

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2026

Chad Ashbaugh, Chairman called the Rushcreek Township Trustee Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge to American Flag

Roll Call of the Board: Chad: Present Rick: Present Jim: Present

Lisa (fiscal): Present Will (fire): Present Richard (roads): Present

Chad asked that all cell phones be muted except for the Chief's

VISITORS

Matt Keith, Tim Keith. Mister's Keith were delivering a check for a new construction permit on Pleasant View Road. Inquired if anything additional was required to obtain the permit and the length of time to receive. Trustee Moyer indicated we had received initial packet but were waiting on fee to continue processing. He indicated Zoning inspector would review all documents and if in order would issue permit within the next several days. Fiscal Officer provided a receipt for the check. Trustee Ashbaugh invited them to remain for the rest of the meeting.

CHAIRMAN

Trustee Ashbaugh asked the Board thoughts on hiring a general rather than trying to accomplish the new building project as his concern was the Board members did not have adequate time to oversee the project. Trustee Moyer asked if the Board should reconsider purchasing other property considering the estimated expense of a new structure. He indicated there is a property for sale in the area that already had an office building and what other possibilities could be there for the future in the event the Fire Department would need to expand their facility. The Board discussed the ability to set the building in order to allow for potential further expansion of the department and locate parking. Further discussion indicated the Fiscal Officer would put together a draft bid for the Board to review and once approved would be posted on the website and published in the Towne Crier for a bid opening date of July 15th searching for a general contractor to proceed. In the event the bids received exceeded the budgeted amount the Board would make a decision at that time for next steps.

MINUTES

The Minutes from the May6, 2026 regular meeting were presented. **Motion to accept:** Trustee Downard **Second:** Trustee Ashbaugh

Roll Call: Chad: **Aye** Jim: **Aye** Rick: **Aye**

Chad reminded everyone that the minutes are available upon request at the Fiscal Officer's office and the website.

FINANCIAL SECTION

Warrant #'s 44302 through 44317 and EFT 250-2026 through 275 -2026 in the amount of \$339,853.65

Motion to accept and pay: Trustee Ashbaugh **Second:** Trustee Moyer

Roll Call: Chad **AYE** Jim **AYE** Rick **AYE**

Fiscal Office

Pinpoint Behavioral services agreement was distributed. Questions regarding # of personnel involved; Chief will evaluate and contact Pinpoint to discuss and conduct further discussions with personnel.

Fire

Grant applied for through Sinese Foundation for the extrication tools

Would like to apply for the AFG grant for supply line. Fiscal office will need to coordinate the application process. Large diameter 2400 sq. feet

Ordered new attack line from Heritage that was in the budget in the amount of \$13,823.34 32-1.75" x 50' sections and 14- 2.5" x 50'

Trustee Ashbaugh asked Chief if he had made a final decision on retirement date. Chief indicated he will have a decision in early June for the Board and make it official.

EMS	22	TRANSPORTS	13	
FIRE	4		0	
MVA	4			
MUTUAL AID	8	GIVEN	0	RECEIVED

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Berne Township	2	<u>0</u>
Junction City	1	<u>0</u>
Marion	1	<u>0</u>
Lancaster	0	<u>0</u>
Pleasant	1	<u>0</u>
Richland	1	<u>0</u>
Misc. (Somerset, Hopewell, Straitsville, New Lex)	2	<u>0</u>
Air Evac		<u>0</u>

Zoning

Permit application – Iser, Pumpkinvine Road – Pool

Permit application – Bennett, Chil-Lanc Road - Pool

New Construction – Keith, 8771 Pleasant View, no check received. Stated they were dropping on 5/18, they opted to attend the regular meeting and deliver the check for processing.

Road Department

Ditching and cutting berms for this years chip seal roads

Spraying is complete

Cemeteries have been mowed

Road mowing is scheduled to begin within the next two weeks

Welty cemetery stones have been cleaned

Down tree removal on Bethel with Trustee Moyer

Down tree removal on Marietta with Trustee Ashbaugh

Limb and brush removal as needed.

Administration

Conversation with Charlie Hockman our RPC rep about AG clarification. Additional followup is needed with PA office for clarification. Trustee Downard sent an email to PA office providing further clarification to get a more definitive answer and is waiting for response. The confusion primarily surrounds the 1 ac.

or less and the 5-10 acre sections and how the correlates to the CAUV program and exactly what is a definition of Agriculture.

OPWC funds approved for the 3 major culverts submitted. County Engineer's Office is starting the bid process and will provide a timeline in 2027 for the replacements. Trustee Downard provided the Board with the details of the grant. Total \$ awarded from OPWC is \$412,296. Township portion will be \$130,199 for engineering and replacement of 3 major culverts. OPWC funds cover 76% of the cost.

Letter prepared for Road Department for trash cans on Marietta Road. After discussion with the Road Department and the Board the letter was not sent.


Motion by Trustee Ashbaugh to enter into executive session under ORC122 G(1) to discuss employee compensation and employment matters. Second: Trustee Moyer Time : 7:40 p.m.
Chief Duvall requested to remain.


Return from executive session: Time: 7:58 p.m.

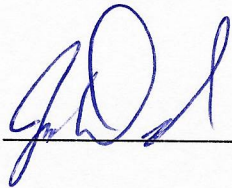
Further Business

Trustee Ashbaugh asked for further business. Hearing none.

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to adjourn at 7:59 p.m.







1.0 Project Financial Information (All Costs Rounded to Nearest Dollar)

1.1 Project Estimated Costs

Engineering Services

Preliminary Design:	_____	.00	
Final Design:	_____	.00	
Construction Administration:	_____	.00	
Total Engineering Services:	a.) _____	0 .00	0 %
Right of Way:	b.) _____	.00	
Construction:	c.) _____	542,495 .00	
Materials Purchased Directly:	d.) _____	.00	
Permits, Advertising, Legal:	e.) _____	.00	
Construction Contingencies:	f.) _____	.00	0 %
Total Estimated Costs:	g.) _____	542,495 .00	

1.2 Project Financial Resources

Local Resources

Local In-Kind or Force Account:	a.) _____	.00	
Local Revenues:	b.) _____	130,199 .00	
Other Public Revenues:	c.) _____	.00	
ODOT / FHWA PID:	d.) _____	.00	
USDA Rural Development:	e.) _____	.00	
OEPA / OWDA:	f.) _____	.00	
CDBG:	g.) _____	.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> County Entitlement or Community Dev. "Formula"			
<input type="checkbox"/> Department of Development			
Other:	h.) _____	.00	
Subtotal Local Resources:	i.) _____	130,199 .00	24 %

76%
24%

OPWC Funds (Check all requested and enter Amount)

Grant: <u>100</u> % of OPWC Funds	j.) _____	412,296 .00	
Loan: <u>0</u> % of OPWC Funds	k.) _____	.00	
Loan Assistance / Credit Enhancement:	l.) _____	0 .00	
Subtotal OPWC Funds:	m.) _____	412,296 .00	76 %
Total Financial Resources:	n.) _____	542,495 .00	100 %