

Miami Township Trustees
Minutes of August 18, 2025
**see acronym glossary following minutes*

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mucher, with Trustee Hollister present. Trustee Moir was absent due to family commitments.

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

Yellow Springs News Editor Lauren Shows and residents Lori Askeland, Jimmy Kingsolver, Barbara Krabec, Gregory Lind, David Robinson, Jacob Schmidt, Fred Stockwell, Jane Sweet, and KellyAnn Tracy were also present (several of the residents signed in and then left before the meeting began).

Adoption of Minutes

Trustee Hollister **moved** to **adopt the minutes** of August 4, 2025, as presented. Trustee Mucher **seconded**, and the **motion carried unanimously**.

Payment of Accounts

Trustee Hollister **moved** and Trustee Mucher **seconded** to **pay bills** in the amount of **\$58,027.92**:

- General Fund – \$7,761.83
- Cemetery – \$5,008.89
- Fire Fund – \$38,256.01
- Road – \$7,001.19
 - 2021 – \$3,329.19
 - 2031 – \$3,672.00

The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

The Trustees received no correspondence that needed further discussion.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Mr. Stockwell noted that some of the residents who came in and then left had not known the **pending East Enon Road annexation** was not on the current agenda after having been advised otherwise. Trustee Mucher said the matter would be on the agenda for the next meeting (September 3, 2025), and reminded those present that **the Township has no legal authority on the matter**, only commentary input for or against. Trustee Hollister acknowledged the miscommunication, and **reviewed the process** from the Village to the Township to, potentially, the Greene County Commissioners.

Fire Department Report

- Report on AED research

Chief Cannell reported that, after checking the various **AED** (defibrillator) locations in the Village, only the units at the YS Senior Center and Tom's Market were placed by MTRF. He recommended the requested **upgrade of both units with new batteries and pads, at a cost of \$515 each**. Trustee Hollister so **moved**, and Trustee Mucher **seconded**. The **motion carried unanimously**.

- **Run Activity** Report:

98 runs for the month of July, 54 (**37 EMS, 17 fire**) runs so far for August, 652 YTD

Rope rescue at John Bryan State Park went well. Chief Cannell was impressed by the MTRF response to a situation he was unfamiliar with.

Chief Cannell **commended MTRF staffers Brewer and Cooper** for their response to an incident with an unconscious individual in a smoke-filled unit at Hawthorne Apartments in July.

- **Staffing** Report:

Chief Cannell recommended **upgrading Acting Lieutenant Justin Turner to permanent Lieutenant**, with a one-year probationary period beginning August 18, 2025. Trustee Hollister so moved, and Trustee Mucher **seconded**. The **motion carried unanimously**.

Chief Cannell recommended **increasing FF/EMT pay to \$18.54/hr for both full-time and part-time personnel**, beginning next pay period. After Trustee Hollister asked about the budget impact, and being assured there is room for the increase, Trustee Hollister so **moved**, and Trustee Mucher **seconded**. The **motion carried unanimously**.

Chief Cannell recommended **hiring 2 part-time FF/EMTs, Daniel Watt and Sam Delfino** (Mason Chrisman listed on the agenda withdrew their application), conditional on passing the department background check and physical exam. When Trustee Hollister noted the unfamiliar names and asked where they came from, Chief Cannell replied, "I found them," noting he knows both candidates and believes they will be a valuable addition to the department. Trustee Hollister then **moved to approve the hires**, and Trustee Mucher **seconded**. The **motion carried unanimously**.

Ms. Krabec noted Trustee Moir's goal of **adjusting FT/PT MTRF staff numbers and their pay**, and commended the Trustees for showing fiscal responsibility in light of the upcoming levy request.

Chief Cannell reported the **resignation** of Payton Cooper from full-time FF/EMT, moving to part-time status.

Re: Staffing Sheet – Chief Cannell noted the **100% Paramedic coverage for August.**

- **Equipment Report:**

Chief Cannell reported the **old pickup has been sold**, and the **old tanker will be listed for sale** this week.

Cemetery and Road Report

Cemetery:

Mr. Gochenouer reported no recent burials, with **2 burials** scheduled at Glen Forest next week.

He will be working on **fencing** this week.

Trustee Mucher asked about a **downed limb at Oak Grove**. It will be removed.

Roads:

Mr. Gochenouer asked if the **paving bill** had been paid; Trustee Mucher directed him to Ms. GunderKline.

Mr. Gochenouer reported **scheduled fogging** will be completed soon, possibly by the end of the week.

Trustee Mucher asked if crews had upped **trimming** from four times to five, and Mr. Gochenouer confirmed they had.

Trustee Mucher asked if there are **rules and regulations available for the Clifton Cemetery**. Mr. Gochenouer said they are posted at both entrances, but could be added to the building as well.

Fiscal Officer's Report

US Bank checking balance 8/14/25: \$707,719

StarOhio investment account balance 7/31/25: \$1,439,142

Standing Committee Reports

- Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC): Trustee Hollister had **no report**, noting it was a short meeting.
- Greene County Regional Planning & Coordinating Commission (RPCC): Trustee Mucher reported no recent past meeting, with one **scheduled for tomorrow**.
- Clifton-Union Cemetery Board: Trustee Hollister reported a short meeting with no action taken. There is now a **citizen's group helping with cemetery clean-up**.
- YS Development Corporation (YSDC): **no report**
- Greene County Township Association (GCTA): **no report**
- Glen Forest Natural Burial Committee (GFNB): **no report**

- YS Active Transportation Committee: **no report**

New Business

Nothing new introduced.

Old Business

Trustee Hollister reminded everyone the Greene County Commissioners will hold their **public hearing on the Township's solar exclusion zone request** on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 1 p.m., in Xenia.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, September 3, 2025**, due to the Labor Day holiday.

Chairperson _____ **Attest** _____

***Acronyms:**

- GCTA: Greene County Township Association
- GFNB: Glen Forest Natural Burial Committee
- MTRF: Miami Township Fire & Rescue
- MVC: motor vehicle collision
- MVRPC: Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission
- OTA: Ohio Township Association
- RPCC: Greene County Regional Planning & Coordinating Commission
- YSDC: Yellow Springs Development Corporation

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