

Troy Township Trustee Meeting
May 27, 2026

SIGN-IN – Jami Moenter, M. Meyers (Wood County Sheriff Office), Jamie Pustay, Michael Pustay, Christy Schramm

Trustee Chairperson Brinker called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Chairperson Brinker made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes of the April 29, 2026 Troy Township Trustees Public Zoning Hearing and approve the minutes of the April 29, 2026 Troy Township Trustees Public Zoning Hearing with a second motion by Trustee Recker.

Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustee Recker made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes of the April 29, 2026 Troy Township Trustees Meeting and approve the minutes of the April 29, 2026 Troy Township Trustees Meeting with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.

Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustee Knitz made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes of the May 19, 2026 Troy Township Trustees Special Meeting for Troy Township Resurfacing Project and Employment and approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026 Troy Township Trustees Special Meeting for Troy Township Resurfacing Project and Employment with a second motion by Trustee Chairperson Brinker.

Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

GUESTS – Andrew Kalmar, Assistant Director from the Wood County Park District was present to present a Park Grant check to the Troy Township Trustees in the amount of \$2,620.00. The Troy Township Trustees will present a check in the amount of \$2,620.00 to the Stony Ridge Civic Association. The Park Grant received from Wood County Park District is for walking path improvements to the Stony Ridge Park.

Andrew Kalmar thanked the Troy Township Trustees and the Stony Ridge Civic Association for participating in the Park Grant program. The Wood County Park District has been running the Park Grant program for over 35 years. The Stony Ridge Civic Association was thanked for making the park better for the community.

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A group picture was taken of the Troy Township Trustees, Stony Ridge Civic Association, Wood County Auditor, Matt Oestreich and Andrew Kalmar, Wood County Parks District.

Matt Oestreich, Wood County Auditor was present to discuss the Troy Township Police Levy. Auditor Oestreich presented a graph to show what Troy Township residents would pay on a renewal levy versus a new levy. Auditor Oestreich's advice is to always renew a levy to keep the residents at a lower rate. The current Police Levy is generating approximately \$156,000 and a new 1mill levy would generate approximately \$185,000. This would increase the amount collected but it would be coming from the residents.

There is a surplus currently in the Police Fund. The Policy Levy can be placed on the fall ballot for renewal this year. Auditor Oestreich stated the Police Levy can be renewed for the same rate and then ask the Wood County Budget Commission to collect less. This reduced rate would affect residents, agriculture, utility companies and commercial.

Trustee Recker asked if the current levy has the rollback reduction and Auditor Oestreich stated it did not. Fiscal Officer Abke asked why the current Policy Levy is not qualified. Auditor Oestreich stated the current levy was either passed or replaced after 2013.

Trustee Recker stated it would be better for Troy Township residents, to renew the current Police Levy at the current rate and then ask the Budget Commission to collect less on the levy.

Auditor Oestreich stated the Troy Township Trustees can request a different rate to be collected every year. Fiscal Officer Abke will prepare a Resolution of Necessity for the next Trustee meeting.

Auditor Oestreich stated HB186 passed recently. This will give a credit on the second half tax bills. The due date for the second half taxes will change to August.

Auditor Oestreich stated approximately 305,000 signatures have been collected to eliminate real estate taxes. Auditor Oestreich stated this is not enough signatures to be placed on the ballot in the fall.

REPORTS

Sheriff – Trustees were given a copy of the April 2026 Sheriff Report.

The Deputy Sheriff stated the main two areas of responses in Troy Township were accidents and speeding.

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Trustee Recker stated residents have expressed concern regarding the dump truck traffic on Luckey Road and their speed. According to the Sheriff, the dump trucks are permitted to travel Luckey Road with the new weight limit for the road.

Zoning – Zoning Inspector Hahn discussed some properties in Troy Township and enforcement issues. Zoning Inspector Hahn stated that the direction of enforcement ultimately is the Trustees decision.

Zoning Inspector Hahn stated when she sends a letter to a resident addressing a zoning concern, most residence respond and take care of the issues addressed.

Zoning Inspector Hahn asked the Trustees for direction when a resident does not respond to the letter that was sent.

