

**Miami Township Trustees**  
Minutes of May 5, 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.

Fiscal Officer Jeanna GunderKline, Acting Assistant Fire Chief Nate Ayers, and Recorder Cyndi Pauwels were in attendance.

*Yellow Springs News* Editor Lauren Shows and ~33 residents and MTRF staffers were also present (identified by name below if they spoke publicly).

**Adoption of Minutes**

Trustee Moir **moved** to **adopt the minutes** of April 21, 2025, as presented. Trustee Hollister **seconded**, and the **motion carried unanimously**.

No minutes were available from the **special meeting held April 29, 2025**.

**Payment of Accounts**

Trustee Hollister **moved** and Trustee Moir **seconded** to **pay bills** in the amount of **\$57,046.32**:

- General Fund – \$9,272.01
- Cemetery – \$2,588.25
- Fire Fund – \$37,651.07
- Road – \$7,534.99
  - 2021 – \$3,177.72
  - 2031 – \$4,357.27

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Correspondence**

The Trustees received no correspondence that needed further discussion.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

Anthony Satariano from the Village of Clifton presented information on upcoming grant-funded projects in the Village. In furtherance of same, he asked the Trustees to consider amending/terminating the **existing lease agreement between the Township and the Village for the Clifton Firehouse**.

A brief discussion was held on the history of the lease (from ~1936 at \$1/year), and the current firehouse usage by MTRF. Acting Assistant Fire Chief Ayers had no objection to the termination of the lease.

Trustee Moir **moved to terminate the lease between the Township and the Village of Clifton for the Clifton Firehouse**, and Trustee Hollister **seconded**. The **motion carried unanimously**.

### **Fire Department Report**

Trustee Mucher presented Consultant Fred Kauser's proposal to **hire clerical assistance to handle the applications for Interim Fire Chief**. At Trustee Moir's suggestion, Mr. Kauser recommended the Township's current contractor for meeting minutes, Cyndi Pauwels. Ms. Pauwels indicated she had discussed the matter via email with Mr. Kauser and was agreeable to the terms he offered.

Trustee Moir **moved to accept Mr. Kauser's proposal to hire Ms. Pauwels for the detailed project at a cost not to exceed \$1,000 for an estimated 5-6 weeks**. Trustee Hollister **seconded**, and **the motion carried unanimously**.

Acting Assistant Fire Chief Ayers reported **25 EMS runs** and **11 fire calls** since last meeting. This included **requesting mutual aid** for 1 call, and providing **mutual aid response** for 3 calls.

### **Personnel:**

- **Overtime** has been limited; a report on staffing fatigue will be presented next meeting.
- Lt. Turner will be working on the **business fire inspection program**, tracking and updating contact info, etc. The plan is to complete this process annually.

### **EMS:**

- The department will need to **order a few specific drugs** to carry over until the drug bag program is in place.
- **Medic 81 (new)** is on schedule to be completed in 2026.
- Acting Assistant Fire Chief Ayers is filing paperwork to continue MTFR involvement in the **American Heart Association's training program**.

### **Fire operations:**

- The department is implementing the **cross-staffing protocols** of the Greene County Dispatch Center (which apparatus is dispatched to which types of call). MTFR will adopt the **regional model for deploying assets** as established in the run cards.
- MTFR will add the **City of Xenia response to all reported structure fires**. Xenia has also been updated to respond to the south end of the Township and the Village on all "reported working fires."
- Lt. Kline, MTFR Training Officer, will establish a **work training schedule/joint training** with surrounding agencies.

### **Maintenance/repairs:**

- **Medic 81** (old) is still with Atlantic. The coolant leak was repaired; however, an AC unit leak was also found. Getting parts is difficult because of the vehicle's age.
- **Tanker 82** will have a compressor rebuilt in the next two weeks.
- The **gym roof is still leaking**, after two repair attempts. A third repair is planned.

#### **Policy update**

- Acting Assistant Fire Chief Ayers has introduced a **new uniform allowance policy** at ~ \$9-10,000 annually. A uniform purchase will be made this week.
- The **Overtime Distribution and Recall (Force Policy)** with the attendance polices will go out tomorrow.

