

Miami Township Trustees
Minutes of November 4, 2024
**see acronym glossary following minutes*

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hollister, with Trustee Moir and Trustee Mucher present.

Fire Chief Denny Powell, Road Department employee Dan Gochenouer, and Recorder Cyndi Pauwels were in attendance.

Yellow Springs News Editor Lauren Shows and resident Fred Stockwell were also present.

Adoption of Minutes

Trustee Moir **moved** to **adopt the minutes** of October 21, 2024, as presented. Trustee Mucher **seconded**, and the **motion carried unanimously**.

Payment of Accounts

Trustee Moir **moved** and Trustee Mucher **seconded** to **pay bills** in the amount of **\$36,702.61**:

- General Fund – \$6,382.17
- Cemetery – \$2,044.05
- Fire Fund – \$26,875.72
- Road and Bridge – \$1,400.67
 - 2021 – \$832.43
 - 2031 – \$568.24

The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

- Consultant Fred Kauser: First **weekly report** and invoice

Public notices:

- **November 13, 2024**, at 7 p.m.: Dale Arnold from the Ohio Farm Bureau will present on **community-scale solar**. The Township Zoning Commission, BZA members, and the public are invited to the meeting in the Township building.
- **November 17, 2024**, at 2 p.m.: The Yellow Springs Historical Society will present on the **history of the Miami Township fire department**. The public is invited to the meeting in the Township building. (*rescheduled to a later date*)

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No comments

Fire Department Report

Chief Powell reported **24 EMS runs, 7 fire calls, and 2 inspections** since last meeting. This included **requesting mutual aid for 2 EMS runs and 3 fire calls** – one of which was an illegal grass burn that got out of control, involving almost 10 acres.

The **new medic cot will be installed November 11**, almost two weeks ahead of schedule, with training immediately after.

MTFR **Halloween candy distribution** was well received in the community.

The station's **overhead doors** will undergo preventative maintenance later this week.

A **Greene County CAD error** assigning the wrong department to Clifton Quadrant 821 has been corrected.

Medic 81 remains out of service.

In response to Ms. Shows question, Chief Powell explained the **state-imposed burn ban** remains in effect from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. until December 1, 2024, and may be extended on a county-by-county basis if drought conditions return. This does not include personal fire pit burns.

Trustee Mucher asked about several housekeeping items:

- **Furnace filters** – Chief Powell will check on the status
- Return date for **MTFR second-in-command** – He is expected back on light duty during the first week of December, working 4/10s Monday-Thursday.
- Status of **burned vehicles** at the Township Road Dept. – Chief Powell thought they had been removed; he will talk to Mr. Gochenouer.
- Status of **replacement/new flag** for the Township building – Trustee Moir will order a new flag according to the correct proportions.

Cemetery and Road Report

Cemetery:

Mr. Gochenouer reported **3 burials** at Glen Forest. A brief discussion was held re: permits.

New tires have been installed on the dump truck as suggested last meeting. A tractor **tire leak** has been repaired. Mr. Gochenouer will keep an eye on the backhoe's **worn hydraulic line**.

Trustee Mucher **commended the Road Department on their efforts clearing the pine forest** at the back of the cemetery. The landscape architecture plans to begin pinning plot sites by December 1st.

Roads:

Mr. Gochenouer will be working on several **maintenance items at Grinnell Mill** including the deck and gate.

Final mowing will be completed.

Trustee Mucher said the **roads look “excellent.”**

Mr. Gochenouer reported a **downed tree on South River Road** was handled by the County.

In response to Trustee Mucher’s question, Mr. Gochenouer said there is 100+ ton of **road salt** in storage at Bath Township and another ~35 ton in the Township bin.

Ms. Shows asked **how much salt is needed to cover Township roads**. Mr. Gochenouer said **6-7 tons per pass**.

Fiscal Officer’s Report

Trustee Hollister presented **Resolution 2024-32 Amendment of Permanent Appropriations**. Trustee Mucher **moved** to adopt the Resolution, and Trustee Moir **seconded**. She noted the Road accounts and amounts listed would cover the approved chip sealing and the new mower purchase. The **Resolution was adopted unanimously**.

Trustee Mucher informed Mr. Gochenouer **funds may not be available for road overlay next year**, but further chip sealing/fogging should be sufficient.

Finance reports will be distributed on the second meeting of each month (after previous month’s entries have been recorded).

US Bank checking balance 10/31/24: \$858,449.39
StarOhio investment acc balance 9/30/2024: \$1,385,234.45

Zoning Administrator’s Report

In Mr. Lucas’s absence, no report was available. Discussion on the need for additional consulting/transition services from Carrie Smith noted on the agenda will be tabled until he can provide input.

Executive Session:

Trustee Mucher **moved** for an **Executive Session** to “consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee.” Trustee Moir **seconded**. The meeting recessed at 5:28 p.m., and reconvened at 5:34 p.m.

Trustee Moir **moved** that, due to special circumstances in which the MTFR second-in-command is on medical leave, the **Trustees will allow Lieutenant Cassidy Brewer to**

carry over unused vacation hours to be used in 2025. Trustee Mucher **seconded**, and the **motion carried unanimously**.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for **Monday, November 18, 2024**, at 5 p.m.

Chairperson _____ **Attest** _____

***Acronyms:**

- CAD: Computer-aided dispatching
- GCTA: Greene County Township Association
- GFNB: Glen Forest Natural Burial Committee
- MTFR: Miami Township Fire & Rescue
- MVRPC: Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission
- OTA: Ohio Township Association
- RPC: Greene County Regional Planning & Coordinating Commission
- YSDC: Yellow Springs Development Corporation

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