Trustee Knitz stated HB315 allows for a fine up to \$500.00 a day and according to Peter Griggs, Township Attorney, most residents will take care of the issue and clean up the property prior to court proceeding.

Zoning Inspector Hahn stated the Township has regulations for HB315 and the \$500.00 a day fine in the Township Zoning Resolutions already. Trustee Knitz asked why this was not enforced. Zoning Inspector Hahn stated it has to be taken to court to enforce it and the fine has to be assessed to the property owner's taxes and if the property owner does not pay their taxes, the Township will not receive payment.

Trustee Knitz stated the residence of Troy Township deserve to have zoning issues taken care of.

Zoning Inspector Hahn discussed the Devil's Hole Road property that Troy Township incurred the costs to clean up. The total cost Troy Township has assessed to the property taxes is over \$22,000 and the property owner is not paying the taxes so Troy Township will not receive any money for the cost. Trustee Recker stated at a Sheriff sale, this property most likely will not sell for \$22,000.

Zoning Inspector Hahn and Trustee Knitz both agree that residence deserve to live next to clean properties. Zoning Inspector Hahn is asking how do the Trustees want to proceed with residents that do not have the funds to clean up their properties or in some cases, there is a mental health issues regarding the resident. Trustee Knitz suggested putting a lien on these properties.

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Trustee Knitz asked Fiscal Officer Abke if there are funds budgeted for clean up of properties. Fiscal Officer Abke stated there is not. Zoning Inspector Hahn asked how much should be budgeted for this.

Trustee Knitz requested Zoning Inspector Hahn to send a copy of the letters she sends to residents regarding zoning violations and cleaning up their property to each Trustee to review. Zoning Inspector Hahn stated everyone wants the properties cleaned up but this would be at the expense of the Township and residents.

Trustee Knitz stated more research needs to be done on how to get properties cleaned up.

Jami Pustay asked in the history of Troy Township, has any properties been pursued to clean up. Zoning Inspector Hahn stated two (2) that she is aware of. These properties have been cleaned up at the cost of Troy Township. Jami Pustay asked how many properties in the Township are currently in this situation. Zoning Inspector Hahn stated five (5) properties.

Trustee Knitz asked if the Health Department could get involved with these properties.

Trustee Recker asked Fiscal Officer Abke to research where funds could come from to help with clean up of properties.

Zoning Inspector Hahn does do face-to-face visits or make phone calls regarding the issues. Zoning Inspector does not send Certified letters due to the cost and most people will not sign for them.

Fire – Trustee Chairperson Brinker reported that Chief Woodruff would not be present for the meeting as there was a fire in the Township that he is needed for.

Fiscal Officer Abke presented the Wood County Fire/EMS Mutual-Aid Agreement from the Wood County EMA. Trustee Chairperson Brinker made a motion to approve the Wood County Fire/EMS Mutual-Aid Agreement with a second motion by Trustee Recker.

Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries. The signature sheet was signed by all Trustees and Fiscal Officer. The Fiscal Officer will email the signature sheet to the Wood County EMA Office.

A check in the amount of \$38,664.39 was received for the repair of the 2009 Pierce Fire Rescue Engine. The payment was sent to the Township and once repair is completed at Whiteford Kenworth, payment will be sent to them from Troy Township.

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IAM Responding payment in the amount of \$936.60 was sent on May 15, 2026.

EMS – Chief Appelhans presented the Trustees with a Troy Township Fire & EMS Monthly Report for April 2026 with a total of 263 total calls.

Chief Appelhans presented a letter of retirement as a paramedic and firefighter for Thomas E. Perry effective June 5, 2026. Trustee Recker made a motion to accept Thomas E. Perry's letter of retirement from fire and EMS effective June 5, 2026 with a second motion by Trustee Knitz. Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Chief Appelhans requested an executive session regarding staffing (employment).

Roads/Cemetery – Trustee Recker stated a check in the amount of \$1,084.18 (minus \$2,500.00 deductible) was received for repairs to the salt shed. The salt shed repairs have been completed by Sarver & Sons. Sarver & Sons have been paid in full in the amount of \$3,225.00.