#### **Cemetery and Road Report**

**Postponed** until next meeting.

#### **Fiscal Officer's Report**

**Postponed** until next meeting.

**US Bank checking balance 05/7/25:** \$461,003.83 (Ms. GunderKline noted the correction to the date listed on the agenda)

**StarOhio investment account balance 3/31/2025:** \$1,417,885.08

#### **Zoning Administrator's Report**

**Postponed** until next meeting.

The planned **public meeting on the solar exclusion zone expiration** was rescheduled from May 7, 2025, to **May 21, 2025, at 7 p.m.** in the Township building.

After asking for a show of hands by those in the audience who reside in the unincorporated portion of the Township, Trustee Mucher reminded the audience of the **rules imposed at a previous meeting for public comment**: first to be recognized by the chair, to be civil, to be brief, and to be on topic – “You’re going to get one opportunity to speak.” When Trustee Moir asked who created the rules, he stated, “I did. I’m the chair. I have that ability.”

Trustee Mucher then gave a **summary of the proposed Resolution 2025-12** Tecumseh Land Trust contribution (first addressed on August 5, 2024\*) as **discussed at the special meeting held April 29, 2025**. He also shared the history of the Township’s support of TLT over the years.

*\*From the minutes of August 5, 2024:* Trustee Mucher moved that the remaining ARPA funds (~\$113,000 after the earlier-committed YSDC donation) be committed to TLT use for the successful purchase of easements for the Welch property by December 31, 2024. Trustee Hollister seconded. Trustee Moir restated her concerns, voted “No,” and the motion carried 2-1.

**Resolution 2025-12** would transfer the entirety of the Township’s reserves (\$92,000), as well as various amounts from other accounts, to a newly-created fund with a balance of \$127,419.00 in order to make the \$113,000 donation.

He then **opened the floor for discussion**. (*What follows is in summary and edited for clarity. See the meeting video for the complete discussion.*)

Trustee Moir presented a PowerPoint slide deck **detailing budgetary matters in support of her opposition to the donation as proposed**. She noted the “general accepted principal for government reserves is to hold 3 months of operating expenses on hand.” By her calculations, based on the **adopted 2025 General Fund budget of \$266,000**, that would equal \$66,500. Further depletion of account balances would reduce the interest earned on the State of Ohio directed StarOhio investment account from \$42,000 last year to an estimated \$20,000, leaving a larger gap in the General Fund.

Trustee Moir outlined the **difficulties that could be faced in certifying 80% of Trustees’ hours expended on MTRF versus General Fund matters** as would be required under Resolution 2025-12.

She also shared her **discussions with the Greene County and State Auditors** on the matter. **Trustee Moir feels it would be irresponsible to drain the current \$92,000 reserve fund for a donation**, even to a worthy non-profit for a laudable cause. “We have a fire station to run. We have a lot of things to do, and it terrifies me. ...[to TLT]: If there’s any other way you could this, please.”

Trustee Hollister said that while he appreciated Trustee Moir’s “thorough due diligence” on the matter, “I don’t deny what you’re saying about adequate reserves, **when there’s an extreme situation – which I view the Welch Farm – may be an occasion not to follow the standard.**”

Trustee Mucher said, “Since [Trustee Moir] did all the budgeting and all the appropriations for the Township last year, she knows these numbers. ...**But we’re a third of the way into the year, 33.3% of our General Fund, we’ve spent...21% of the the General Fund. ...We pay about the same every single month and every single year we’re at 21%.**” He then offered several **specific budget items in contradiction** to Trustee Moir’s presentation, noting they were not all General Fund items (IT/cybersecurity), or not approved/budgeted (payroll service), only discussed, and specifically reviewed the Zoning Administrator’s salary fund.

**Public comments** were offered as follows, in summary, with time stamp:

**Barbara Krabec** (1:08:05) asked why the Trustees wanted to “rob Peter to pay Paul and talking about an emergency situation on farmland while Marilan is making perfect fiscal sense. This contribution [to] TLT is unnecessary. It is a travesty of fiscal good sense. Chris used the word ‘commitment’ for this supposed proposed gift. ...A pledge to a charity might be an ethical commitment...it’s not a

financial commitment like a mortgage...[or] like we make to our firefighters...to pay them a certain amount of money each year. There shouldn't even be any discussion about throwing out that commitment this year. Maybe in the future we'll have money to do that kind of thing, but no, it's not an emergency."

**Sam Young** (1:10:08) said, "The other funds you're talking about taking money from, I assume they were the result of a budgetary process that I wasn't involved in, so I have to assume that that was done reasonably, and I'm opposed to tampering with it. ...It seems to me that we could look towards some kind of compromise. What I would suggest is that you take that \$92,000 in the general reserve and give half of it to [TLT] for this year. ...I think you out to look at the decision-making process that allowed the commitment to be made without the resolution."

