present to Wood County and ODOT to address repairs to Pemberville Road. Pemberville Road is not a Township Road. John Wagner asked if the JEDD Board can pay for repairs to Pemberville Road and this to be considered improving the JEDD area. Trustee Recker stated answers are being obtained.

John Wagner stated according to Sheriff Wasylshyn, if Troy Township decreases the contracted hours from 80 hours to 40 hours, the Sheriff will need to layoff a Deputy. However, if Troy Township needs a Deputy, a Deputy will still respond.

John Blecke asked as a taxpayer of Troy Township, why is he paying twice for Sheriff coverage.

Trustee Recker stated until a decision regarding property taxes is made, it's hard for the Township to know what the income will be and where the revenue will come from. Trustee Recker stated all money to fund Fire and EMS comes from property taxes.

Fiscal Officer Abke stated the Township is trying to make plans if the property taxes are abolished by cutting back on the Sheriff hours and renewing the Police Levy so the Homestead reduction stays affective. Also, the Township is projecting to use up the reserve money in the Police Levy. The reserve money in the Police Fund can only be used for Police and no other expenses for the Township, not EMS, Fire or Roads.

Fiscal Officer Abke stated Sheriff Wasylshyn discussed the number of events that Troy Township has each month. These events include the calls that are dispatched for Troy Township Fire and Troy Township EMS.

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Trustee Brinker stated he likes the idea of extra patrol in Troy Township.

Trustee Recker stated he likes the idea of going from 80 hours to 40 hours and then reevaluate. Trustee Recker does not like going to no extra patrol hours.

Fiscal Officer Abke stated at the new rate for 80 hours of Sheriff coverage the monthly cost would be \$17,843.20. The current rate is \$17,764.32 per month. The increase would be \$78.88 per month, a total of \$946.56 for the year.

Trustee Knitz would like to see a decrease to 40 hours per month and not take the extra coverage completely away.

Fiscal Officer Abke stated the Sheriff requires a 30-day written notice for any changes to the contract.

John Wagner and Trustee Recker discussed continuing the 80 hours to the end of 2026 to give the Sheriff ample notice of the reduction of hours starting in 2027, reducing to 40 hours and renewing the Police Levy in November and if it doesn't pass in November, put the Police Levy on the May ballot. By renewing the Levy, the Homestead reduction will continue.

Trustee Recker suggested continuing to review options for the Sheriff coverage and addressing at the next meeting. Fiscal Officer Abke will contact the Wood County Auditor's Office for answers to questions asked.

Fiscal Officer Abke presented an email from Zachary Nemec, Wood County Solid Waste Management District regarding a new location within the Township for the recycling bins. Trustees suggested the Wood County Solid Waste Management District contact the Village of Luckey.

Fiscal Officer Abke stated a letter from the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control was received regarding class C and D retail permits that sell alcoholic beverages in the Township. These permits will expire on June 1, 2026. The Township can object to the renewal of a retail permit and request a hearing by May 4, 2026.

Year end reports were received from the Cemetery, Roads and Maintenance, and Zoning Departments. The EMS Department is finishing the report with correct numbers. The EMS

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Department submitted immediate needs and prices for 2026 Appropriations. The Fire Department submitted a 2026 Fire Department purchases list but no report was completed.

Fiscal Officer Abke presented estimates from Modern Data for a Server for the Trustees to review. Option #1 is \$20,442.99 and Option #2 is \$24,342.99. Trustee Chairperson Brinker asked who will help determine which option is best for the Township. Fiscal Officer Abke suggested John Wagner and Trustee Knitz be involved with this decision. John Wagner suggested Matt Bostdorff be involved in this decision also. Matt Bostdorff is the IT Coordinator for Eastwood Schools.

APPROVE & SIGN CHECKS

Trustee Chairperson Brinker made a motion to approve the list of transfers as written on the agenda:

- Transfer \$624.30 to General Compensation of Board & Commission Zoning 1000-130-150-1005 from Zoning Accounting Legal Fees 1000-130-311-0121 \$624.30
- Transfer \$17.91 to EMS Uniform, Tool, Equipment 2192-230-251-0000 from EMS Other-other expenses 2192-230-599-0000 \$17.91
- Transfer \$211.16 to Health Care Reimbursement 1000-110-228-0000 from General Other-other expenses 1000-110-599-0000 \$211.16
- Transfer \$211.75 to Gasoline Tax Operating Supplies (Cold Mix) 2021-330-420-0333 from Gasoline Tax Other-other Expenses 2021-330-599-0000 \$211.75
- Transfer \$2,379.74 to EMS Repairs & Maintenance 2192-230-323-0000 from EMS Other-other Expenses 2192-230-599-0000 \$2,379.74
- Transfer \$608.19 to Electricity – 237 Krotzer 1000-330-351-7000 from General Other-other Expenses 1000-110-599-0000 \$608.19

