

**Miami Township Trustees**  
**Greene County, OH**  
Minutes of February 18, 2026  
*\*see acronym glossary following minutes*

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Mucher, with Trustee Askeland present. Trustee Moir was absent on personal matters.

Fiscal Officer Assistant/Recorder Cyndi Pauwels was in attendance.

Residents Emma Robinow, Jacob Schmidt, Fred Stockwell, Jane Sweet, and KellyAnn Tracy were also present.

**Trustees Agenda Approval**

No changes noted.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Trustee Askeland **moved to adopt the minutes** of February 2, 2026, as presented. Trustee Mucher **seconded**, and the **motion carried unanimously**.

**Payment of Bills**

Ms. Pauwels explained that, in lieu of the regularly-listed bill totals, **a new system of shared financial reports is planned**. She and Ms. GunderKline will prepare a set of the many available reports from UAN for Trustee input as to which would be most helpful. In the meantime, Trustee approval for payments are signified when they sign checks.

**Correspondence**

Trustee Askeland noted emails received re: **Enon Road traffic issues** and re: **the Clifton-Union Cemetery**.

**Citizen Concerns**

Mr. Schmidt shared his and Ms. Robinow's **concerns re: traffic on East Enon Road past their home near the high school**. He presented a map showing the location in question, noting they are in a **"gray area" of unsafe conditions – just past the Village limits in the Township, on a County road**. He and his family have monitored increased traffic on the road, particularly with the school construction, and recorded ~2,000 vehicles per day, with ~30% above the posted speed limit. While the limit increases from 25 mph at the Village limits to 40 mph, the sign indicating that increase is quite a ways down the road at the curve. He said many drivers apparently assume the rural road is 55 mph.

Mr. Schmidt said they recognize, after extensive research, that the Trustees have no control over the road conditions there; however, they ask first for acknowledgment of the situation, and second, for **a letter of support** from the

Trustees to the Greene County Commissioners as efforts continue to improve safety in that area.

After a discussion re: signage, extra patrols, and sidewalks, both Trustee Askeland and Trustee Mucher agreed with his evaluation of the situation. Trustee Askeland reported Trustee Moir, after previous communications with Mr. Schmidt, has indicated a willingness to write such a letter. **Both Trustees indicated their willingness to sign it.**

Mr. Stockwell asked for **clarification of the Township's ability to set speed limits there. Trustee Mucher said they cannot due to it being a County road.** He noted the Township petitioned the County "years ago" to reduce the speed limit, resulting in the current 40 mph. Mr. Stockwell then asked about speed bumps or a bike lane; again, the Township has no authority to install either.

### **Fire Department Report**

No report in Chief Cannell's absence; Captain Ayers was on an EMS run.

### **Cemetery and Road Report**

#### **Cemetery:**

In Mr. Gochenouer's absence, Trustee Mucher reported **one burial** since last meeting, with one scheduled for this Friday.

#### **Roads:**

In Mr. Gochenouer's absence, Trustee Mucher reported the **Greene County Engineer's grant proposal to the State** on behalf of Miami and Cedarville Townships for **Hardison Road repairs** has been approved. Construction is expected to begin in July, running possibly through September. (See Resolution 2025-21 passed October 1, 2025, for grant details)

Ms. Sweet asked if those repairs would include **culvert repair**. Trustee Mucher directed her to the Greene County Engineer for an answer.

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

In Ms. GunderKline's absence, Ms. Pauwels presented her request for **approval for the Fiscal Officer Assistant to attend the Local Government Officials Conference** in Columbus March 19-20, 2026, with registration (\$300), travel, meals, and lodging at current allowances. Trustee Askeland so **moved**, and Trustee Mucher **seconded**. **The motion carried unanimously.**

### **Standing Committee Reports**

- Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC): **no report**
- Greene County Regional Planning & Coordinating Commission (RPCC): Trustee Mucher reported the new Executive Director Tim Duncan has formally been hired with a start date of March 1, 2026.

The Committee reviewed zoning text amendments from two of the three Townships covered by the State grant program, noting Miami Township's amendments are very nearly completed. The **Zoning Commission will hold its public hearing on them on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 7 p.m. in the Township meeting room.** Trustee Askeland urged rural residents covered by those proposed regulations to attend.

Trustee Mucher finished his report adding he will be talking to Mr. Duncan about an earlier proposal to **use RPCC carryover to assist Townships with reviewing/updating/creating Comprehensive Land Use Plans.** Mr. Lucas has speculated the Township Zoning Commission won't be able to take on that project before 2027, and Trustee Mucher would like to see it happen sooner.

- Clifton-Union Cemetery Board: Trustee Askeland reported she will be meeting with Mr. Gochenouer to discuss **mowing contract rates for the cemetery.** Trustee Mucher said that there is no set contract; rather, Mr. Gochenouer "assembles labor data," etc., annually and presents it to the Committee. They then decide whether to pay it from Committee funds or to ask the Townships for assistance. He added it's up to the Committee to decide if they want to call the Townships together to review the process.
- YS Development Corporation (YSDC): **no report**
- Greene County Township Association: Trustee Askeland reported she and Trustee Moir had attended the dinner where the conversation focused on **the citizens' initiative to eliminate property taxes in Ohio.**

Trustee Mucher reviewed for her the **local government meeting Xenia Township held late in 2025 on that topic,** noting that without property taxes, "a whole lot of things don't happen," to which Trustee Askeland added fire and rescue service, Township government, schools, etc. She added that at the OTA Conference, **Governor DeWine estimated a 20% sales tax would be needed to replaced property tax funds.**
- YS Active Transportation Committee: **no report**

### **Old Business**

Nothing pending.

### **New Business**

Trustee Mucher asked for a motion to accept the **proposed Appendix to the Fiber Optic Agreement with Greene County Engineer** (see Resolution 2022-45). After stating she would rather see the lines underground than on poles, Trustee Askeland so **moved** and Trustee Mucher **seconded.** The **motion carried unanimously.**

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for **Monday, March 2, 2026,** at 5 p.m.

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ Attest \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Acronyms:**

- MTFR: Miami Township Fire & Rescue
- 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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