**Michelle Burns of TLT** (1:11:27) thanked the Trustees for their decades-long partnership, adding "The TLT did consider your [August 5, 2024] motion a commitment to partner with us once again...and then we acted accordingly. ...Once we met our goal, we kind of had the rug pulled out from under our feet, so I would urge you to find a way to help fund this project. I do believe it is an emergency, because we only get one chance to protect land. Once it changes hands, it's out of our control. ...It's been said a couple of times why can't we just get more money from private donations. Everyone is feeling financial crunches, and everybody who's made a donation to us did it by making a sacrifice...People who pledged to us at the end of last year had idea that the stock market was going to look the way it looks today, but they are standing by their pledges to us. I really feel like this is a sacrifice that the community is making, and I would hope that we could all be part of that. ...Without a commitment from you guys, we cannot enter into more conversations with willing buyers, so we are losing precious time and momentum, so I do hope that you can make a decision tonight. ...

"I heard at the meeting last week that the Township zoning is protecting farmland, and I just want to be clear that that particular [Welch] farm, you can get about 14 house lots off of it without any permission from anybody, and that will be a financial commitment to the Township forever... Residential development is the big loser because it brings in less tax revenue than it requires in services."

**Theresa Borchers** (1:14:25), after thanking the Trustees for the time and effort put into this project, said, "I also very strongly support the goals of [TLT]. I think probably most of us in this room, if not all of us, really care about the work...and understand why it's so important to protect farmland. ...That being said, I strongly feel we can't afford as a Township to take money out of the Township and donate it to TLT. It's not the Township's responsibility to do it. It's the responsibility of the Township to ensure that we have emergency medical services, that we have firefighters, that we take care of our Township roads, our

Township cemeteries and zoning....and if we can't meet those responsibilities, we have no business whatsoever giving money to anything else.”

Referencing the August 5, 2024, meeting, she added, “That motion was made very quickly...and the commitment at that time...was that the money would be spent by December 31, 2024, and that was because...it was legally required that ARPA funds be designated by that time. You can't play with that. ...by December 31, 2024, the money wasn't spent and that money was put then in the fire fund and that commitment no longer existed. ...In listening to the August...meeting when this proposal was made, there was a request to please slow the train down, that there was a need to understand that decision from a fiscal...and legal standpoint, and that...wasn't heeded.”

**Trustee Mucher** (1:19:00) provided some insight on the Township's **Comprehensive Land Use Plan**: “[It] states in writing that it is the obligation of the Board to commit to preserve farmland by partnering with conservation easement organizations like the land trust...that's what we're doing. We're following the commitment of our Comprehensive Land Use Plan.”

**Jennifer Rosengarten** (1:20:09) said, referencing an earlier comment, “The TLT is not a charity. It's part of our land use plan, but it's also for all of us. It's for the future of our children. I think we should think of what is the worst long-term effect of this decision. ...What is the worst thing that could happen if that reserve fund were drained? What is the worst thing that could happen if we don't preserve that land? ...It has a particular part of Jacoby Creek watershed, which if we protect that, that protects our water quality. ...It is very shortsighted choice to not support this, but is there is a real danger [to the Township], then I want to hear about that. I have not heard that yet.” ...Trustee Moir answered, “If we run out of money in our general fund, we can't pay our bills, that's what happens.” Rosengarten asked, “And has that ever happened?”

**Tony Absi** (1:23:18) asked, “I thought you were going to get two lawyers' opinions on this, so why are you voting without a legal opinion?”

**Trustee Moir** said, “I submitted the questions to them after the last meeting, and they haven't been returned yet.”

**Mark Heise** (1:23:42) asked **Acting Assistant Fire Chief Ayers**, “You have a unit [medic] that is on order for \$300-some-odd thousand – is that an ironclad contract? ...Or is there a potential especially in today's economy...that would go up?” After **Ayers response** that yes, and other comments, it could go up, he continued **in response to Ms. Rosengarten**, “So in answer to your question, that's the kind of emergency that could happen. That is an unknown, and unfortunately, in today's economy, we don't know what's going to happen.”