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- Correction to the transfer \$608.19 to Electricity – 237 Krotzer 1000-330-351-7000 to Natural Gas 237 Krotzer 1000-330-353-7000 \$608.19
- Transfer \$680.32 to Health Care Reimbursement 1000-110-228-0000 from General Other-other Expenses 1000-110-599-0000 \$680.32

Trustee Knitz made a second motion to approve the list of transfers as written on the agenda.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustee Brinker made a motion to approve and sign checks for March 20, 2026 in the amount of \$21,110.14 ACH 169-2026 to ACH 198-2026, check #63343 to and including check #63346 with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustee Knitz made a motion to approve and sign checks for March 25, 2026 in the amount of \$45,309.43, check #63347 to and including check #63380 with a second motion by Trustee Brinker. Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

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

OLD BUSINESS – Trustee Recker presented the Trustees with a copy of Resolution No. 2026-02, A Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Troy Township-City of Toledo Joint Economic Development District Encouraging the Ohio Department of Transportation to repair the bridge overpass over Pemberville Road in Troy Township. Trustee Recker stated Resolution No. 2026-02 will be sent to the Ohio Department of Transportation and Wood County.

Trustee Recker stated Troy Township appoints a representative to the JEDD Board. The current representative was Brent Welker and his term is expiring. Trustee Recker spoke with Mic Foster regarding filling this position on the JEDD Board. Mr. Foster has a financial background and Trustee Recker believes he would be a great asset to the JEDD Board. Trustee Recker made a motion to appoint Mic Foster to the Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) Board with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.

Roll Call: Trustee Recker – Yes Trustee Knitz – Yes Trustee Brinker – Yes
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

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Trustee Chairperson Brinker made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 8-2026 A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT MICHAEL R. FOSTER TO THE JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (JEDD) BOARD with a second motion by Trustee Recker.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustee Chairperson Brinker stated a thank-you card from Judge Joel Kuhlman was received, thanking the Trustees for allowing him to speak at the March 11, 2026 Trustee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS – Nothing at this time

MEETINGS/EVENTS – Upcoming Community Needs Assessment meeting is April 15, 2026 – a survey is attached

Ohio Department of Transportation is currently updating its Statewide Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan, Walk.Bike.Ohio. A Workshop is on Thursday, May 21, 2026 from 1:30 – 4:00p p.m.

The Trustees were given a letter of introduction from Local Union No. 8

Information from Andy Rose, Administrator, Concord Township (Lake County) was given to the Trustees regarding Understanding the Implications of Abolishing Property Taxes.

ITEMS ON HOLD – nothing at this time

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Recker made a motion to enter into executive session for zoning personnel and employee compensation with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.

Roll Call: Trustee Recker – Yes Trustee Knitz – Yes Trustee Brinker -Yes
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustees entered into executive session at 8:43 p.m.

Trustee Recker asked Fiscal Officer Abke to enter into executive session at 8:52 p.m.

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

Roll Call: Trustee Recker – Yes Trustee Knitz – Yes Trustee Brinker -Yes
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

The Trustees exited executive session at 9:06 p.m.

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Trustee Chairperson Brinker stated no issues taken at this time regarding the zoning personnel.

Trustee Chairperson Brinker stated there has been discussions for the past few months. Trustee Chairperson Brinker thanked Deputy Chief Appelhans for completing a wage/benefit comparison with area EMS Departments. The comparison was done with area departments that require EMS certification only. Other EMS Departments offered a 5% pay rate increase for 2026. This 5% pay rate increase put those Departments comparable to the current Troy Township EMS pay rates. The maintenance pay scale is also comparable the surrounding area pay scale.

Trustee Recker stated the benefit package for employees was also looked at. Trustee Recker stated the Trustees appreciate every one of Troy Township's employees. Trustee Recker stated the Trustees are concerned about the future and how the property tax could affect the Township.

Trustee Recker made a motion that all hourly employees, full-time and part-time, receive a 2% raise effective March 29, 2026 with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.

Roll Call: Trustee Recker – Yes Trustee Knitz – Yes Trustee Brinker – Yes
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

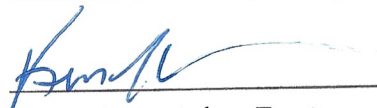
A special meeting will be held on Monday, March 30, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. to approve Permanent Appropriations.

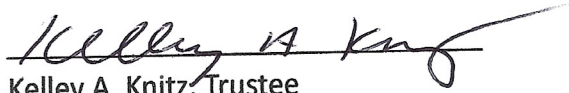
The next regular meeting will be April 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. with the possibility of a Public Zoning Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

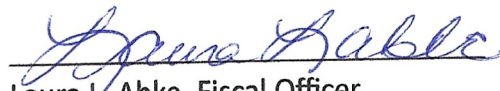
Trustee Chairperson Brinker made a motion to adjourn the March 25, 2026 meeting with a second motion by Trustee Recker.
Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.


Matthew L. Brinker, Chairperson


Kenneth J. Brinker, Trustee


Kelley A. Knitz, Trustee


Laura L. Abke, Fiscal Officer