

Miami Township Trustees
Minutes of January 22, 2025
**see acronym glossary following minutes*

Call to Order

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

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

Adoption of Minutes

Trustee Hollister **moved** to **adopt the minutes** of January 6, 2025, as presented. Trustee Moir **seconded**, and the **motion carried unanimously**.

Trustee Hollister **moved** to **adopt the minutes** of the special meeting held January 20, 2025, as presented. Trustee Moir **seconded**, and the **motion carried unanimously**.

Payment of Accounts

Trustee Moir **moved** and Trustee Hollister **seconded** to **pay bills** in the amount of **\$46,555.80**:

- General Fund – \$8,293.53
- Cemetery – \$3,820.90
- Fire Fund – \$28,576.72
- Road – \$5,864.65
 - 2021 – \$1,729.35
 - 2031 – \$4,135.30

The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

Trustee Mucher noted correspondence from the **USDA re: the annual report**. See discussion under New Business.

Trustee Moir reported correspondence with the **Greene County Recorder's office re: Township notification of Resolutions**.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No comments

Fire Department Report

Chief Powell reported **37 EMS runs** and **10 fire calls** since last meeting. This included **requesting mutual aid** for 1 EMS run and 1 fire call, and **mutual aid response** for 2 fire calls. He noted Medic response for 6 strokes in that time period, with 3 in one day.

The required staff **psychological exams** have been scheduled, and **physicals** will be set soon.

Tanker 82 is out of service with an air system failure. Repair service is expected tomorrow (January 24th) to determine what needs to be done.

Delivery on the **new Medic is now expected in 18 months**. Chief Powell approved minor order changes.

After an extensive water leak in the Township building, the two existing **domestic water pumps are scheduled for a staggered rebuild**.

In response to an earlier inquiry from Trustee Moir, Chief Powell provided an update on the **paramedic program training schedule**. Five MTFR staffers are currently enrolled, with two more scheduled for next year. A brief discussion was held on the possible need to amend the hiring Resolution(s) which required said training to be completed in 2 years. Chief Powell added he is “not too concerned” with any scheduling issues given staff absence for classes.

Chief Powell presented the Trustees with an **updated Reclassification Certification table** for MTFR staff that he created with consultant Fred Kauser. Trustee Moir asked that the matter be continued as she only received the document 15 minutes prior to the meeting and needs more time to review it before voting. **The issue will be tabled**, along with three remaining items noted on Chief Powell’s written report because they are connected. Trustee Moir noted the matter needs to be settled before the Township can move to an outside payroll company, and that she hopes **it will be finalized soon**.

Cemetery and Road Report

Cemetery:

Mr. Gochenouer reported **1 burial** scheduled for January 29, 2025, in the Prairie.

Roads:

Mr. Gochenouer said he’s been busy “playing in the snow,” given the recent weather, but the **roads are all open and in good shape**. The Road Department has spread approximately 50 tons of salt in the past two weeks. Trustee Hollister asked what the Township currently pays for salt; Mr. Gochenouer estimates \$63/ton. An adequate supply remains in storage in Bath Township.

Mr. Gochenouer will be removing the last **junk vehicle** at the Township garage this week.

Garage door #2 may need service, as it doesn’t always open as it should.

New heaters will be delivered on Thursday, and Mr. Gochenouer will use a lift from Bath Township to install them.

Trustee Mucher asked for a breakdown of **roadwork** ordered through the Greene County program. Mr. Gochenouer has requested overlay on Jacoby Road (est. \$42,000), and fog seal for Hardison and North River roads (est. \$14,000 total).

Fiscal Officer's Report

Trustee Mucher presented a draft of **Resolution 2025-03 Five-year Renewal Levy of 3.8mil for the May Ballot (need exact wording)**. Trustee Hollister moved to adopt the Resolution and Trustee Moir seconded. During a brief discussion, Trustee Moir stressed this it is **not a new tax**, but a continuance of **operating funds for the MTRF** that has been in place since 2010. Trustee Hollister noted that **while the millage is set at 3.8**, it's **currently being collected at on 2.6 mil** due to Greene Count calculations. He added that, as a renewal, the **existing Homestead Exemption will stay in place**; a new levy would not include that provision. Trustee Mucher said the Township received **\$595,000/year** during the current levy cycle. The **Resolution was adopted unanimously**.

US Bank checking balance 12/31/24: \$239,159.11

StarOhio investment account balance 12/31/24: \$1,402,284.83

Standing Committee Reports

- Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC): no report
- Greene County Regional Planning & Coordinating Commission (RPC): Trustee Mucher said the Commission did not meet in November or December, but would be **meeting on January 30th**.
- Clifton-Union Cemetery Board: Trustee Hollister said the Board was pleased with the **downed-tree removal**. They are talking with an informal historical group from Clifton that may be interested in **volunteering for cemetery maintenance**, possibly working with Grave Groomers.
- YS Development Corporation (YSDC): no report
- YS Active Transportation Committee: no report
- Glen Forest Natural Burial Committee (GFNB): no report
- Greene County Township Association (GCTA): no report

New Business

Trustee Moir presented a request from Yellow Springs Village Manager Johnnie Burns for a **right-of-way utility easement** behind the Township buildings on Fairfield Road. After a brief discussion, Trustee Hollister **moved** to grant said easement in principle, pending review of necessary legal documents. Trustee Moir **seconded**, and **the motion carried unanimously**.

Trustee Mucher shared details on the **USDA annual report required re: the construction loan for the firehouse**. He is completing the necessary forms. A brief discussion was held on the documents to be included.

Old Business

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for **Monday, February 3, 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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