

DARBY TOWNSHIP
February 10, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

The Darby Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, February 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Darby Township Hall with the following township official's present: James Scheiderer, David Huber, Terry Nicol, and Connie Priday. Also present was Scott Smith, Jim Butler and Andrea Weaver, Union County Auditor.

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

The minutes from the January 13, 2025 regular meeting and the January 27, 2025 special meeting of the Darby Township Trustees were emailed to all Trustees prior to the meeting. Mr. Nicol 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. Mrs. Priday indicated that the issue with the car on Sam Reed Road seemed to be resolved as it no longer is parking on the road for extended periods of time.

A discussion was held on the intersection of St. Rt. 736 and Scottslawn Road. Deputy Anspach noted that there have been several accidents at that location. Mr. Butler indicated that he has spoken to the State of Ohio Department of Transportation and they will be working on improving the sight of distance at the intersection.

Township residents/visitors' business/concerns:

Mrs. Weaver provided information on the PSO levy and educated the Trustees on the levy options. This levy will expire at the end of 2025 but the Township will continue to receive tax money through 2026. The first time to place the levy on the ballot will be in November 2025. The following options are available:

- Full replacement – which would generate 100% \$225,956 and the certified 95% \$214,700
- Replacement and decrease to 1.60 – which would generate 100% \$219,109 and the certified 95% \$208,154
- Replacement and decrease to 1.50 – which would generate 100% \$205,415 and the certified 95% \$195,144
- Renew & increase to 1.70 – which would generate 100% \$158,109 and the certified 95% \$150,203

The Trustees will review the PSO contract with the Union County Sheriff's Office and determine which levy options will meet the financial obligations of the contract.

Zoning Inspector Report:

Mr. Smith

- Permits Issued:
 - Dan & Brandi Stahl, 9635 Unionville Road, Plain City – new home
 - Bryant Huber, 12370 Andrews Drive, Plain City – new home
 - Lou Ciminello, 14457 Middleburg Plain City Road, Plain City – accessory structure
- The monthly report was discussed, with Mr. Smith providing several updates in the Township.
 - *The following items were discussed:*
 - Certified letters have been mailed to Mr. Flores and Mr. Kamenar in regards to the excessive vehicles on Mr. Flores property and the railroad bed which is owned by Mr. Kamenar. Mr. Smith has received the return receipt notice that Mr. Kamenar has received the letter. He has not yet received the return receipt notice that Mr. Flores has received the letter. The Trustees requested that Mr. Smith cc them on any future letters he sends out so they are aware if they are approached by a Township resident. Mr. Scheiderer indicated that he will contact Pleasant Valley Fire District in regards to possible violations on Mr. Flores property. Information will be forthcoming.
 - Mr. Huber requested information on the accessory building that is being constructed on Mr. Vince Baker's property. Mr. Scheiderer indicated that the Township approved the variance.
 - Mr. Huber asked if any contact had been made with Mr. Daniel Hurst in regards to him possibly running a business out of his barn on Burns Road. Mr. Smith asked the Trustees for verification. A discussion ensued, with Mr. Nicol indicating that Mr. Hurst had repaired

a truck for him a few years ago. Mr. Huber indicated that he believed Mr. Hurst had a Facebook page advertising his business. Information will be forthcoming.

- Mr. Huber asked for follow-up on the Beitel property in Pleasantview. This home is being reconstructed after a fire in 2024. Mr. Smith indicated that he has gone to the Union County Engineer's Office and the original home drawings do show a wall in the breezeway.
- Mr. Huber asked about Mr. Jerry Mayer's swimming pool on Unionville Center Road. Mr. Smith indicated that he has spoken to Mr. Mayer and Mr. Mayer has responded back to him in writing. Information will be forthcoming.
- Mr. Huber asked about a property on Fladt Road, which has a barn falling in. A discussion ensued.
- Mr. Nicol indicated that he attended a session at the OTA Conference on the Township's ability to clean-up properties with junk/non-operational vehicles. A discussion ensued with the Trustees indicating that a call should be placed with Mr. Thayne Gray, Union County Prosecutor, for further guidance.
- Mr. Smith will discuss 3:1 ratio at the March meeting.

Pleasant Valley Fire District:

- Mr. Scheiderer presented the monthly report. Mr. Scheiderer indicated that Chief Kidd will be retiring.

