

DARBY TOWNSHIP  
December 9, 2024  
MEETING MINUTES

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The Darby Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, December 9, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at the Darby Township Hall with the following township official's present: James Scheiderer, Dennis Blumenschein, David Huber, and Connie Priday. Also present was Scott Smith, Chief Nathan Burns, Terry Nicol, Steve Francis, Jim Butler and Peggy Williamson.

Chairman Scheiderer called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes from the November 18, 2024 special meeting of the Darby Township Trustees were emailed to all Trustees prior to the meeting. Mr. Blumenschein made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as presented.

**Sheriff's Report:**

The deputy did not have any information to share.

**Township residents/visitors' business/concerns:**

Chief Burns indicated that the Marysville Fire Department has a fire district map, to inform residents of the fire department (City of Marysville, Union Township, or Pleasant Valley) that provides services to their home. He will forward the map to the Township, and it will be placed on the Darby Township website. He indicated that his department received a grant for community prevention programs. He noted that in 2025 his department will include St. John's Lutheran and Trinity schools in their fire programs school visits. Union Township provides fire program visits to Fairbanks Elementary.

Mrs. Williamson asked about the lights on the Township building noting that they have been out for about a week. Mr. Blumenschein indicated that Mr. Smith will be working on the lights.

**Zoning Inspector Report:**

Mr. Smith

- Permits Issued:
  - Shannon Stidham, 15495 Scottslawn Rd., Marysville – accessory building
  - Lloyd Miller, 9550 St. Rt. 736, Plain City – accessory building
  - Dan & Resa Lynn, 15421 St. Rt. 161, Plain City – room addition
  - Alexis & Zach Stewart, 13489 Adams Road, Plain City – new home
- The monthly report was discussed, with Mr. Smith providing several updates in the Township.
- The BZC will meet on December 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm to continue discussion on the initiated revisions to the Darby Township Zoning Resolution. A discussion ensued on which BZC members would participate in the meeting. During the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting the two alternate members, Mr. Rausch and Mr. Francis, participated in the meeting. The Trustees decided that Mr. Rausch and Mr. Francis will be seated at the table during the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Pleasant Valley Fire District:**

- Mr. Scheiderer indicated that the Pleasant Valley Fire District meeting will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup> and therefore did not have any information to share.

**Old Business**

- 1) *Speed Sign* – Mr. Scheiderer has had the sign out several times, and will continue to keep the sign.
- 2) *Township Website Traffic* - Mr. Huber distributed the report and reviewed the report.
- 3) *Richwood Bank Positive Pay* – No exceptions were reported for the month of November 2024.
  - *Township email accounts* – Mr. Huber explained that the Trustees, Fiscal Officer and Zoning Inspector can setup gmail accounts and eliminate the \$50 monthly email account charge from Richwood Marketing. The following email accounts will be setup.

- i) [cpridaydarbytwp@gmail.com](mailto:cpridaydarbytwp@gmail.com) – Fiscal Officer
- ii) [Jscheidererdarbytwp@gmail.com](mailto:Jscheidererdarbytwp@gmail.com) – Trustee
- iii) [Dhuberdarbytwp@gmail.com](mailto:Dhuberdarbytwp@gmail.com) – Trustee
- iv) [townshipsmith@gmail.com](mailto:townshipsmith@gmail.com) – Zoning Inspector
- *Sharing Darby Twp Website with Unionville Center* – Mr. Huber indicated that he attended the Unionville Center Council meeting and shared information about the Darby Township website. He spoke to Richwood Marketing and if Unionville Center would like to add their minutes to the website they would need to pay \$30.00/month. Mr. Huber will follow-up with Brenda Lucas, Unionville Center Council.
- 4) *Update on Union Township Fire Dept. Committee Meeting* – Mr. Scheiderer indicated that a meeting has been scheduled for later this month. Information will be forthcoming.
- 5) *Project MORE Grant Use:*
  - \$510 will be used for the OTA training in January
  - \$490 will be used for a fireproof file cabinet
- 6) *Other Business*
  - A discussion was held on the safe in the Township Office and the water cooler that are no longer used. Mr. Huber made a motion to sell the safe and water cooler, Mr. Blumenschein seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Scheiderer, yea, Mr. Blumenschein, yea and Mr. Huber, yea. Motion unanimously passed. Mr. Huber indicated that he will try to sell the items on Facebook Marketplace.
  - Mr. Huber indicated that he would reach out to Fairbanks Superintendent, Mr. Adham Schrig and ask about the status of the tornado siren. Information will be forthcoming.

