

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING – December 17, 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 Assistant EMS Chief: Mike McGinnis (left at 7:04 pm)

Fire Chief: Tim Schnitker

Road Supervisor: Jim Busdiecker

Zoning Inspector: Steve Michaelis

Guests: John & Shirley Giesler, Charann Mosier, Pat Perry, Ron Blevins, Marvin Perry Jr., Susan Fisher, Chris Buck, Donovan Brien, Duane Gerwin.

EMS – LS 19 had 50 runs in November with 20 transports to area hospitals.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – Fire Chief Tim Schnitker gave the following report:

- Toledo Pole Barn: The County Building Department told Toledo Pole Barn to get a zoning permit from the Village. The Village told them it needs to come from the County. Mark Grove is working on it to straighten it out.
- Small County Fire Marshal Grant resubmitted for radios. The MARCS mobile repeater in R-1 is not working. It is a power supply issue. Because they may not be able to fix it, I requested to add a replacement to the Grant.
- The furnace wasn't working again last Sunday. The water drain was clogged and there was water in that motor again. No birds this time. Seth has a new cap with a screen to keep the birds out, but not sure why so much water is in that pump. It's working for now.
- Gibsonburg Fire donated about 15 buckets of F500 and some Class A foam as they are no longer using that product.

Trucks:

R-1: In Service: Williams fixed the passenger front brakes and changed filter in the air dryer. The mechanic told Mark that some of the fire trucks have been having trouble with the onboard air compressors tied to the Kuszmaul because they go into the system and not directly into the tanks causing moisture and rust. He is researching a long-term fix.

X-2: In Service, Sutphen repaired air leak. Will complete the annual maintenance this week. They need to come back when it can be pulled outside to raise the cab. Annual Maintenance estimate is \$1000. The foam system is leaking around several fittings. The mechanic thought it may be possibly the F500, but was going to do some research. It has brass fittings and evidently some manufacturers recommend stainless with the F500. We are going to empty that foam into the buckets and flush the system. When he finishes his research, we will decide how to proceed from there. If it is just not suited for onboard systems, we will put the Class A foam back in that truck and use the inductor for the F500.

X-3: In Service, no issues.

X-4: In Service. Still waiting on Atlantic to update the parameters in the computer for the Engine Brake and any other set points that are off. Luckily the Engine Brake seems to be the only thing not working and we don't use it this time of year.

X-5: In Service. New PVC fill pipe broke last time it was used but it doesn't affect the use of the truck. Working on a possible way to drain it for winter use since it is the back up to the Rescue Truck but we really don't want to take it out with water in it if we don't have to. That is a small pump with small lines and could freeze way to easy.

X-6 In Service. We can have the pump and tank out quickly if needed for off road use.

Boat: In Service

ROAD DEPARTMENT – Jim Busdiecker reported that the Sterling snow truck is getting cracks on the frame. It will need redone after this winter season.

CEMETERY – Trustee Runion reported that the township workers have done a great job on creating the roads for the new addition to Westwood Cemetery. They saved the Township thousands of dollars by doing the work themselves.

ZONING – Steve Michaelis reported:

- Paul Hardin, 2635 CR 24, Gibsonburg, has applied for a variance for an accessory building on his property. It will most likely be held January 13, 2026.
- I have not spoken with Mark Buck for months. He will most likely create a subdivision and parcel off his lots on TR 62.
- I have been texting with Ryan Moser about his zoning violations. Will meet with him after the first of the year.
- Jay Haar's son told me that his dad plans to get the vehicles off his property soon.

Data Center Conversation

The Township has not received any zoning change request applications as of today. The audience asked the Trustees to get clarification from our lawyer on why the township was told they could not get a moratorium on data centers when other townships have done that.

John Giesler asked if anyone from the Township attended the Sandusky County Economic Development Corporation (SCEDC) meeting last week in Fremont. The Trustees stated that they were all there. They said at this gathering they were given a broad overview of data centers informing the townships of what data centers are and what they do presented by Gary Thompson of RGP. It was just an informational meeting only. Nothing was proposed. The SCEDC sponsored the meeting. The SCEDC's only mission is to promote business growth in the county. The Ohio Governor's office is endorsing these things. They also learned that the data center in Bowling Green is putting in their own gas power plant. They are going through the Ohio Siting Board now and plan to be operational in 2027.

Mr. Giesler asked if Townships can ban together to put pressure on the Sandusky County Commissioners to find out who's in favor of data centers. Who's against them? Who's on the fence? The Trustees replied that only a few townships are being affected by these decisions so it would be hard to get a fair consensus, but the township association has their annual meeting on January 20, and the Woodville Township Trustees will bring up the issue.

Shirley Giesler asked if the Trustees would go on record to agree to not sign an NDA (non-disclosure agreement)? The Trustees stated that at this time no proposals have been put in front of them yet.

The Trustees did state that creating a JEDD in the proposed area by banning together with another village would give our Township the most protection about what can go in there.

Pat Perry stated that he knows a farmer near the Bowling Green plant and he stated that "this is not what we were sold by the Wood County Commissioners."

Fiscal Officer – No report.

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 December 3, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

The Trustees will be attending the Ohio Township Association Winter Conference February 3-6 in Columbus so their regular Wednesday, February 3 meeting will be moved to Tuesday, February 2, 2026 at 7 pm at the fire station.

At 7:43 pm, 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.