

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING – August 20, 2025

Chairman Paul Runion called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

Trustees: Paul Runion, Bill Hammer and Ken Green
Fiscal Officer: Lori Kepus
Sandusky County EMS Chief: Jeff Jackson (left at 7:26 pm)
Fire Chief: Tim Schnitker
Zoning Inspector: Steve Michaelis (left at 8:08 pm)
Road Supervisor: Jim Busdiecker
Guests: Tricia Sands, Blake Spicer (both left at 7:08 pm)

Guests – Tricia Sands, the Right-of-Way Agent for AFS, on behalf of Toledo Edison (First Energy) presented a temporary construction agreement to the Trustees for their review. ODOT has determined that two of First Energy's newly installed poles are in the right-of-way on SR 582 and have to be moved back a few feet for safety reasons. A temporary line will be installed during the process to keep all Edison customers with power. Construction will take place during the 1st Quarter of 2026. The Trustees will review the agreement and give a response in the near future.

EMS – Sandusky County EMS Chief Jeff Jackson reported that LS19 had 55 runs in July with 28 transports to area hospitals.

The squad is now at the paint facility in Macedonia, Ohio. It is unknown the amount of time it will take to fix the paint issues. The county has provided a back-up squad that is stationed at the fire station.

The Sandusky County EMS will celebrate their 50th anniversary on September 10.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Fire Chief Tim Schnitker reported on the following:

- F&M Mechanical is out of options for fixing the exhaust system in the truck bay. Their electrical engineer now feels that it is an incoming power issue. Trustee Hammer will contact someone to come out and look at it.
- The final draft on the storage building is due soon. It does not need to meet the grade so we will go with the original siting. The building will be accessible from the service road.
- The department had a great chain saw training last Monday in the woods back by the proposed storage building site. Some of the officers were able to do one on one training with some of the newer members. It was a great leadership training as well. We may possibly have to remove just a few more feet of trees in the woods near the proposed building site to push back for clearance.
- August 23 – Pemberville Parade
- August 24 – Sandusky County Fair duty with X5
- August 30 – Woodville Lime Fest at Trailmarker Park
- August 31 – Elmore Fireworks

Proposed Purchase of Hartley Land

Dean Silva sent a draft of the survey plat and air photo for the proposed parcel split from the property of Carol Bruns Hartley that surrounds the fire station. The 40' area along the west and south side of the Township's property to CR 32 (Anderson Road) was determined to be 1.2306 acres of land. The area of the woods and field area west of the 40' strip was determined to be approximately 2.2 acres of which approximately 1.1 acres is in the flood plain. The Hartleys will be presented with this information of the total proposed area the Trustees would like to purchase which is a total of 3.4306 acres. The Trustees are reviewing the survey to give their final determination before the final plat and description is written and the final survey monuments are set. The Hartleys had proposed selling some land to the township at approximately \$18,000 an acre. The Township has no current plans for this additional property, they would just like to square up the encroachment and clarify the property lines and use the back strip as an emergency access road for ambulance and fire for when the railroad tracks are blocked.

ROAD DEPARTMENT – Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker reported the following:

- I sprayed the cattails at Woodmore Elementary.
- Workers trimmed back brush on TR 93.
- The International truck has been switched over to berm now.

CEMETERY – Jim Busdiecker reported:

- Dean Silva is done surveying the property on the east side of Westwood Cemetery to establish the correct property line between the township's property and the neighbor's property.
- Workers cut back trees in the Catholic Cemetery at the Woodville Cemetery on Lime Road.
- The Trustees signed one cemetery deed for one plot for Victoria and Patrick Kruse of Arizona.

ZONING – Steve Michaelis reported on the following:

- The proposed Caseys business that will be built on Main Street has been mowed. They are currently working out an easement issue with the electric and McDonalds.
- Will send out certified letter to Allan Huss, Main Street, notifying him of three zoning violations.
- I had an inquiry on property on SR 23. They would like to know if having 2 dump trucks in and out of the property with 3 employees would qualify as a home-based business. They will be building a new home on the property.
- John Bedford has removed his chicken coop so he does not need a permit.
- Don Gerwin, TR 115, Gibsonburg, will be installing a pond. He plans to put 40-50 acres of his property into the Federal wetland program.
- Erika Liskai Wellons, TR 40, is considering a lot split for her property.
- Matt Garber, 930 Water Street, would like a permit for an accessory building.
- Millerschone's, SR 582, submitted a permit for an accessory building on August 1. I have not reviewed it yet.

Fiscal Officer – Lori Kepus is working on the OTARMA insurance renewal.

The trustees discussed a letter received from the Sandusky County Commissioners regarding possibly passing a property tax exemption that would piggy-back on the existing state homestead exemption. This would provide additional relief to qualifying senior citizens, and permanently and totally disabled homeowners, and some surviving spouses. The recent state budget allows county commissioners to take this action by resolution. It would cost the entire county a loss of revenue of approximately \$1,500,000 in the areas of townships, villages, libraries, senior citizens, mental health, the developmentally disabled, police, 911, and ambulance. Specifically, it would cost Woodville Township a loss of revenue of approximately \$10,350 a year. No action has yet been taken.

Trustee Green made a motion to approve the warrants. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Trustee Hammer made a motion to approve the August 6, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call.

At 8:58 p.m., with no further business, Trustee Green moved for adjournment. Trustee Runion seconded. This meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code's Sunshine Law.