

Miami Township Trustees
Minutes of March 17, 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.

Acting Assistant Fire Chief Nate Ayers, Fiscal Officer Jeanna GunderKline, Road Department employee Dan Gochenouer, and Recorder Cyndi Pauwels were in attendance.

Yellow Springs News Editor Lauren Shows, TechAdvisors reps Bartley Davis and Spencer George, MTFR staffers Charles Kline and Justin Turner, and residents Kate LeVesconte and Fred Stockwell were also present.

Adoption of Minutes

Trustee Moir **moved to adopt the minutes** of March 3, 2025, as presented. Trustee Hollister **seconded**, and the **motion carried unanimously**.

Payment of Accounts

Trustee Hollister **moved** and Trustee Moir **seconded to pay bills** in the amount of **\$68,266.29**:

- General Fund – \$3,496.00
- Cemetery – \$2,155.11
- Fire Fund – \$57,115.43
- Road – \$5,499.75
 - 2021 – \$2,121.33
 - 2031 – \$3,738.42

After noting the higher-than-usual Fire Fund balance was due to **payment for the Stryker cot**, the **motion carried unanimously**.

Correspondence

Trustee Mucher noted the **computer security proposal from TechAdvisors**, to be discussed later.

Trustee Moir noted the **application for Zoning Commission alternate from Jane Sweet**, with recommendation from Zoning Administrator Lucas, to be reviewed.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Trustee Mucher invited Trustee Hollister to present his questions on the proposal to TechAdvisors.

In response to those questions, a detailed discussion was held as to the services offered, and **how they compared to what is presently offered by MVECA, the Township's ISP provider**. Specifically, TechAdvisors handles network security, oversight, and 24/7

monitoring with on-call help desk services as needed. Software and systems are maintained through patches and updates, and because of their extensive work with other area governments (Yellow Springs, Xenia Township, Sugarcreek Township, and Bellbrook), they are able to recognize and address system-wide issues on computer-aided dispatch, etc., sooner. Tech Advisors also helps with regulatory compliance.

When Trustee Hollister asked **how this differed from past practices**, Trustee Mucher noted that because there were gaps in the past, and that issues have been overlooked, etc., the Township needs to focus on moving forward rather than reviewing those practices.

Trustee Hollister said he was **not prepared to decide** on the proposal at this meeting; however, he will meet with MVECA this week to continue comparing services.

Fire Department Report

Acting Assistant Fire Chief Ayers reported **26 EMS runs, 2 fire calls, 2 fire alarms, and 2 MVCs** since last meeting. This included **requesting mutual aid** for 1 call, and **providing mutual aid response** for 1 call.

Equipment maintenance:

- One **domestic water pump** has been repaired; waiting for further decision on second pump
- **Tanker 82** and **Engine 82** are back in service
- **Medic 81** is out of service with a coolant leak

Acting Assistant Fire Chief Ayers is preparing a proposal for next meeting for MTRF to **return to the Greater Miami Valley EMS Council and Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association to streamline training** and costs. This would include using their consortium as a source for the **Medic drug bags to reduce expenses and drug loss**. There would be a \$900 upfront fee and a \$100/year fee for each of two drug bags, as opposed to the department's current \$1,500-2,000/year expense and often wasting drugs due to expiration dates.

Trustee Hollister asked for clarification on the run reports of fire calls versus fire alarms. The alarm callouts did not involve a fire, while **both fire runs were brush fires**. MTRF staffer Kline reported the bush truck was used for both, and it "worked great."

At Acting Assistant Fire Chief Ayers' request, Trustee Moir **moved** for an **Executive Session** pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) to "consider the...compensation of a public employee." Trustee Hollister **seconded**. The meeting recessed at 5:19 p.m., and reconvened at 5:26 p.m. with **no action being taken at this time**.

Cemetery and Road Report

Cemetery:

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

The **pine forest walking path** is 90% complete, just needs rolling.

Crews will begin repairs at the **water fountain** this week.

Given all the changes, Trustee Hollister suggested **offering a public tour of the cemeteries**. After a brief discussion, he agreed to spearhead the project.

Trustee Mucher asked Trustee Moir, as GFNB Committee rep, if part-time cemetery worker JT would be **suggesting plants for the cemetery or also doing the planting**. She said he would be doing **both**. The Committee is meeting at the site Friday to review plans.

