

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING – November 5, 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

Road Supervisor: Jim Busdiecker

Zoning Inspector: absent

Legal Counsel: Jim Barney, Gabby Toscano

Guests: Derek Sprouse (left at 7:15 pm)

Jamison Wegman, Doug Edwards, Ryan Moser, Charann Mosier, Gail Lutman, Deborah Johlin Bach, Kris, Don, and Andy Gerwin, Joyce Bower, Pat and Janet Perry, Dave Wilkins, Chris Buck, Shirley and John Geisler, Jenna Johlin, Kim Kruse, Ron Blevins, Kara Hetrick, Donovan Brien, Sophia Reineck, Adam and Tamilyn Helbing (all left at 8:20 pm)

OTARMA Property Insurance Renewal

Derek Sprouse, OneDigital (Sprouse Insurance), was present to review the OTARMA insurance policy renewal. The Township did undergo a reappraisal earlier this year, so the Township's policy was restructured for long-term protections and stability of all assets. Insurance rates on the fire trucks went up, but the township auto policy remained stable. Cybersecurity coverage has become a major focus also. Village resident Jamison Wegman offered his IT services on a volunteer basis if needed.

Trustee Green made a motion to renew the OTARMA insurance policy in the amount of \$39,660. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. This year there was no capital reserve fund distribution (reimbursement) due to a number of overall claims made to the insurance company.

Potential Data Center Rumors

Trustee Runion spoke to the audience and stated that the Township has not received any zoning change request applications as of today. The Trustees requested If anyone has any questions at all to please write them down, and we will be sure to forward them to the Zoning Commission Chairman. Your voice will be heard! The Trustees are continuing to investigate and gather as many facts as possible. The Trustees reiterated that some of the comments made on Facebook are not factual, and please error on the side of caution when reading them. IF any zoning change applications are given to the Township, everyone will have an opportunity to give their comments and opinions in person during at least two open, public hearings.

EMS – Trustee Hammer reported that Kleinfelder (Poggemeyer Design, Bowling Green) will be putting together a proposal for a plan to add an addition onto the EMS quarters.

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

- Nederman: waiting on follow up from their last visit.
- The Woodville Fire Department, Inc. Association accepted the bid from Toledo Pole Barn in the amount of \$177,933.56 for a 40' x 50' pole barn plus patio for extra storage. We are signing the contract and putting money down this week. The association's fund-raising proceeds will be used for this construction.
- Atlantic: Followed up on getting the corrected bills. They are not charging us for X-2 pump test this year since they screwed up the bills originally, so 1 free pump test. They are finishing up the bill for the repairs to X-4 and it should be in the mail this week.
- Benders: We are still waiting to get the repeaters working.
- X-5 needs serviced. One of the generators is not functioning properly and it will need an exhaust repair after service. It is scheduled for the maintenance with Levi Haar this Thursday.

On November 4, village and township residents approved the renewal of the 3-mill fire levy by a vote of 637 for (76.8%) and 193 against (23.2%).

ROAD DEPARTMENT – Jim Busdiecker reported:

- Five loads of #9 stone were mixed in with the salt and our salt bin is now full.
- ODOT salt price for this season is \$56.62 a ton from Cargill. We ordered 50 ton.
- Snow plows are out and ready to go.
- Ken Meyers/Green Springs is putting fiber optic in on CR 107 for Amplex. They did a directional bore on TR 24 and hit stone so they had to dig it out. Amplex will make the repairs this spring.
- Trustee Runion reported that he is still attempting to mediate an issue between two farmers regarding ditch maintenance on TR 56. It should be resolved very soon.
- Matt Brunings cleaned the ditch on CR 159 for the Leking brothers.

