

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Greenfield Township Trustees

Meeting

June 25, 2025 - Held 6:00 PM

The Greenfield Township Trustees met in regular session at the Firehouse. Trustee Cotner led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Dave Cotner, Lonnie Kosch and Kent Searle were present.

Trustee Cotner presented the minutes of the June 11, 2025 Trustee Meeting for approval. He asked for a motion, as no changes were noted. Trustee Kosch moved to approve the minutes; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER: Fiscal Officer Jessica Kull reported on the following business: Fiscal Officer Kull asked for a motion to pay the bills, warrants 3703 to 3718; and the electronic debits 149-2025 to 160-2025. Trustee Cotner moved to approve the payments; Trustee Kosch seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

She also asked for a motion to pay the purchase orders. Trustee Searle made a motion to approve the purchase orders; Trustee Kosch seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Fiscal Officer Kull raised the issue of moving either \$1,000,000.00 or \$1,500,000.00 from Vinton County Bank to Star Bank. Trustee Searle pointed out that the purpose of moving the money was to get a higher rate of interest for a period of time; not as an investment. After discussion, Trustee Searle made a motion to move \$1,500,000.00 from Vinton County National Bank to Star Bank to draw interest until it is needed; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Fiscal Officer Kull also raised the issue of using the firm of Julian & Grube, Inc. as the Township's independent public accountant through December 31, 2027. This was prompted by an email from the Auditor's Office. Trustee Searle moved to approve this action; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

ZONING DEPARTMENT: Jeff Williamsen, Zoning Inspector, presented the following business:

Future Meetings: June 27, 2025: Executive Session - CEDA; June 30, 2025: OTA meeting; July 8, 2025 - Zoning Commission meeting - to be rescheduled.

The OTA GIS mapping meeting that was to be held this morning had to be rescheduled due to illness of the presenter.

The Board of Zoning Appeals held a hearing on June 24 on the Mithoff Variance for a setback at the corner of Coonpath and 33.

Permits: Only one permit has been issued since the last Trustee meeting. There are five pending, awaiting payment.

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Property Visits: No property visits have been conducted since the last meeting.

Candidates for the BZA Positions: Lee Winters is a candidate and will be in attendance at the next Trustee meeting to be available for interview for the BZA position.

Carnation Solar Letter: Jeff asked the Board if they wanted him to use the Cottontail Solar letter as a template and create it for the Board to sign in reference to the Carnation Solar project. The Board agreed that Jeff should do this.

New Variance Request: Jeff reported a new request for 650 Coonpath. He will set it up for the first part of July. This is in regard to putting an accessory building in the front yard.

Zoning Resolution Changes: This is ongoing.

Havensport Issue: Jeff raised the issue of a resident wanting to add to his lot (which would still be just under one acre), and then build and put a septic system on it, and how that should be handled. Discussion was held regarding the various records on the area/properties in Havensport. Jeff will confer with the Health Department on this issue.

ROAD AND CEMETERY DEPARTMENT: Tom Shafer, Road and Cemetery Superintendent, presented the following business:

ODOT Speed Study: Tom stated he will get the signs erected, and then the Chairman can sign and submit the study to ODOT.

Summer Resurfacing and Blacktop Projects: Tom reported he had discussed these projects with Trustee Kosch after the last Trustee Meeting. He also reported he had found out since the last meeting that no resurfacing should be done in Carroll Knolls (Wendy, Jeannie, Bonita) due to the sewer project that will be done by the Village of Carroll. Tom noted he had met with the project foreman who asked to utilize the lot on Plum Road as a lay-down yard for the sewer project. Tom also noted the lot technically belongs to ODOT; the Township maintains it.

Tom stated the Township would do Mt. Zion Road between Lithopolis and Wilson; resurface Feldon Court and Franchel Court; remove Carroll Knolls, and add Carroll Eastern between Stringtown and State Route 158. The original budget number from the paving contractor that included Carroll Knolls was \$226,640.00. The Engineer's estimate with removing Carroll Knolls and adding the Carroll Eastern project is now \$219,647.00. With the Board's approval, the Engineer's Office will begin advertising next week. After discussion, the Board agreed the plan should proceed. Tom will follow-up with Eric to advise him.

Tom reported Bob Lanier, part-time road worker, has been choking roads, and has done a good job. Grasscutting will happen again within the next two weeks.

Discussion continued regarding the pile of stone on Plum Road to be used for chip-seal, the culverts at Woodland Heights, and the suspicious tree that needs inspected on Rainbow Drive, as well as the cattails on Bonita.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT: Captain Cory Spires reported in place of Chief Brad Smith who is on vacation:

Tanker 561: Captain Spires reported the Department is looking into vendors to repair the pump on the tanker (2,000 gallon/1991 model). When it was pulled out for testing recently, it was making a grinding noise. The most likely issue is either bearings or impellers. The general estimate if it is a bearing (four bearings in the pump) is \$4,000 a piece. No one makes the impellers any longer. To replace the pump completely will cost between \$20,000 and \$25,000. The current pump was custom made and fabricated to the truck.

Discussion continued as to the necessity of whether each local department needed to have a tanker. Captain Spires explained that yes, Greenfield needs to have its own tanker. Among the 13 Departments in the county, seven have their own tanker. Three of the seven are volunteer Departments. It is a highly utilized truck for Greenfield and neighboring Departments. A new tanker costs between \$450,000 to \$550,000. The Department has been applying to receive the AFG grant to assist with this cost the last three or four years. It will take two to three months to get a new pump for the truck. Captain Spires also explained that even if the AFG grant was awarded to the Department, it would take two to three years to receive a new tanker, so the old one would still need to be in service.

Touch A Truck Event: This event was held in the Village of Carroll last week for one of the summer programs.

County Chief's Meeting: This meeting was held on June 23. Jeff LaRe, state representative, spoke on HB 335 and how the property tax issue could affect fire departments and townships.

Departmental Compliments: A visitor came to the Department to thank the firefighters for saving her life. The EMS crew who treated her was Lt. Sean Tobin and Alec Eveland. Colin Osterman, Alex Miller and Jason Sullivan were also there to assess her husband.

Annexation/NCA/CEDA Discussion: In reviewing meeting notes from the Lancaster City Counsel meeting, Captain Spires reported there are 143 acres being sought by Lancaster for emergency annexation on Wilson Road, north side on both sides of the bypass. The notes also indicated there was a resolution to appoint four people to an NCA Board.

FLOOR: There was no one signed in to speak from the floor.

FROM THE TRUSTEES:

Trustee Cotner raised the issue of the Civic Center lease. The Village of Carroll asked to have a three-year lease rather than a five-year lease. This was discussed with Amy Brown-Thompson who agreed with this arrangement. Trustee Cotner made a motion to begin using a three-year lease with the Village of Carroll for the Civic Center lease; Trustee Searle seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Trustee Searle raised the issue of having a speed study conducted on Coakley Road between Carroll Eastern and Pleasantville Roads. He is asking for this on behalf of the residents of Coakley Road.

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The recommendation is to have the speed limit decreased to 35 miles per hour from 55 miles per hour. Trustee Searle made a motion to ask for a speed study on Coakley Road, between Carroll Eastern Road and Pleasantville Road; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Tom Shafer will contact Fairfield County to begin this process.

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Searle made a motion to adjourn; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.