Trustee Recker stated at the beginning of the year, it was discussed to purchase a new roadside mower. That purchase was placed on hold. Because of this purchase being placed on hold, extending the warranty for the 2025 Case IH Disc Mower MD93 for 36 months in the amount of \$882.00 is requested. Trustee Recker made a motion to extend the warranty of the 2025 Case IH Disc Mower MD93 in the amount of \$882.00 for 36 months with a second motion by Trustee Knitz.

Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries. Fiscal Officer Abke presented a check to Redline Equipment, Portage, Ohio in the amount of 882.00 for the Trustees to sign.

Fiscal Officer Abke stated the 2026 Road Resurfacing Project bid packet and documents were received and sent out to bidders on May 21, 2026. Bids will be opened at the June 10, 2026 meeting at 7:00 p.m. Fiscal Officer Abke stated Brett Askins from the Engineers Office called today, Wednesday, May 28, 2026 and stated there may be some changes to the bid packet.

Trustee Chairperson Brinker asked Fiscal Officer Abke to ask during the Audit, where can funds be used for engineering costs in the future. Trustee Recker suggested other Townships may be interested in looking at different options for the future.

Trustee Chairperson Brinker stated the sidewalk at the cemetery will be started the following week.

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FISCAL OFFICER – Fiscal Officer Abke gave the Trustees the March State Bank Reconciliation to sign.

The Certificate of Insurance was received from OTARMA and sent to Perry Pro. Perry Pro approved removing the \$60.36 monthly charge for Property Damage Coverage. Perry Pro is reviewing refunding Troy Township the Property Damage Coverage charges for 2026.

Fiscal Officer Abke presented the 2026 Wood County Township Association membership last month. The total cost is as follows: Active members $\$75 \times 4 = \300.00 ; Affiliate members $\$35.00 \times 4 = \140.00 ; Website/Advertising $\$300.00$ for a total of $\$740.00$. Trustee Recker made a motion to approve 2026 Wood County Township Association membership in the amount of $\$740.00$ with a second motion by Trustee Chairperson Brinker.

Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Fiscal Officer Abke stated the Auditor from the State of Ohio has started auditing the years 2024 and 2025 records. The cost for the audit will be approximately $\$6,083.00$.

APPROVE & SIGN CHECKS

Trustee Chairperson Brinker made a motion to approve and sign checks for May 15, 2026 in the amount of $\$70,120.17$, ACH 298-2026 to ACH 325-2026, check #63476 to and including check #63516 with a second motion by Trustee Recker. Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustee Knitz made a motion to approve and sign checks for May 27, 2026 in the amount of $\$31,005.85$, check #63517 to and including check #63540 with a second motion by Trustee Recker. Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

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

OLD BUSINESS – Nothing additional to report

NEW BUSINESS – Nothing additional to report

MEETINGS/EVENTS –

Wood County Township Association's next meeting is July 16th at 5:30 for a cookout/potluck. Kyle Brooks from OTA will speak.

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Wood County Township Association will meet September 17, 2026 at Mt. Zion Church, 7481 Bays Road, Wayne, Ohio. This will be the meeting to meet candidates running for office. More information to come.

The next regular meeting for June 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Road bids will be opened at 7:00 p.m.

ITEMS ON HOLD – nothing at this time

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Chairperson Brinker made a motion to enter into executive session for staff and employment 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.

Trustees entered into executive session at 8:05 p.m.

Chief Appelhans also entered into executive session at 8:05 p.m.

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

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

The Trustees exited executive session at 8.45 p.m.

Trustee Knitz made a motion to place an advertisement for employment for the EMS Department with a second motion by Trustee Chairperson Brinker.

Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

Trustee Chairperson Brinker made a motion to adjourn the May 27, 2026 meeting with a second motion by Trustee Recker.

Vote 3-Yes 0-No. Motion carries.

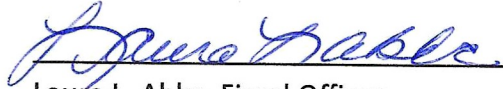
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Meeting ended at 8:47 p.m.


Matthew L. Brinker, Chairperson

Kelley A. Knitz, Trustee


Kenneth J. Recker, Trustee


Laura L. Abke, Fiscal Officer