

Miami Township Trustees
Minutes of June 16, 2025
(from video)
**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 and Road Department employee Dan Gochenouer were in attendance.

No sign-in sheet was available to record attendance.

Adoption of Minutes

Trustee Moir **moved** to **adopt the minutes** of June 2, 2025, as presented. Trustee Hollister **seconded**, and the **motion carried unanimously**. (*Note: this was done in error and will be corrected next meeting.*)

Payment of Accounts

Trustee Moir **moved** and Trustee Hollister **seconded** to **pay bills** in the amount of **\$43,492.00**:

- General Fund – \$4,526.79
- Cemetery – \$3,122.04
- Fire Fund – \$29,538.52
- Road – \$6,304.65
 - 2021 – \$3,080.40
 - 2031 – \$3,224.25

The motion carried 2-1, with Trustee Mucher noting no.

Correspondence

- David Neuhardt - in favor of solar exclusion zone
- Bob Huston - in favor of solar exclusion zone
- Richard Zopf - in favor of solar exclusion zone
- Susanne Ordenez – not in favor of solar exclusion zone
- Joel Smith - not in favor of solar exclusion zone
- Greene County Auditor Kraig Hagler - 2026 Tax Revenue Projections
- Allisa Paeolella- Public Records Request
- Matt McGuire - Public Records Request
- Kami Berkey and Steve Shaw - No annexation for Jones farm
- Barbara Krabec – No annexation for Jones farm
- Leslie Singstock – No annexation for Jones farm
- Jacob Schmidt and Emma Robinow - No annexation for Jones farm

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No comments

Fire Department Report

Acting Assistant Fire Chief Ayers reported **38 EMS runs** and **0 fire calls** since last meeting. This included **requesting mutual aid** for **1 call**, and **mutual aid response** for **2 calls**, for a total of **41 runs**.

Joint wellness training held with Kettering Physicians (students) at Houston with MedFlight.

Street Fair went well, with the assistance of area departments (Silver Creek, Houston, Springfield Township). No runs. Invoice from Silver Creek Township submitted for reimbursement.

Kelly Ann Tracy reported on a citizen-planned “**Appreciation Week**” for MTFR **July 6-12**:

- Mayor Pam with a proclamation,
- Village Council hanging a street banner and recognizing the celebration during their meeting
- Providing meals all week from the Emporium, Ha Ha’s Pizza, Current Cuisine, Bootleg Bagels, YS Bakery, Mazu, Bentino’s, and Sunrise Café
- Merchandise donations from the Chappelle Shop, Dark Star, Kismet – still contacting others
- Coordinating thank-you posters for the public to sign at various downtown locations
- Thank-yous/cookie delivery to area stations who have supported MTFR with mutual aid

Trustee Moir read into the record a proposal from Consultant Frederick Kauser for the **hiring of a new Fire Chief, James Cannell, Jr., effective June 23, 2025**. “His appointment is scheduled to last for one year during which he will prepare internal officers for promotion and appointment. He was selected from an applicant pool of experienced and highly qualified fire officers,” and summarized his qualifications.

Trustee Hollister **moved** to hire Chief Cannell effective 8 a.m. on June 23, 2025, and Trustee Moir **seconded**. The **motion carried unanimously**.

Trustee Moir also **reviewed the interview process used** which included the Trustees, MTFR staff, and Chiefs from area departments.

Executive Session:

Trustee Mucher asked for a motion to move into an **Executive Session** pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(3) to discuss “disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action,” and asked Acting Assistant Fire Chief Ayers to

participate. Trustee Hollister so **moved**, and Trustee Moir **seconded**. The meeting recessed at 5:12 p.m.*, and reconvened at 5:55 p.m. with **no action being taken at this time**.

Cemetery and Road Report

Cemetery:

Mr. Gochenouer reported **1 burial** at Clifton Cemetery.

The **pavilion building in the pine forest** has been completed.

Trustee Moir asked about **overall progress of the pine forest** in terms of both time and money, given the allocated total of \$15,000. Trustee Mucher said it's "virtually done," and might be \$15,000 "when we add some of the small things, noting they're **awaiting a final invoice for Phase One**. In response to Trustee Moir's query on "Phase One," he reported additions before it's open to the public, including a rear fence. A brief discussion was held on the need to budget more funds for those items.

Trustee Hollister reported he and Mr. Gochenouer attended a **gravestone cleaning and repair workshop** at Clifton Cemetery. He suggested asking the presenter do the same at Glen Forest. No decision was made.

Roads:

Mr. Gochenouer reported the **regular mowing routine** has resumed.

A discussion was about a **joint paving project with Cedarville for Harbison Road** next year. The Township portion was roughly estimated at \$40,000 of the \$500,000 total. Cedarville is looking into grant funding.

Trustee Mucher presented **Resolution 2025-16 Accepting the Agreement Between the Greene County Engineer and the Miami Township Board of Trustees for the 2025 Collective Paving Project** to cover the Township's annual road repair work. Trustee Moir **moved** to enter the collective agreement, and Trustee Hollister **seconded**. The **motion carried unanimously**.

Fiscal Officer's Report

US Bank checking balance 06/16/25: \$332,491.72

StarOhio investment account balance 5/30/2025: \$1,428,487.90

Zoning Administrator's Report

In Mr. Lucas' absence, Trustee Mucher reported the **public hearing slated for the proposed Zoning Resolution text amendment** would be moved to next meeting, July 7, 2025, at 5 p.m.

Standing Committee Reports

- Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC): no report

- Greene County Regional Planning & Coordinating Commission (RPC): Trustee Mucher reported the entire meeting was to **review the Miami Township text amendments** that were to be heard at tonight’s meeting. He added **that Miami Township was one of three townships awarded \$13,500 (credit, not cash) from RPC to redo the Zoning Resolution into a more updated format.** That work will be for the Zoning Commission. Mr. Lucas already planned to make the updates; now he will have some help.
- Clifton-Union Cemetery Board: no report
- YS Development Corporation (YSDC): no report
- Glen Forest Natural Burial Committee (GFNB): no report

Old Business

Trustee Hollister presented **Resolution 2025-17 Request Renewal of Solar and Wind Power Exclusion Zone** to the Greene County Board of Commissioners to 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 five (5) years**, and **moved** for its adoption. Trustee Mucher **seconded**.

Trustee Hollister noted additional correspondence both in favor (3) and in opposition (2) to the Resolution. A brief discussion was held as to whether further public comment would be taken. Trustee Mucher said since he requested public input earlier and no one spoke up, it was time to vote.

Resolution 2025-17 was **adopted** 2-1, with Trustee Moir voting no.

Trustee Moir reviewed the journey to this presentation of the **Resolution of Necessity (MTFR renewal levy)** now approved by Attorney Jen Huber, by the Greene County Prosecutor’s Office Tracy Bradford, and by the Greene County Auditor. Because that was not completed until 3 p.m. today, Trustee Moir asked if her fellow Trustees wanted to read through “a lot of legalese” before voting.

After Trustee Mucher said he’s very familiar with it, Trustee Moir noted it was not the standard boilerplate, but includes updates from the ORC. She then **moved to approve Resolution 2025-18 Resolution of Necessity** for the MTFR Renewal Levy, adding this is the first of two Resolutions needed to put the levy on the November ballot. Trustee Hollister **seconded**, and the **motion passed unanimously**.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at x p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for **Monday, July 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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