#### **New Business**

- 1) *2024 Darby Township Hinkle Notes – Karen Alger proposal* – Mrs. Priday indicated that she received a proposal from Ms. Alger for the preparation of Darby Township's 2024 Hinkle Notes. The cost will be \$340.00. Mr. Huber made a motion to approve Ms. Alger proposal for the preparation of the 2024 Hinkle Notes. Mr. Blumenschein seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Scheiderer, yea, Mr. Blumenschein, yea and Mr. Huber, yea. Motion unanimously passed.
- 2) *Union Township Fire Contract* - Mr. Huber made a motion to approve the 2025 Union Township Fire Contract for \$35,000. Mr. Blumenschein seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Scheiderer, yea, Mr. Blumenschein, yea and Mr. Huber, yea. Motion unanimously passed.
- 3) *Objections to Renewal of a Retail Liquor Permit* – The Trustees did not have any objections to the renewal of the retail liquor permits in Darby Township.
- 4) *Certifying Township Road Mileage* – Mr. Blumenschein indicated that Old State Route 161 and the Paris Darby Line Roads are on the report and need to be removed. He will contact the Union County Engineer to get this corrected. Information will be forthcoming.
- 5) *Budgeting for a fireproof file cabinet* – A discussion was held on using the remaining Project MORE funds to help in purchasing another fireproof file cabinet for the Township. Mr. Huber made a motion to purchase a 4-drawer fireproof file cabinet from Office City Express in the amount of \$2,550. Mr. Blumenschein seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Scheiderer, yea, Mr. Blumenschein, yea and Mr. Huber, yea. Motion unanimously passed.
- 6) *Any Interest in Placing an ad in the Marysville JT Progress Edition* – The Trustees do not have any interest in placing an ad in the Marysville JT Progress Edition.
- 7) *Resolution to secure funds for the payment of clean up property after insured fire losses* – A copy of a draft resolution from Thayne Gray, Union County Prosecutor, was included in the meeting material. A discussion ensued, with Mr. Scheiderer indicating that he would contact Mr. Gray and request additional information. Information will be forthcoming.
- 8) *January 15, 2025*
  - *Commissioners* – The Union County Commissioners will present Mr. Blumenschein with a certificate of appreciation for his 30 years of service to Darby Township at 10:00 am on January 15, 2025.
  - *Local Roots* – Mr. Scheiderer, Mr. Huber, Mr. Smith and Mrs. Priday will be hosting a dinner for Mr. Blumenschein at Local Roots, in Powell thanking him for his years of service and dedication to Darby Township. Invitations have been mailed.

9) *Other Business*

- Mr. Blumenschein provided his letter of retirement to Mr. Scheiderer. Mr. Scheiderer read his letter and thanked him for his 30 years of service.
- Mr. Scheiderer presented Mr. Blumenschein with a certificate of appreciation and a desk clock, which was purchased personally by the Trustees and Fiscal Officer.
- Mr. Blumenschein distributed a list of items in Darby Township that he feels still needs to be addressed. (Included with the minutes) A discussion ensued.

**Cemeteries**

- Longstretch has begun cleaning cemetery stones in the Mitchell Cemetery. The Trustees are pleased with their work on the stones they have cleaned.

**Playground**

Mr. Huber provided the playground report to Mrs. Priday.

**Management Reports**

The monthly Management Reports were available for the Trustees to review and provide comments.

**Roads**

The road report was completed.

**Communications/Correspondence**