

**WAYNE TOWNSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY**  
**REGULAR TRUSTEES MEETING**

**March 19, 2018**

5967 Jacksonburg Road, Trenton, Ohio 45067 Phone 513-424-9661

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Wayne Township Trustees

MICHAEL TRUSTER  
ED TRUSTER  
BILL JONES

Administrator/Zoning

DANIEL HOIT  
Fiscal Officer  
LAURA DALEY

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Mike Truster called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

1. Ruling Elder; Mary Rose Durbin, Seven Mile Presbyterian Church

ROLL CALL

Roll call; all three trustees were present. Also, present Fiscal Officer, Administrator, representation from the Fire Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Trustees Meeting; February 20, 2018  
A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Edward Truster, followed by a second by Bill Jones. Roll call was taken; 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.
2. Special Trustees Meeting; March 7, 2018  
A motion was made by Bill Jones to accept the minutes as written, and seconded by Edward Truster. Roll call was taken; 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Steve Mortenson – Seven Mile Winery  
Steve and his wife began their presentation expressing their plans for the winery. They explained dimensions of barns, what would be held in the barn and the purpose or use for the areas. He explained that one barn would be used for the production of the wine and one would be used for the sale of the wine. This barn would have the ability to host events that was related to the production and/or sale of the wine produced. The Trustees explained to Mr. Mortenson that the conditional uses of the barns would have to be uses permitted in the agricultural zoning. It was explained to the public that we could not control in our zoning laws whether or not they put in a winery, yet the use of the buildings on the property could and would be controlled at our zoning law ability. If the event hall activity was directly related to the production, sale, or education of the agricultural use, it would be allowable and may be very difficult to control, yet law states that any event must be directly related to the winery.

AUDIENCE OF PUBLIC

There was an audience in attendance of the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. The majority of the public asked questions of Mr. Mortenson, and he answered to the best of his ability. The Law is interpreted differently case to case, as to what was an allowable use. Concerns regarding flooding storm water in the area, restrooms, property values, noise variables, driveway, and parking were discussed. A heated discussion continued until Mr. Mortenson excused himself and his wife from the

meeting. Discussions continued with the board of Trustees and the Administrator answering additional questions to the best of their ability. It was explained that the Board of Trustees and the Administrator will continue to work very closely with the County Prosecutor's office to make sure the parameters of the law for agricultural or agritourism would be enforced. The plans for a wedding venue was discussed and stated and explained that this could not be the primary use for the. This discussion continued in hopes for the Trustees to hear the public's concerns. Again it was expressed to the Public that it has been explained to us that the Winery will be the Primary use of this property, and events held at this location will be conditional uses of the Winery.

Resident David White asked if anything had been learned regarding Heavenly Acres and the storm water issues that have been an issue since he moved into his property. He explained that there were holes in his yard and he is concerned for the safety of his children. It was explained that the County is just not moving on this project, but if Mr. White could write a letter regarding his concerns, Daniel would contact the County and share his concerns.

#### REPORTS

1. Fiscal Report
2. Fire Department

A motion to hire Jackson Cox as a member of the fire department was made by Edward Truster and seconded by Mike Truster. Roll call was taken; 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

3. Road Maintenance
4. Administration  
Reports attached

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Administration Car- a short discussion regarding the purchase of a new or used vehicle for Administration use. Trustee Mike Truster asked Daniel to back to viewing used cars for the purchase price of less than \$6,000.00 which had been initially determined.

(Items 2. & 3. will be discussed at the next regular trustees meeting due to the amount of time already spent discussing other items.)

2. Indigent Burial
3. Building Use

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Appropriation Resolution- A motion was made to accept this resolution was made by Edward Truster followed by a second by Bill Jones. Roll call was taken; 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. (resolution attached)
2. Holiday Schedule- A motion was made by Edward Truster to accept the amended paid holiday schedule, a second was made by Bill Jones. Roll call was taken; 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent. (motion attached)

#### LEGISLATION

#### AUDIENCE OF TRUSTEES

Michael Truster stated that a cease and desist on dumping that had been occurring on Old Oxford-Middletown road right away. This is the right of way that the Township brought to the County to abandon and was denied. The responsible party was ordered to clean up debris.