**Kelly Ann Tracy** (1:25:11) added, “I have spent the last 40 years in medical finance ...and several of my clients...I just audited their supplies, and I found only one thing that didn’t state that it came from China.” She asked **Acting Assistant Fire Chief Ayers**, “Do you know how much of your supplies come from China?” When he said he did not, but most of them, she added, “Do you foresee that being an issue? ...We have no idea how high these tariffs are going to go. ... During Covid, our hospitals didn’t have equipment available. ...We have no idea where we’re going right now, and this is extremely irresponsible.”

**To Trustee Mucher**, she added, “By your own admission, this woman [Trustee Moir] is your expert. She for the last three years has taken on your budget and all the expenses, and has worked with this to figure it out...but you totally disregard what she tells you. ...In that meeting in August, she said, ‘Whoa, let’s just take a minute...’ and the two of you completely blew her off, you immediately within 15 minutes decided that you were going to do that, and obviously you didn’t have a clue of knowing what you were doing. Because now we’re here...you couldn’t use the money that you thought, and you’re going to steal from all these other avenues in order to be able to fulfill what you think is your promise. It’s outrageous.”

**Trustee Mucher** (1:27:50) spoke in his defense: “For 28 years, I by myself set the budget for Miami Township. I by myself set all the appropriations for the Township. ...I tried to include other members of the Board, and have been very successful with Don and Marilyn in sharing that responsibility in the last couple years. But by no means do I know nothing about budgets or appropriations. I know everything about budgets and appropriations.”

**David Neuhardt** (1:28:24) said, “There are times to stretch, there are other times to be conservative in budgeting, and I would suggest this is a time if there is ever going to be a time to stretch. The Welch farm represents a large amount of road frontage on Dayton-Yellow Springs Road. One of the things that makes this Township special is it’s a great combination of the Village of Yellow Springs, the Village of Clifton, and agricultural land. Once that property goes, if it’s not protected, then it’s going to change the whole nature...The less ag land we have in the Township, the harder it is to farm what’s left because you’ve got to have big equipment, you’ve got to have people that are spraying, you’ve got to have all sorts of things that aren’t necessarily popular and are hard to do with the buildup of the Township. ...And what Michelle mentioned, which is the cost of servicing residential properties like all those frontage lots is actually in excess of the additional tax revenue that comes in, so it’s going to cost us, the taxpayers, more if that land isn’t protected.... I think this is a rare, almost once-in-a-generation opportunity to protect a significant piece of the Township’s ag land. ...So if there’s a time to stretch, I just encourage the Trustees to stretch now.”

**Trustee Mucher** (1:30:53) added, “David is probably the foremost expert in Miami Township on land use, agricultural use of land. ...Don’t discount what David has to say.”

**David Neuhardt** (1:31:22) said, “The magic of conservation easements – which is what TLT is trying to do here – is it’s not purchasing property and taking it out of the tax base. It’s protecting the property while at the same time allowing it to be used for productive use, which is agriculture.” In response to a **question from the audience**, he added, “Whoever would buy it...the easements limit the use of the property. ...We would have a team with an ag buyer...to keep it in agriculture.”

**Yellow Springs News Editor Shows** (1:32:48) asked for clarification on the additional ARPA Resolutions in 2024, saying: “When you moved [the TLT donation] to a 2025 budget item, that meant at the end of the year that commitment expired.” After **Trustee Moir explained** (1:35:27) the necessary steps taken to correct the ARPA funds distribution, **Shows** (1:38:57) asked for clarification of what happens if, given “the circuitous nature of what sounds like the agreements and the commitments...if you get a legal opinion from your counsel or the prosecutor...tomorrow that says, ‘Oh, this is not a good idea, but we pass the legalities.’”

**Trustee Mucher** (1:40:00) responded, “We’re going back and forth about this ARPA funds, but the way this Resolution [2025-12] is written – and this is using General Fund money, not our fund money, but up until today, not one penny of approximately \$500,000 of contributions from the Township to TLT for conservation uses – not one penny came from property tax or any levy money.”

**John Hudson** (1:41:04) said, “I’d just simply like to support the acquisition of the property. The Village and the Township have been at this for at least 70 years, maybe more, and if this isn’t accomplished, all that previous effort will be for naught. This is kind of the final keystone, if I’m not mistaken, so to me it’s critical, and it’s worth the financial risk. I greatly appreciate fiscal responsibility, I don’t argue with that, but if we want Yellow Springs to be Yellow Springs, we’re going to have to support this.”