Seasonal Worker Tristan Haas would like to get his CDL. The county has a certified instructor for the behind-the-wheel training. LTAP offers free online training for the theory portion of the license. **Trustee Runion made a motion to pay for the CDL behind-the-wheel training for Seasonal Worker Tristan Haas at a cost up to \$1,400 and have him sign a prorated reimbursement agreement if he does not continue employment with Woodville Township for at least 3 years. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.**

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 trade-in of two ZTrak mowers. Total cost after trade-ins would be \$9,291.72. He will also get a quote from TruLand Equipment.
- Would like to keep the seasonal workers on the schedule until the weather turns bad.

The Trustees signed a cemetery deed for Nancy & Thomas Hall, Florida for 1 plot and Allen Meyer, Florida for 1 plot.

ZONING – Steve Michaelis sent the following approved permits:

- **Allan Huss**, 1428 SR 20, Woodville, for a 70’ x 80’ building already constructed and an additional 30’ x 40’ building that he plans to build. No charge, ag use.
- **Scott Brough**, 7435 CR 107, Gibsonburg, for four buildings in the newly created personal recreation area. No charge for the permit as he paid for the zoning amendment.
- **Bruce & Chris Stone**, 1050 East Main Street, Woodville, for a 60’ x 300’ ag building. No charge, ag use.
- **Connie Spitler**, 5795 CR 169, Genoa, for repair of her 16’ x 12’ deck using the same footprint. No permit is needed for this, but she requested that one be written. There was no charge for permit.
- Received a call from someone concerning an unsafe house on Fostoria Road. I referred them to the Sandusky County Health Department for investigation.
- The Zoning Commission will hold their next regular meeting at 7 pm November 12 at the fire station.

The annual Sugar Creek Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) board meeting will be held on November 12 at 5:30 pm at the Elmore Village Hall. The township’s representative on this board is Larry Dean, Woodville. The Sugar Creek JEDD is a special-purpose territorial district created by contract in 2014 between the Village of Elmore, Harris Township, and Woodville Township for the purpose of encouraging economic development, creating jobs, and improving the economic welfare of its citizens. This JEDD is located off State Route 51 and the Elmore Turnpike (I 80/90) Exchange and consists of 40 acres of shovel ready land in Sandusky County and 47.6 acres of land in Ottawa County.

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

Below is the October financial report.

October Revenue Received	\$ 27,302.22
October Expenses Paid	\$ 117,851.88
Balance of all Funds as of 10/31/2025	\$ 3,562,248.49

Fiscal Officer Kepus has finalized the payments due by each township for the **2025 Issue II joint township road project**. Trustee Hammer made a motion pay the township’s portion of the Issue II Road Repaving project (TR 165 from TR 28) to TR 16 to M&B Asphalt in the amount of 58% of the \$109,313.13 project or \$63,401.62 **and to increase township appropriations by adding OPWC’s contribution to the Issue II project in the amount of \$45,911.51 which will bring the total 2025 township appropriations to \$1,722,481.51**. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

Kepus has completed and submitted to the state the OPWC Issue II grant final disbursement request for the remaining 42% of the project for the Township Road Repaving Project with Jackson, Madison, Rice, Scott, Washington, and Woodville Townships to be paid to M&B Asphalt.

2025 Amended Appropriations for Woodville Township

General Fund	216,000.00
Motor Vehicle License Tax	52,000.00
Gasoline Tax	137,000.00
Road & Bridge Fund	456,000.00
Cemetery Fund	122,000.00
EMS Fund	394,000.00
EMS-Permanent Improvement Fund	15,540.00
Fire Fund	277,000.00
FIRE-Permanent Improvement Fund	7,030.00
Permissive License Tax Fund	0.00
Capital Projects Issue II	<u>45,911.51</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,722,481.51

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 October 15, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

At 8:55 pm, Trustee Runion made a motion to enter Executive Session per ORC 121.22(G) for a confidential conference with legal counsel. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Present in Executive Session: Trustees Runion, Hammer, Green, Fiscal Officer Kepus, Legal Counsel Jim Barney and Gabby Toscano.

At 9:38 pm, the Trustees returned to regular session. No action was taken.

At 9:38 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.