

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING – August 6, 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
Assistant Fire Chief: Mark Grove (left at 8:17 pm)
Zoning Inspector: Steve Michaelis (left at 8:14 pm)
Road Supervisor: Jim Busdiecker
Guests: Township Residents - Derik Johlin (left at 7:54 pm), Tonya Bradstock

Township Resident Derik Johlin, Borcharding Road, was present to inquire about expanding the parameters of his home-based business permit. The Trustees stated they would have no objections to this, but these permits are granted by the Township's Board of Appeals which they have no control over and he would need to start the process with the Zoning Inspector.

Township Resident Tonya Bradstock, Water Street, was present to inform the Trustees that they were approached by the Village of Woodville and they would like to get a 20' permanent easement and 30' temporary easement on her property which is only 10' from their septic system to install a waterline on her property, across (underneath) the river, and to the sewer plant. She just wanted to make sure their concerns were heard and addressed properly. Their home is the first house outside the village and they have a very nice well. They don't really need city water.

This proposed water line would affect several township residents. Trustee Runion reached out to the mayor and the village administrator. The village is talking to their engineering firm to see if there is any other land acquisition possibilities that could meet their needs. The village administrator has now promised to keep the trustees informed and will come to a trustee meeting to give the status of the new water line. Hopefully the township residents can get a resolution with the village, due to the many benefits it would give to the town water system. Trustee Runion stated that as trustees we cannot stop this action on our end.

EMS – The Trustees agreed to have a new ceiling fan installed in LS19's quarters.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Assistant Chief Mark Grove reported on the following:

- X-4 has some major repairs needed. City Radiator rebuild the radiator.
- **Trustee Hammer made a motion to allow the repairs to X-4 by WW Williams in an amount up to \$27,000. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.**
- I will participate along with the state fire marshal in a broadcast on WTOL Channel 11 August 17 and talk about recruitment and staffing issues of local volunteer fire departments.
- Still issues with the exhaust fan. F&M Mechanical is working on it.
- The Trustees agreed that we could place stone around the new monument in front of the fire station that was built by Austin Reardon for his Eagle Scout project.
- The smoke trailer has been cleaned out and will be removed shortly.

Dean Silva is done surveying 1.2306 acres at the fire station. The Trustees are in the process of purchasing a bit of land from the Hartley family around the fire station to square up the property and install an emergency access road behind the station.

ROAD DEPARTMENT – There will be a preconstruction meeting for our road repaving projects at the engineer's office in Fremont on August 13. On May 21, the Trustees awarded the contract for the repaving of **TR 163 from TR 16 to the bridge** to M&B Asphalt in the amount of \$70,723. It will be completed at the same time as the Issue II repaving of **TR 165 from TR 28 to TR 16** in the amount of \$110,000 (\$63,800 to be paid by the Township and \$46,200 will be paid by the state's OPWC grant).

ODOT will begin the new roundabout at SR 105 and US 23 very soon. Detours will be posted.

Jim was also informed by ODOT that they will be tar and chipping SR 582 during this same period.

CEMETERY – Jim Busdiecker reported:

- Dean Silva is done surveying the property on the east side of Westwood Cemetery to establish the correct property line.
- We cut back trees in the Catholic Cemetery at the Woodville Cemetery on Lime Road.
- We have been trimming various trees throughout the township.
- Jim shot the ditch at TR 93. Kyle Hein's ditch has 7' of fall so it should not be an issue.
- The Trustees agreed to have the wing plow sold on Govdeals along with a skid steer.

ZONING – Steve Michaelis reported on the following:

- Steve has had contact with the Health Department on septic systems on the Buck property on CR 62. The health department and map office are investigating the layouts, and working with Mark on lot split's that will allow proper septic systems on each property. Mark is waiting to hire a surveyor until he has worked out the splits with the health dept and the map office.
- Have had various inquiries on fences and pools and animals.

Fiscal Officer – Lori Kepus presented the Trustees with the Township's **balanced bank reconciliation** for the month of July and the updated Fund, Revenue, and Appropriation Status reports.

Below is the July financial report.

July Revenue Received	\$ 23,360.35
July Expenses Paid	\$ 172,705.62
Balance of all Funds as of 7/31/2025	\$ 3,195,853.03

Trustee Hammer made a motion to adopt a resolution accepting the amounts and rates of the township’s levies for 2026 as determined by the county budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

The Trustees passed a resolution last month to authorize the reduction of the EMS levy from the voter approved 5.7 mill to only collect 3 mills in Tax Year 2025 which is payable in 2026. Of the \$467,784 approved for collection at the 3.9 mill rate, now only approximately \$337,776 (3 mills) will be collected. This is the second decrease the Trustees have approved in the last few years.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to approve the warrants. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Trustee Green made a motion to approve the July 16, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call.

At 8:46 p.m., with no further business, Trustee Hammer moved for adjournment. Trustee Green seconded. This meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code's Sunshine Law.