**Kate LeVesconte** (1:41:52) asked **Trustee Mucher**, in light of his comments, where the funds for past donations came from. He answered, “It was from estate tax money levied by the State of Ohio...distributed by law to all the political subdivisions within where the person passed away,” noting that fund has since been discontinued. He added that with the various Covid Relief money (ARPA funds) transactions, “We will be using General Fund money for the first time because we can’t cleanly make that commitment whole through the ARPA funds.”

**Dean Pallotta** (1:44:11) asked, “When was the Comprehensive Land Use Plan last updated?” **Trustee Mucher** answered, “2012, 2013. It’s on their radar.” **Pallotta** continued, “You have a renewal levy that’s coming up in November that probably should have come up tomorrow – why didn’t it?” **Trustee Mucher** said, “The Secretary of State did not like the...ballot language.” **Pallotta** asked, “So we’re in this conundrum now. So now you’re potentially going to vote in favor of giving away the money – and again, that’s your guys’ decision, that’s on you...in the big picture – how do you think this is going to play out with the residents of the Township, knowing that you’ve given money away...and the potential of the levy not passing. What happens then in the big picture?”

**Trustee Mucher** (1:45:25) responded, “For as long as I can remember, voters support a fire and rescue facility in their town. ...They have supported tax levies for the fire department consistently and overwhelmingly – 85% plus, for most of the levies – and I think every informed taxpayer and voter in the Township understands this is not a volunteer organization. ...We have to have quality people who are paid, and we have to have some place for them to do their work, and that’s what we have provided for them.”

**Trustees Moir and Mucher** (1:47:36) added, “The levy will be a renewal – no new taxes. Right now it’s collecting \$580,000 per year, exactly the same rates we’ve been asking for 20-plus years.”

**Trustee Moir** (1:49:20) asked **Trustee Mucher** about the different amounts noted in Resolutions 2025-12 and 2025-13 (donating \$113,000 but adding \$127,000 to the newly-created fund). “What about that, please?” **Trustee Mucher** responded, “If we give them \$127,000, Michelle will write us a check for the difference. ...I wanted to make sure there was enough money, and I wanted to make sure to put it in a fund where you’re allowed to use it and give it to TLT....(reading from Resolution 2025-12) ‘funds not utilized for set purposes will be released for general purposes’.”

**Unidentified male speaker** (1:50:22) said, “We talked about the fiscal and the ethical...but the political aspect of the issue – you know the average person on the street really doesn’t know what the Township does. People in this room have a pretty good idea, but most of the people downtown...they don’t know.... But what they’re going to know next, or two years from now, whenever they go to the polls, they’re going to know what the Township didn’t do. I think it would be a good idea to go with Sam Young – find a way to participate in this thing...a little bit here, a little bit there, It’ll pay off in the voting booth. **Trustee Moir** (1:51:26) clarified, “Sam suggested a compromise. The lower amount is what you’re suggesting?” **He responded**, “Yes.”

**Mitzie Miller** (1:51:35) said, “I want to thank the Township staff for the involvement of the community and being able to voice concerns...and physically being responsible with our money. I agree if there’s some way to give some kind

of amount, that should be a consideration. I'm really concerned about the economy and ...giving them that total amount is very concerning to me."

**Lori Askland** (1:52:43) said, "I really support TLT. I agree the greenbelt is very important...I really do understand the value of this particular piece of land. ...I grew up on a farm, commodity production...watched traditional farming move to almost exclusively commodity and mass, like hog, production, and so I am concerned about the way corn fields and bean fields negatively affect rivers. So I want to be clear: when you conserve it, that's important, but it doesn't have a neutral effect on the rivers. I do support the idea of it; however, the fiscal concerns are extremely serious. You do not drain your reserves, particularly...when we are in these very uncertain times. ...So much in our area's economy depends on federal funding, and so many of our residents...are dependent on federal funding. We are not in normal times.

"When I was on Council, we had a lot of local money, and we used all of our estate taxes also for a green space, and how to do that properly is of course you create a green space fund, and you designate it. You do that right in the budget, very clearly at the beginning of the year so you're not stuck with this feeling like a shell game. You put a proposal out at the very last minute – two proposals, at the same time, on a Sunday morning, that residents can't read or understand. ...I'm worried about when you promise someone a salary and you're going to take \$5,000 from the [Zoning Administrator] fund...(side debate between **Trustee Mucher** and **Trustee Moir** over that situation)...I would like to finish. I would like to not be interrupted, thank you. I spoke to someone on [Village] Council...about their green space fund. They have additional monies in that fund beyond what they appropriated.