Multiple resumes were received regarding the road crew position. The top resumes were selected and employee interviews will be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The candidates and those not selected at this time will be notified, also the interview meeting will be posted.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### ADJOURNMENT

Bill Jones made a motion to adjourn the regular Trustees meeting at 9:11pm, followed by a second by Edward Truster. Roll call was taken; 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

**Wayne Township, Butler County**

**Fiscal Officer Report**

**March 19, 2018**

- Paid invoices, payroll, taxes, and Opers to date.
- Deposited receipts to date.
- Completed minutes from February meeting and February financial Trustee reports.
- Completed Final Appropriations for 2018. We were successful at budgeting expenditures for less than our revenues. Therefore, now we are able to not only say that we have a balanced budget but that the Township is successfully building our carry-over balances consistently over the last two years. This is showing true stewardship of the Township's finances. Again, this is only possible by departments making cuts, and the Trustees working closely with the fiscal officer to be fiscally responsible in their spending decisions. We continue to look to better our Township without over spending our resources.
- Some items that I wish to make clear:
- The road conditions continue to be an issue; the chip seal contracted by the County in 2017 was not to the Trustees expectations; at the last meeting, they decided that we would hold off on chip sealing in 2018 until the County could respond with a solution regarding the prior roadwork. The money to continue work has been appropriated but the contract has not been signed at this time. If there is no resolution made with the County regarding the chip seal, the amounts appropriated will stay in the budget and will be available to the amount available in years to come for the necessary roadwork.
- The next issue is the need for an increase in the current operating levy for the fire department. The department has been coming to me for quite some time in regards to the need to replace the township's pumper truck, which is one of the oldest still in service in the area. In addition, it has been brought to our attention that the departments gear is in very poor condition; we are not properly protecting our firefighter's while on duty. The department has consistently been going after grants to replace their outdated gear; unfortunately, their efforts have been unsuccessful. I cannot go forward saying, in good faith, that this levy is not necessary. I met with the officers within the fire department and feel the numbers they are looking at are very reasonable and responsible. Details regarding the necessity of the levy will come soon. We are considering recalling the current 1.25 mil temporary operating levy that is due to expire in 2020 and going to the voters for a new operating levy. The department is considering different millages and are working diligently to keep the cost to property owners as low as possible and still run a department our Township residents can have complete faith in that they we are providing exceptional service while keeping our firefighters and emergency service worker's safe.



# Wayne Township Fire Department & Life Squad

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## March Trustees Report

-February 2018 Runs

Fire- 12 Runs

- 1 Grass Fire
- 2 MVA
- 3 Investigations/ Possible Fires/ Open Burns
- 2 Fluid Spills
- 1 Animal Rescue
- 2 Squad Assists
- 1 Mutual Aid – Structure Fire in Seven Mile

Squad – 15 Runs

- 5 Transports
- Of Non Transports:
  - 1 Medical Patient Refusal
  - 1 MVA Patient Refusal
  - 5 Assist FD, No PT contact
  - 1 DOA
  - 2 First Responder

- Sutphen Update
- Radio Update
- Truck Maintenance Ongoing
- New Member Approval; Austin Cox

**WAYNE TOWNSHIP**  
**ROAD MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

4570 Middletown Oxford Road Trenton, OH 45067

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March 2018 Trustee Report

- Broke Down DT10
- Road Checks
- Crack Seal List
- Durapatch List
- Serviced Trailer
- Grass @ Firehouse
- Cleaned Up Scrap metal behind shop
- Reorganized office area to utilize space
- Cold Patch on Cotton Run and Cowboy Town
- Washed and Clean inside and outside of Road Mowers
- Cleaned Decks on Zero turns
- Started organizing barn
- Washed and cleaned dodge
- Cleaned up trash and couch from Wayne Madison Road
- Hung projector and screen



**WAYNE TOWNSHIP**

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTES**

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**March 2018**

**-Zoning:**

**3 Certificates: 2 new homes, 1 new Garage**

**-Grants**

**-Street Lights**

**-Employee Posting/Hiring**

**-Court Case update**

**-Sunshine Laws Training Next Week (3/29)**

**-Other**

**Upcoming:**

**-Midpointe Library Book Mobile Wednesday March 21 2:30-4:30**

**-Congressman Davidsons Mobile Office Hours Wednesday April 4, 3-4**

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### Wayne Township Permanent Appropriations for fiscal year 2017

Resolution No: 2018-\_\_\_\_

Date: 3/19/2018

At the regular monthly meeting of the Wayne Township Trustees, the Trustees passed Resolution 2018-\_\_\_\_ to accept the 2018 permanent appropriations.

The 2018 permanent appropriations are attached.

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_, followed by a second from \_\_\_\_\_.

Roll call:

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

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Laura M. Daley, Fiscal Officer

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Michael Truster, Board of Trustees, President

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Edward Truster, Trustee

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William (Bill) Jones, Trustee

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## 2018 Holidays

January 1      New Years  
January 15     MLK Day  
February 19   Presidents Day  
May 28           Memorial Day  
July 4           Independence Day  
September 2   Labor Day  
November 22   Thanksgiving  
November 23   Veterans Day (OBSERVED)  
December 24   Columbus Day (OBSERVED)  
December 25   Christmas