

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING – March 19, 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 7:29 pm)
Fire Chief: Tim Schnitker
Road Supervisor: Jim Busdiecker (left at 8:19 pm)
Guests: Austin and Matt Reardon (left at 7:11 pm)

Guests: Austin Reardon, Boy Scout Troop 314, was present to let the Trustees know he would like to construct five free standing mason brick inspirational pillars in front of the fire station for his Eagle Scout project. Trustee Hammer made a motion to allow the project to move forward. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

EMS – Sandusky County EMS Chief Jeff Jackson reported that February was another banner month for the EMS program. LS19 had 58 calls with 27 transports to area hospitals.

Chief Jackson also presented the Year 2024 statistics. The total run volume for LS19 was 527 with 264 transports to area hospitals, traveling 13,330 miles for the year. The majority of those transports were to Mercy St. Charles, Promedica Fremont Memorial, Promedica Bay Park Hospitals, and Mercy St. Vincent. The majority of call were in the Village of Woodville, closely followed by Woodville Township. A smaller percentage were in Washington Township, the Ohio Turnpike, the Village of Gibsonburg, and Madison Township.

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

- While trouble shooting for power outage, we found we have another problem with the exhaust. We are going to try to get the exhaust people and Stahl at the same time. It appears there is an uneven draw on the generator that overloads it when the exhaust kicks in and causes a problem with both. We were going to see which is the cause, but it currently appears the generator does not have enough power to start the motor properly on the exhaust. Looking for the solution, but will have the exhaust off during the planned village power outages on March 25 then we will come up with permanent solution.
- We spent several hours at Martin Marietta trying to resolve the coal bin fire that is ongoing. Some people came and went at different times, but Mark and I were there from 8 am all day. We exhausted every option we had with Subject Matter Experts that Martin Marietta brought in. This Friday we are going to try a different idea that we are pretty confident will mitigate the ongoing problem and allow them to then rehab the silo. They will need major repairs and they plan on modifying the silo to help prevent or at least allow for extinguishing easier in the future. They have purchased both equipment and a pallet of F500 foam to keep on site there that they agree we can tap into if we need to in an emergency and we will try to rotate theirs with ours to keep it all fresh.
- I was able to submit the proper documents to Workers Comp to close out the safety grant for the hose reel. We just need to follow up in about 10 months to finish the process.
- Anthony Kirkendall is scheduled for his physical and is working on registration for Penta County's Adult Education 36-hour Volunteer Firefighter's Course that is starting soon.
- When we had the garage doors set up for manual opening, I didn't realize X3 door was not hooked up for that. Most of the hardware is still there with a couple pieces missing. I am going to get Northwood Door back out to look at it and see if we can get that operational.
- We have one quote in for a storage building that I will have available for some comment and we are looking for at least one more or two contractors.
- The Association's annual fund-raising Gun Raffle was a huge success. We don't have a final tally, but I am confident we will be able to afford to move forward on the storage building as soon as we get the quotes and your approval.

ROAD DEPARTMENT – Road Supervisor Jim Busdiecker reported that he has been busy working on equipment and hauling scrap.

The Township received 7 applications for a maintenance worker. Two of those withdrew their applications and the other five were interviewed on March 12. After discussion of the applications at today's meeting, **Trustee Runion made a motion to hire seasonal workers Lee Zunk, Millbury, at a salary of \$19 an hour and Tristan Haas, Woodville, at a salary of \$17. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.**

CEMETERY – Spring Cleanup at the cemeteries will be March 31. New arrangements can be placed after April 1. The Suburban Press forgot to print the ad on the date requested. It appeared a week late. An announcement was put on the Woodville page on Facebook.

Trustee Runion made a motion to hire Ross Fought Masonry, Perrysburg, to fix the pillar column at Westwood Cemetery at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 that was hit during an ice storm on February 12. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. The cost will be paid by our insurance company as the driver has not yet been located.

ZONING – No report.

FISCAL OFFICER - Fiscal Officer Kepus have been trying to resolve issues with the electric bills from the Village of Woodville. For the last four months, the bills have been very high. The village recently installed new electric and water meters as they switched from manual readings to automatic. Their new software began before all meters had been installed and there have been problems with the software connecting the readings into the program and other various issues.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to renew the contract with Sedgwick, our BWC 3rd party administrator in the amount of \$630 for the 2026 group rating period. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

The Trustees stated that they have no objections to any business's liquor renewal permits.

At 8:19 pm, Trustee Green made a motion to enter executive session per ORC 121.22(G)(1) to consider the employment of a public employee. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Present in Executive Session: Trustees Runion, Hammer, Green, Fiscal Officer Kepus, and Fire Chief Schnitker.

At 8:37 pm, the Trustees returned to regular session. No action was taken.

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 March 5, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

At 8:37 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.