Roads:

Mr. Gochenouer reported the **downed/falling trees have been cleared** on Hyde, Huston, and Tanyard Roads.

Three trees were planted in the **memorial grove**.

In response to Trustee Mucher's question re: **potholes**, Mr. Gochenouer reported new ones have appeared and are on the list to be filled.

Brandon Morris will cover Mr. Gochenouer's **time off** next week.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Ms. GunderKline reported the **books for 2024 have been closed out successfully**, the Hinkle filing completed, and the **BWC issues** have been worked out.

She will be attending/utilizing various **OTA roundtables/webinars** for continuing education.

USDA reports are in progress.

A brief discussion was held on **permanent appropriations for 2025**. Ms. GunderKline noted that as she has now finished her first complete year, she is much more comfortable with the process and the results.

The Trustees congratulated her on her anniversary and on all her efforts thus far.

Trustee asked for a motion to adopt **Resolution 2025-09 Permanent Appropriations for 2025**. Trustee Hollister so **moved**, and Trustee Moir **seconded**. The **Resolution was adopted unanimously**.

US Bank checking balance 3/17/25: \$425,228.31

StarOhio investment account balance 2/28/25: \$1,412,531.42

Zoning Administrator's Report

A lengthy discussion was held re: the previously-imposed Temporary Solar Exclusion Zone adopted June 5, 2023, which is **scheduled to expire on July 27, 2025: Resolution 2023-29** formally requesting the Greene County Board of Commissioners declare **all unincorporated land south and east of the Little Miami River in Miami Township a restricted area for economically-significant wind farms, large wind farms, and large-scale solar facilities for a period of two (2) years.**

Trustee Moir noted that resident **Jenifer Adams had requested the Trustees review the matter**, given the pending expiration date. Trustee Moir outlined the **history of the process that led to Resolution 2023-29**, noting the public concerns that encouraged the Trustees to impose the exclusion so that more long-term zoning regulations could be considered. Trustee Hollister said he would like to see the exclusion made permanent; Trustee Mucher disagreed with "permanent." As a result of her studies, Trustee Moir would prefer to let the exclusion expire.

The Trustees agreed that, either way, they would prefer to hold a public hearing before making a decision. Trustee Hollister **moved to schedule a public hearing to discuss the potential extension of the solar exclusion zone.** Trustee Mucher **seconded**, and **the motion passed unanimously.** A **date will be determined** before the next meeting.

Trustee Mucher **moved** for an **Executive Session** pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) to "consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee." Trustee Moir **seconded.** The meeting recessed at 5:54 p.m., and reconvened at 6:10 p.m. with **no action being taken at this time.**

Standing Committee Reports

- Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC): No report, other than noting the **upcoming annual meeting**
- Greene County Regional Planning & Coordinating Commission (RPC): Trustee Mucher reported they discussed the **budget**, a final **Beavercreek development Section 5 was approved**, and staff will attend a national meeting.
- Clifton-Union Cemetery Board: no report
- YS Development Corporation (YSDC): Trustee Moir has been named **Treasurer** of the group
- Greene County Township Association (GCTA): Trustee Moir shared her favorable impression of the **Athletes in Action facility** in Xenia where the meeting was held.
- Glen Forest Natural Burial Committee (GFNB): See the **earlier discussion under Cemetery report**; the Committee will work on a **yearly plan** at Friday's meeting. After Trustee Mucher shared that he has asked Mr. Gochenouer to **mow the prairie**, Trustee Moir asked that he wait until the Committee can discuss the process at their next meeting.
- Active Transportation Committee: Trustee Moir reported the **Bike to School** program is back in action on Wednesdays. There will be a **Bike Safety Event** on

April 5, 2025, for school-aged riders. The Committee has asked MTFR to participate.

New Business

The **cybersecurity proposal** was discussed earlier under Public Agenda. Trustee Hollister will meet with MVECA this week to compare services.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for **Monday, April 7, 2025**, at 5 p.m.

Chairperson _____ **Attest** _____

***Acronyms:**

- MTFR: Miami Township Fire & Rescue
- MVC: motor vehicle collision
- 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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