

Miami Township Trustees
Minutes of December 2, 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.

Fiscal Officer Jeanna GunderKline, Zoning Administrator Bryan Lucas, Road Department employee Dan Gochenouer, and Recorder Cyndi Pauwels were in attendance.

Resident Fred Stockwell was also present.

Adoption of Minutes

Trustee Mucher **moved to adopt the minutes** of November 18, 2024, as presented. Trustee Moir **seconded**, and the **motion carried unanimously**.

Payment of Accounts

Trustee Moir **moved** and Trustee Mucher **seconded** to **pay bills** in the amount of **\$38,469.87**:

- General Fund – \$10,593.04
- Cemetery – \$800.14
- Fire Fund – \$22,851.56
- Road – \$4,225.13
 - 2021 – \$2,510.31
 - 2031 – \$1,747.82

After a brief discussion re: the in-process account updating, **the motion carried unanimously**.

Correspondence

Trustee Mucher noted one item re: the cemetery that would be addressed under that agenda item.

The Trustees received no other correspondence that needed further discussion.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No comments

Fire Department Report

In Chief Powell's absence, no MTRFR report was available.

Cemetery and Road Report

Cemetery:

Mr. Gochenouer reported **2 burials** at Glen Forest.

Trustee Mucher presented the Township’s standard contract with Cedarview Lawn Services for **cemetery lawn maintenance** – a 3-year renewal at \$20,000 per year, and **moved** for its acceptance. Trustee Hollister **seconded**. After a brief discussion, **the motion carried unanimously**.

Mr. Gochenouer reported a quote of \$1,400 to **remove the walnut tree and stump in Clifton Cemetery**. Trustee Hollister will check with the committee.

Trustee Mucher read an email received from a citizen asking whether certain **additives could be used in the Natural Burial section to accelerate decomposition**. After a discussion, and noting the Township follows green burial rules, he will follow up to determine the exact additives in question.

Mr. Gochenouer noted he has also received inquiries re: **mushroom shrouds/suits** in natural burials.

Roads:

Mr. Gochenouer reported he is focusing on **truck maintenance**. No salting has been needed yet, but the department is well-stocked when it is.

Trustee Mucher and Mr. Gochenouer will meet for a **road inspection to compile a list** for the County’s collective bid, due January 10, 2025.

Fiscal Officer’s Report

Finance reports were distributed.

Ms. GunderKline presented **Resolution 2024-33 Amendment of Permanent Appropriations** and asked for its adoption. After a discussion on account status and the upcoming 2025 temporary appropriations, Trustee Moir **moved** to adopt the Resolution and Trustee Mucher **seconded**. **The motion carried unanimously**.

US Bank checking balance 11/30/24: \$488,633.06

StarOhio investment account balance 10/31/2024: \$1,391,160.27

Zoning Administrator’s Report

Mr. Lucas reported **1 permit** was issued recently, with another pending.

His office PC has been received and set up, and he has responded to several citizens’ questions.

The **Zoning Commission met November 19, 2024**, and continued their discussion re: **community-scale solar** in light of Dale Arnold’s November 13th presentation. Part of their work will be to determine an accurate term/definition for the project(s) in question. They hope to prepare appropriate regulations and put them on hold pending the outcome of HB 197.

The November 20, 2024, **BZA hearing re: 2024-008 1579 Clifton Road** adjourned with no ruling as it was determined no variance had been properly requested/could be granted. Further research by Mr. Lucas shows he can simply issue an **agricultural exemption** for the property in question. He is awaiting a response from the landowner.

Mr. Lucas is working on providing each member of the Zoning Commission and the BZA with a **complete current copy of the Township Zoning Resolution**.

He is looking into a **possible agri-tourism zoning violation** at Stoney Creek Garden Center on US 68.

At Trustee Moir's request, Mr. Lucas will check with **Zoning Commission and BZA members with expiring terms** about their interest in continuing their service.

New Business

Trustee Mucher **moved** to provide **each regular member of the Zoning Commission and BZA** with the traditional **\$100 gift card as thanks** for their service. Trustee Moir **seconded**, and after a brief discussion, **the motion carried unanimously**.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for **Monday, December 16, 2024**, at 5 p.m.

Chairperson _____ **Attest** _____

***Acronyms:**

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

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