

THE WOODVILLE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE'S REGULAR MEETING – October 1, 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

Guests: Don Gerwin, Andy Gerwin, Ken Kruse, Kim Kruse, John & Shelly Bedford, John Giesler, Doug Edwards, Madison Twp Trustee Kent Kirsch, WTOL reporter. (All left the meeting at 7:24 pm)

Guests – The Trustees had a friendly discussion regarding word that is going around that a developer is currently trying to acquire large parcels of farmland for the possible development of a data center between Woodville and Gibsonburg in the areas of CR 32 (Anderson Road), TR 93, TR 115, SR 300, and CR 85 (Madison Township). Trustee Hammer stated that there are no end-users of the property as of now.

Trustee Hammer stated that our zoning inspector was not able to attend this meeting, but he did speak with him before the meeting and Mr. Michaelis stated that he has received no information from a developer, and has had no requests for any zoning changes or variances from landowners as of today.

The Trustees are aware that realtors are putting feelers out now trying to find land around the NEXUS pipeline that fits their needs and the needs of the community. They are looking for at least 430 acres are of farmland that would be needed to build a data center, but they want more than that. Part of the farmland in question is not workable, and they are aware that a data center must be located at least 1 mile from an active quarry

Trustee Runion stated that if a zoning change or data center were every pursued, there will be public hearings before anything is denied or enacted. He told the audience that the trustees have not had any talks about this issue beside what was said at the zoning commission meeting last week. Many in the audience were in attendance at that zoning commission meeting.

EMS – No report.

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

- I had a Zoom Call with the Business Network Team, the company Sandusky County EMS is using for a security camera system. The system looks like it offers a lot for the cameras and other security if we want to have more options. They are going to send a guy out to look at the building and put a proposal together.
- Bids were received for the building. We will be reviewing the lowest 2 bids and awarding the contract.
- Straightening out bills with Atlantic. Ordered the parts for the Pump Pressure Gauge and will schedule the repairs. They are also going to look to see if it looks like any damage was caused by Williams during their pump test and maintenance they performed or if this is just age related.
- Benders has one of our vehicle repeaters to tune it up and have returned the other. The first one is tuned and we will need to re-install it and test it. We may have an antenna or wiring issue. They will get the other repeater back to us soon.
- The Live Fire Training Anthony Kirkendall asked about was not for Volunteers, it was for Instructors to become certified to do Live Fire Training. We will not be sending anyone to that. We will be sending at least one to First Responder Training.
- Mark and I attended a County Communications Meeting today. The Marcs Paging should be coming on line for Fire finally soon. The template will probably be changing again soon. A committee has been formed. This is mostly due to Fremont Fire and Police coming on board and the radio use is way up as run volumes are way up so more radio channels or a different way of using them is needed. Mark is on the sub-committee.
- We looked at a Genesis Combi Tool with accessories for X-2. For day time responses sometimes we are getting 1 truck out the door and no manpower to get a second truck coming. We obviously call mutual aid, but in the meantime for an accident we have to decide which truck to roll first. In the past, it was standard to roll the Rescue Truck first on an injury accident because it was not normal for vehicles to burst into flames. This trend is changing with new technology and we would benefit from having at least minimal tools available on an engine. We found a Combi-Tool that was used as a demonstrator model at a very good price that comes with some amazing attachments that would get us by most of the time at least until more help arrived and would be a value-added tool even with our Rescue Truck on scene at times due to the size and nature of the Ram. The cost is \$22,910.00. This tool utilizes the Milwaukee batteries that we already have on X-2. It is also rated to be submerged in water, something our other electric tools are not.

Trustee Green made a motion to purchase the combo tool up to \$23,000. Trustee Hammer seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed.

ROAD DEPARTMENT – Jim Busdiecker reported that the Issue II roads are done along with TR 163. The Village of Woodville may be interested in purchasing our truck and ski steer. Ryan Bruce of Gibsonburg will hot oil treat our 1-ton truck for \$200.

CEMETERY – Jim Busdiecker reported that we received 150 ton of road grindings from Rice Township, we received treated dirt from the county? Being used to top off graves and the Woodville Girl Scouts would like to clean grave stones at the Old Woodville Cemetery on Lime Road to earn one of the badges.

- The Trustees signed a deed for one plot for Bernard and Christy Blechinger, Woodville Township.

ZONING – No report.

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

Below is the September financial report.

September Revenue Received	\$	73,507.80
September Expenses Paid	\$	56,073.10
Balance of all Funds as of 9/30/2025	\$	3,652,798.15

Trustee Green made a motion to approve the warrants. Trustee Runion seconded. All answered yes to roll call. Motion passed. Trustee Hammer made a motion to approve the September 17, 2025 regular meeting minutes. Trustee Green seconded. All answered yes to roll call.

At 8:23 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.