

**Miami Township Trustees**  
Minutes of December 16, 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.

Recorder Cyndi Pauwels was in attendance.

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

**Adoption of Minutes**

Trustee Mucher **moved to adopt the minutes** of December 2, 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 **\$134,642.88**:

- General Fund – \$8,380.31
- Cemetery – \$6,173.75
- Fire Fund – \$115,458.40
- Road – \$4,630.42
  - 2021 – \$2,454.58
  - 2031 – \$2,175.84

After a brief discussion, **the motion carried unanimously**.

**Correspondence**

Trustee Mucher forwarded correspondence from the **Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund (OP&F)** to Chief Powell.

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, Trustee Hollister reported **22 EMS runs** and **8 fire calls** since last meeting. This included **requesting mutual aid** for 2 EMS runs, and **mutual aid response** for 3 EMS runs.

An ongoing issue with **reporting MTRF personnel physicals as required by OP&F** was discussed. Trustee Mucher said it was a communications issue that is being resolved; Trustee Moir was concerned about the fines imposed for the delay.

## Cemetery and Road Report

### Cemetery:

In Mr. Gochenouer's absence, Trustee Mucher reported **3 burials**, including 1 scattering of ashes.

Trustee Mucher reported the **pine forest walkway** was laid out Thursday, with additional property survey completed by McGill Smith Punshon in preparation for pinning the ~248 gravesites. That will happen when the ground clearing and leveling is completed.

Trustee Moir reported the **natural burial contractor** is working on the previously discussed landscaping plan. Trustee Hollister asked if there is a timeline for removal of the plastic used for prairie restoration; Trustee Moir will check.

### Roads:

Trustee Mucher reported the roads are in good shape, and **trees downed in recent storms have been cleared**, including the split maple at Clifton Cemetery.

One **county-wide ice call-out** was issued by Greene County; however, after checking Township roads, Mr. Gochenouer decided no treatment was needed.

After a brief discussion re: the **Greene County collaborative road bid list** due January 10, 2025, Trustee Hollister will set up a time for a road tour and decision before he is out of town January 7th.

## Fiscal Officer's Report

Trustee Moir explained the Township history with ARPA funds and the steps needed to correct fund balances. She then asked for a motion to **rescind Resolution 2024-31 Amendment of Resolution 2022-16 (ARPA Final Rule – Use of Standard Allowance)**. Trustee Mucher so moved, and Trustee Hollister seconded. The **motion carried unanimously** and **Resolution 2024-31 was rescinded**.

Trustee Moir then presented **Resolution 2024-34 ARPA Final Rule – Use of Standard Allowance**, moving \$130,409.87 (amount per the Treasurer) from the General Fund to "fire and emergency medical services," and asked for a motion adopting same.

Trustee Mucher moved to adopt **Resolution 2024-34 ARPA Final Rule – Use of Standard Allowance** and Trustee Hollister **seconded**. The **motion carried unanimously**.

Referring to the Fiscal Officer's reports, Trustee Moir noted that **outstanding discrepancies in account balances have shrunk from ~\$130,000 to ~\$16,000**, thanks to a lot of hard work by Ms. GunderKline and consultant Frederick Krauser. Trustee Mucher added that when the checking account reconciliation is completed, that number may shift further.

Trustee Hollister noted that after a long meeting with Mr. Krauser, there is a “great feeling” for **things being put in order** not only for 2024 but for 2025 projections and beyond.

Trustee Mucher reported the **draft of 2025 Temporary Appropriations**, to be voted on at the January 6, 2025, meeting is available for public review.

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

**StarOhio investment account balance 11/30/24:** \$1,396,709.25

### **Standing Committee Reports**

- Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC): No report
- Greene County Regional Planning & Coordinating Commission (RPC); No meeting
- Clifton-Union Cemetery: Trustee Hollister reported the last meeting of the year was held, with nothing to report. **Clerk Parsons is reviewing old cemetery files going back to c. 1810.**
- YS Development Corporation (YSDC): No report
- Greene County Township Association (GCTA): No report
- Glen Forest Natural Burial Committee (GFNB): No meeting
- YS Active Transportation Committee: No report

### **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 5:32, and reconvened at 6:47 p.m. with **no action being taken at this time.**

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for **Monday, January 6, 2025**, 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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