

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Greenfield Township Trustees

Emergency Meeting

July 29, 2025 - Held 10:00 AM

The Greenfield Township Trustees met for an emergency meeting at the Greenfield Township Administrative Office to discuss the recent storm damage and cleanup. Trustee Cotner called the meeting to order. Dave Cotner, Lonnie Kosch and Kent Searle were present.

Trustee Cotner noted the emergency meeting was called due to the recent flooding in the Township. He explained the Fairfield County Commissioners were in the process of declaring a state of emergency in the Township. Also, Fairfield County Engineer Jeremiah Upp has committed to helping the Township with whatever they need. Trustee Cotner has been in contact with Jeff LaRe and Tim Schaffer and they will help push for assistance from the EMA via the Governor's Office.

Trustee Searle explained that by having Pleasant and Greenfield Townships both declared under a state of emergency by the Fairfield County Engineer's Office, it expedites the process for the cleanup, including getting a contractor in place for assistance without putting it out for bid. The contractor who is already working in the area will give a quote for the work needed on Havensport Road.

Road Superintendent Tom Shafer stated he was grateful for the Fairfield County Engineer's help and guidance. He also noted Liberty Township stepped in and assisted with providing additional signage due to road closures, etc, as Greenfield did not have enough on hand for all the damage that had occurred.

Trustee Cotner also noted that Brad Hutchinson had offered his assistance to the Township as the cleanup continues

At this time, Resolution 2025-07-29, provided by Amy Brown-Thompson, was presented regarding a state of emergency for Greenfield Township, as follows: A Resolution To Declare An Emergency Due To Storm Damage To Township Roads And Culverts And Temporary Staff Changes To Address Said Emergency. This will allow the Township's two part-time Road employees to work up to 40 hours per week for no more than six weeks after the passage of the resolution.

Trustee Searle moved to adopt Resolution 2025-07-29; Trustee Cotner seconded the motion.
ROLL CALL: Cotner: Yes Kosch: Yes Searle: Yes Motion Passed 3-0

Road Superintendent Tom Shafer stated that headwalls and equipment for Stringtown Road had arrived, and he is waiting for pipe. This work should begin tentatively the week of August 4. He noted the landowner will have some cleanup to do as well.

It was noted that Road Superintendent Shafer and Chief Smith will give Fiscal Officer Kull information for the EMA. Pics, videos and reports will be uploaded. Fiscal Officer Kull noted there was a spreadsheet to keep track of all the work being done, hours logged, etc.

Chief Smith also noted he felt the railroads needed to be checked out for debris.

Trustee Kosch noted the work on Brook Road is getting done and looks good.

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Trustee Searle noted there will be daily updates on the web and Savvy Citizen with updates. He assured the residents in attendance that work was happening as quickly as possible, and noted the Trustees were out first thing Monday morning assessing the damage.

Danielle Keefer asked if there was any assistance coming to those in the community who had suffered severe losses. Trustee Kosch explained that the County Engineer was looking into help. Trustee Searle noted Rep. LaRe and Sen. Schaffer will also be looking for answers to these questions. Trustee Cotner noted the County EMA representative, Jon Kochis, will be assisting with this effort. Chief Smith stated he will look to his resources for community help. He reminded those in attendance of the timeline once the declaration of emergency is made, then receiving assistance from the EMA, etc.

Road Superintendent Shafer addressed issues regarding Havensport Road (Carroll Eastern to Pleasantville Roads). He noted the tiles have failed, citing the box culvert at Bader road, and are slow to drain. The County Engineer has asked him to list all pipes for repair/replacement. The County Engineer may go out riding with Tom to help quote jobs. Chief Smith has built a database for reference and has a folder in the drive for pictures and information.

There was also discussion about water flow and whether it falls under the EMA.

Chief Smith noted there is likely not enough damage to qualify under FEMA; assistance will come from state and local government.

The residents in attendance thanked the Trustees for their hard work on behalf of the Township.

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 10:40 a.m.