"I do think it's a red flag when you get \$113,000 in federal monies that have very strict rules about it, and then you say you're not using it for that purpose, but then you are using...that same exact weird figure is exactly what you're appropriating. If I were an auditor...that seems a very obvious red flag. So again, I actually really do support this project, and I really do what it to happen; it is very important. I am very dismayed that this is the process that this has come to. This isn't how it's supposed to work...you create the green space fund years in advance because you don't know what can happen. ...[TLT] didn't think it was even going to happen in December, and then here it is May, and now it's happening. So you need that [green space] fund appropriated in advance. So that is why I believe waiting for legal advice, particularly if you decide on the \$113,000. ...It is possible to work with Council and get money from Council's fund, which I believe has over \$260,000 in it, to see if they can help make some of the difference.

"You voted to get legal advice, you have not gotten legal advice. You should get that legal advice and ideally maybe some auditing advice, because that feels like a red flag. And thinking about the voters, showing fiscal care with the finances that

are entrusted to you is really a bottom line. You are statutorily obligated to things like paying firefighters...like paying your Zoning Inspector...and like paying yourselves. ...The Comprehensive Land Use Plan...is an important document. It's a guiding document, but it isn't a statutory obligation, and it's not a legal obligation in the same way. ...I strongly urge you not to fund the full \$113,000 and to leave yourself some cushion."

**Jenifer Adams** (1:59:18) said, "I am a fan of what TLT does. I think the preservation of farmland and keeping it in agricultural use is one of the most important things that we do for our planet. ...Several of us have mentioned already that the green space around Yellow Springs is incredibly important to maintain just from an economic perspective. ...If we aren't protecting that, we're going to regret it.

"Fiscal responsibility, though, is important. ...There was a lot of emotion and sensationalism in what was demonstrated here today, and I don't think that sound decisions can be made in that type of environment. So if you guys aren't making a decision tonight, even though TLT needs a decision as quickly as possible, I would recommend...it seemed like there were different understandings of how much money – and Chris has been doing this for a really long time, so he's comfortable...You're newer, not saying you don't know what you're talking about, Marilan, but there's a lot of information to look at. It sounds like you were coming from two different angles.

"So if you cannot come to a decision tonight, I think you should take the time – maybe in a working session or something – to make sure you're both on the same page, because...Chris is looking at expenditures to date and how they're comparing to the budget as a whole. That is key, because it points to where extra money will be sitting at the end of the year. It's important to look at those things. ...You can budget all you want, but then you get down to the end and find, okay, well, I didn't need 75% of that or whatever, that can happen. I think you guys need to find a way to stand by your commitment, but do it safely. If that means having a work session instead of having it in a meeting like this, I would recommend that, because you guys clearly aren't on the same page."

(2:01:44) With no further requests to speak, **Trustee Mucher asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-12 to "commit funds in the amount of \$113,000, in partnership with the Tecumseh Land Trust, toward the acquisition of conservation easements on all or part of the Township parcels referred to as "The Welsh (sic) Farm" – amending appropriations on three accounts, establishing new Appropriation line codes, and making adjustments to 2025 Appropriation as detailed.** From the document: "With the transfer of these funds, Appropriation Line Code 1000-190-599-0000 will amount to \$127,419.00." The Resolution died without a motion.

After further discussion, Trustee Hollister then **moved to adopt Resolution 2025-13 to "commit funds in the amount of \$113,000, in partnership with the Tecumseh Land**

**Trust, toward the acquisition of conservation easements** on all or part of the Township parcels referred to as “The Welsh (sic) Farm” – **amending appropriations on two accounts and making adjustments to 2025 Appropriation as detailed.** From the document: “With the transfer of these funds, Appropriation Line Code 1000-190-599-0000 will amount to \$127,419.00.” (This Resolution **does not set up paying additional salaries from the Fired Fund.**) Trustee Mucher **seconded.**

Trustee Moir said, “I thought we were getting **legal advice first,**” to which Trustee Mucher responded, “Like everything else, we’ll take things as they come.”

**The Resolution was adopted 2-1,** with Trustee Moir voting no.

#### **New Business**

Trustee Hollister presented a **request from the Yellow Springs Girl Scout troop to establish a 5x5 or 5x8 foot pollinator bed** outside the Township building. The Troop would pay for its installation and tend to the flowers. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to accept the plan and to offer them topsoil from the Township garage storage.

#### **Old Business**

Nothing to present

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for **Monday, May 19, 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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