

## THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING – November 19, 2025

Vice Chairman Bill Hammer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Attendance:

Trustees: Paul Runion (absent), Bill Hammer and Ken Green

Fiscal Officer: Lori Kepus

Sandusky County EMS Chief: Jeff Jackson (left at 7:15 pm)

Fire Chief: Tim Schnitker

Road Supervisor: Jim Busdiecker

Zoning Inspector: absent

Guests: Charann Mosier, Susan Fisher, Kris & Don Gerwin, Pat Perry, Shirley and John Geisler, John & Shelly Bedford, and Donovan Brien (all left at 8:20 pm)

### EMS – Sandusky County EMS Jeff Jackson reported:

- LS-19 had 41 runs in October with 22 transports to area hospitals.
- The ambulance has finally made its way back to Woodville from Atlantic in Macedonia, Ohio. We are not satisfied with the work completed under the Horton warranty and are creating a punch list.

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

- Business Network Team forwarded a quote in the amount of \$49,668.80 for a security system. Discussed using some of the EMS levy money as well since this is aligning with their current system. The licensing seems to be very expensive, but I assume any wireless system will be.
- Nederman is suggesting the slow start for the truck exhaust system.
- Toledo Pole Barn is working on obtaining the necessary permits for the storage barn.
- Atlantic: They were here on 11/17 as now the Engine Brake on X-4 is not working. He found a bunch of the programming parameters were wrong and changing them did not fix the problem. He is working with the engine manufacturer to figure out why they were changed, when they were changed, and why fixing them doesn't fix the problem. He will then let us know what is needed to fix it. Luckily, this time of year we don't use it a lot, but what else may be affected by these changes?
- X-2 has a substantial air leak. It is also due for service. I am checking with Sutphen to see when they can do it here. It is too new to have a major air leak, and I would rather WW Williams not touch it just yet.
- Benders: The X-4 mobile repeater was programmed wrong. It took their second technician a short time to figure out the problem. It actually does work by using a UHF radio and converts it to the MARCS radio. The Mobile Repeater in R-1 had both a programming issue and the antenna is not ground. Whoever installed all of the radios in that truck didn't realize it was an aluminum body. It is currently working by borrowing a magnetic mount antenna from Benders and mounting it to a seat in the cab. I am working on a long-term fix. We realized they did the same thing in the new X-2 so we will need to get that corrected.
- I am getting a quote from Benders to update all of our UHF radios as the newest ones are about 20 years old, and we are having trouble getting batteries for the portables and parts for the mobiles. R-1 was not originally installed correctly. There is a grant right now we will apply for through the State Fire Marshal's office. I am including some upgrades in the radio room as well.
- The Township is considering installing a whole building outside station generator to be installed when the addition is done to the EMS living quarters.
- Firefighter Anthony Kirkendall is starting his Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) class.

### ROAD DEPARTMENT – Jim Busdiecker reported:

- The Road Mower had an oil leak, so it is in the shop at AgPro.
- We discovered a catch basin's plastic tile on TR 123 was broken. We repaired it with concrete pipe we had in our inventory.
- The Trustees were asked to consider paving **TR 163** from TR 165 to the Railroad tracks and / or **TR 38** from TR 93 to the Madison Township Line for next year's paving project.
- The Trustees issued a work in the right-of-way permit to Amplex for work on TR 28.
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### CEMETERY – Jim Busdiecker reported:

- We continue to dig out roads for the new addition at Westwood. We are almost done.
- Ag Pro sent a quote for the trade-in of two ZTrak mowers. Total cost after trade-ins would be \$9,291.72. The quote from TruLand Equipment was higher. **Trustee Green made a motion to trade-in the 2 John Deere 2023 Z930M ZTrak mowers with the 60" deck and purchase 2 new ones from John Deere/AgPro under the state contract in the amount of \$9,291.72. Trustee Hammer seconded. All present answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.**

The Trustees signed a cemetery deed for 2 plots in the veteran's section for Diana & Gary Austin, Woodville.

ZONING – No report. Potential Data Center Talk - The Township has not received any zoning change request applications as of today.

Fiscal Officer – Applied for the MORE grant from our insurance company OTARMA for safety equipment. \$1,000 for the Road Department and \$1,000 for the fire department.

**Woodville's Sandusky County Court Issue** – Trustee Green attended a regular meeting of the Sandusky County Commissioners where they delayed taking any action on moving the county court to Clyde which was requested by Judge Welty to be done by January 1. There was discussion about having a centralized court possibly being a better option. The Township Trustees sent a letter to the Sandusky County Commissioners opposing the idea of moving the Woodville Court. The issue is on hold for now.

*Dear Sandusky County Commissioners:*

*This matter comes before you regarding the closure of the Sandusky County Court, Woodville location. Woodville, Woodville Township, Gibsonburg, the county prosecutor, the Sheriff, etc. have all expressed our concerns for the west end of Sandusky County.*

*On October 30<sup>th</sup>, our concerns were discussed with you and the judge and remain the same. The Clyde location is too far away to serve the west end of the county. This was all discussed and nothing sufficiently supported the closing of the Woodville court, and it became clear to “appear” to be more of an inter-office issue between Judge Cynthia Welty and Clerk of Courts Christie Schneider and not necessarily a court location issue.*

*The Clyde location is 30 minutes from the Woodville area, 25+ miles and even further from other parts of the county such as Scott, Madison, and Jackson Townships. All victims, suspects, witnesses, filings of small claims, evictions, civil procedures, etc. would then have to go to the Clyde court location on the far east end of the city. That is not practical or efficient for our residents nor is it fair to them!*

***The commissioners have the authority under ORC 1907.15 to not allow this to happen. The law reads specifically that the Judge can only designate a location in CONCURRENCE with the commissioners. You HAVE to agree to it and ALLOW it for the judge to do this. Sandusky County Prosecutor Beth Tischler confirms the reading of the law and agrees that the commissioners have the authority over this matter. So, all you simply have to do is say NO, it is not in the best interests of the whole county and specifically the west end of the county.***

*You and the Judge took an oath and took positions to always do what is in the best interests of the county, its residents, and communities. We can all agree, especially after our meeting, that this is not in the best interest of the whole county, the west end of the county, and all our communities. **This does not make sense; nothing gets resolved with this location change and honestly would probably make it worse.** The timing of this and the hastily measures being pushed cannot and should not happen like this.*

*We are hoping that you consider all of us in this matter. Please closely consider all things that would and will be affected by this when this decision is made. This is a decision that will affect the entire county and remember that it will be permanent with permanent consequences to us all. Thank you all for your serious consideration of this matter.*

Trustee Green made a motion to renew the Medical Mutual healthcare policy in the amount of \$3,814.81 a month, a 2.9% increase effective January 1, but our insurance rep is still trying to pursue a 0% increase. Trustee Hammer seconded. All present answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2025-10 to re-appoint Larry Dean** of Woodville to a 3-year term on the Sugar Creek Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) Board of Trustees. Trustee Green seconded. All present answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Trustee Hammer made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2025-11 to adopt a Cybersecurity Policy** for Woodville Township. Trustee Green seconded. All present answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Trustee Green made a motion to approve the warrants. Trustee Hammer seconded. All present answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Trustee Hammer made a motion to approve the November 5, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Trustee Green seconded. All present answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

At 7:39 pm, with no further business, Trustee Green moved for adjournment. Trustee Hammer seconded. This meeting was held in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code's Sunshine Law.