Old Business

- 1) *Speed Sign* – Mr. Scheiderer will keep the speed 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 January 2025.
- 4) *Update on Union Township Fire Dept. Committee Meeting* – Mr. Scheiderer indicated that the committee has had a meeting and will continue to meet.
- 5) *Roofing Bids* – The Trustees reviewed the bids received from Monarch Roofing, Sublime Exteriors, and Mike's Roofing. Mr. Nicol made a motion to approve the Monarch Roofing bid with the addition of a pipe boot. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Scheiderer, yea, Mr. Huber, yea and Mr. Nicol, yea. Motion unanimously passed. Mr. Huber will contact Monarch Roofing.
- 6) *Outside Bulletin Board* – A discussion was held on the outside bulletin board. Mr. Nicol made a motion to purchase a new bulletin board not to exceed \$1000. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Scheiderer, yea, Mr. Huber, yea and Mr. Nicol, yea. Motion unanimously passed.
- 7) A resolution was passed for the sale of the Township safe, which was no longer being utilized by the Township, and did not meet fire retention requirements for Township documents. The Trustees signed the resolution.
- 8) *Other Business*

New Business

- 1) *2025 Mowing Proposal* Mr. Huber made a motion to approve Mr. Tim Underhill's 2025 mowing proposal for the Darby Township cemeteries and Township building. Mr. Nicol seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Scheiderer, yea, Mr. Huber, yea and Mr. Nicol, yea. Motion unanimously passed.
- 2) *Township Building Thermostat* - Mr. Nicol shared information on a smart thermostat for the Township building. He received proposals from Foust Plumbing and Heating and RT Yoder Electric, Plumbing. A discussion ensued with Mr. Nicol indicating he would personally purchase a thermostat from Amazon and test it at the building. If it does not work Mr. Nicol will use it at his home.
- 3) *Appointment of BZA Alternate* – Mr. Kris Vollrath has accepted the alternate BZA position.
- 4) *Memorial Day* – A discussion was held on the 2025 Memorial Day parade and program.
 - Mr. Huber indicated that he has contacted Fairbanks Schools in regards to a student that participated in the VFW Voice of Democracy to provide their speech during the ceremony.
 - The Fairbanks Band has agreed to participate in the parade and ceremony.
 - Mr. Scheiderer will speak to Mr. Dennis Blumenschein and ask if he would like to participate in the program. Information will be forthcoming.
 - Mrs. Priday will take care of the flowers at the cemetery and also the flowers on Mr. Hilbert's grave.

- Mr. Joey Newell and Mr. Sam Fetty will again be asked to be the Honor Guard. (Mrs. Priday has spoken to Mr. Newell, unfortunately he will be out of town but will speak to Mr. Fetty in regards to another military soldier participating as an Honor Guard. Information will be forthcoming).
 - A discussion was held on producing a Spring mailing with the names of the Darby Township Veterans instead of the placing an ad in the Marysville Journal Tribune. Information will be forthcoming.
- 5) OTARMA Cyber IT Risk Visit – Mrs. Priday indicated that Mr. Aaron Willis, OTARMA Cyber Risk Services Advisor, has scheduled a visit on February 27, 2025 at 10:00 am. All Trustees are invited to attend if they wish.
 - 6) Orkin Monthly Service – A discussion was held on the cost of the monthly Orkin services. Mr. Scheiderer will contact Orkin. Information will be forthcoming.
 - 7) Playground Upgrade – Mr. Huber provided a handout of proposed new playground equipment. A discussion ensued. The Trustees asked Mr. Huber to contact Kinetic Creation and request pricing for the following items to include installation. Information will be forthcoming.
 - See-saw
 - Merry Go Round
 - Spin Playground Spinner
 - 8) *Other Business* –
 - Lowering of Flags – Mr. Huber has contact Mr. Nate Burns, Marysville Fire Chief and requested the website which provides information on when to lower the flag to half-mast.
 - Mr. Scheiderer has spoken to Paris Township Trustee, Dave Cook in regards to the abandonment of Paris Darby Township Road. Trustee Cook indicated that the Paris Township Trustees need to sign a resolution abandoning the road.
 - A picture and a small article honoring Mr. Dennis Blumenschein will be in the March/April OTA magazine for his years of Township service.

Cemeteries

- Nothing to report

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.

The Trustees will hold their semi-annual road inspection on March 13, 2025 at 8:00 am. The public notice will be placed on the Darby Township website.

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