

DARBY TOWNSHIP
June 9, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

The Darby Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, June 9, 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, Dennis Blumenschein, Peggy Richardson, Steve Francis, and Brenda Lucas.

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

The minutes from the May 12, 2025 regular meeting of the Darby Township Trustees were emailed to all Trustees prior to the meeting. Mr. Huber made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Nicol seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as presented.

Sheriff's Report:

The Sheriff (Deputy Sam Miller) was in attendance. Mrs. Richardson expressed concern about a vehicle and a couple that are regularly parking in the Township parking lot and going to the playground. She noted that on occasion they stay at the playground until 2:00 am. The playground closes at 9:00 pm. The Deputy went and spoke to the couple and shared with them that they must leave the playground by 9:00 pm. Mrs. Richardson and Mrs. Lucas expressed their concern on the amount of speeding vehicles on Main Street and also Unionville Road. They noted that they fear that children are going to get hurt. The Deputy asked if there was a particular time when they notice the speeding trucks. He will pass on the information to the other deputies that patrol the area.

Deputy Miller indicated that as of June 21st he will no longer be the Darby Township PSO and that Deputy Rob Louden will be moving into that position.

Township residents/visitors' business/concerns:

Mr. Blumenschien indicated that he would share his concerns later in the meeting.

Zoning Inspector Report:

Mr. Smith

- Permits Issued:
 - Christopher Greenbaum, 16732 Herchanhan, Marysville – Ag building
 - Jeff & Brittany Pister, 9503 St. Rt. 736, Plain City – new home
- Conditional Use
 - The BZA will meet on June 18th to continue discussion on the conditional use for Charles Gaul.
- The monthly report was discussed, with Mr. Smith providing several updates in the Township.
- Roberto Flores Property – Mr. Smith shared an email from legal counsel, Thayne Gray, with the Trustees. Information will be forthcoming. Mr. Huber inquired about Mr. Flores violations on the property across the road. Mr. Smith indicated that Mr. Gray has requested that the Trustees first address the violations on Mr. Flores property before moving to the violations across the road.

Pleasant Valley Fire District:

- Mr. Scheiderer presented the monthly report. He will request a run report on the runs that Pleasant Valley has completed for Union Township Fire Department. Information will be forthcoming.

Old Business

- 1) *Speed Sign* – Mr. Huber indicated that he purchased a new battery for the speed sign and will put it out this month.
- 2) *Township Website Traffic* - Mr. Huber distributed and reviewed the report. He shared that Richwood Marketing has both the 2024 and 2025 Memorial Day pictures on the website. Mrs. Priday sent an email to Richwood

Marketing requesting that the 2024 pictures be removed and to place the 2025 pictures on that portion of the website.

- 3) *Richwood Bank Positive Pay* – No exceptions were reported for the month of May 2025.
- 4) *Update on Union Township Fire Dept. Committee Meeting* – Mr. Scheiderer indicated that he has spoken to Union Township Trustee, Chad Jolliff in regards to the progress that the Union Township Fire Department has made. He indicated that the Township feels they can continue to keep the fire services in-house and has hired a part time chief. A request was made that the Union Township Trustees attend the July 14th Darby Township meeting to update the Trustees and also to provide Darby Township with a 2025 run report for the Township. Mrs. Priday emailed the Union Township Fiscal Officer with these requests.
- 5) *Mike's Roofing* – Mr. Huber made a motion to terminate the contract with Mike's Roofing after June 30, 2025 if they have not begun the repair of the Township building roof, Mr. Nicol seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Scheiderer, yea, Mr. Huber, yea and Mr. Nicol, yea. Motion unanimously passed. Information will be forthcoming.
- 6) *Review of 2025 Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony* – A discussion was held on the 2025 Memorial Day parade and ceremony. The following recommendations were made for the 2026 Memorial Day.
 - Mr. Blumenschein indicated that he heard residents indicate they would like to have the Veteran's names read and the family members of the residents to stand if possible. (Comments were also received feeling that it was good not to read the names due to the amount of time that takes)
 - Taps should be played after the Meaning of Taps is read
 - Need to place a truck barrier by the church
 - Close Middleburg Plain City Road, have a Sheriff present. Milford Center closed St. Rt. 4 during their parade.
 - Felt that the Trustees were up and down to many times
 - Need to have copies of the program made for the speakers and the band
 - Email the BZA and BZC requesting that they participate in the parade
- 7) *Consider 2026 Memorial Day Speaker* – Suggestions provided were: Sam Fetty, Sr. or Jr., or a member from the Bailey family.
- 8) *Service of Township Building Heat Pump* – Mr. Nicol will reach out to Foust Heating and Plumbing and schedule for service on the heat pump.
- 9) *Township Trustees, Fiscal Officer and Zoning Inspector Job Descriptions* – A special meeting will be set in late August.
- 10) *Other Business*
 - Mr. Huber indicated that the tornado siren at Fairbanks Schools is now operational and is tested every Wednesday at noon.

New Business

- 1) *Communicate to Darby Township Residents the Non-Renewal for the PSO Contract* – A discussion was held on the need to draft a letter to the Township residents sharing with them the reason that the Trustees have decided not to place the PSO on the November ballot. A decision was made to include the information on the "Clean – Up Day" post card which will be mailed in September.
- 2) *Hedge trimmer repair/replacement* – Mr. Nicol indicated that the repair of the hedge trimmer did not work and a new one will be needed to be purchased. A decision was made to table this item.
- 3) *Forwarded to the Prosecutor for Review* – Acceptable Use Policy and Disaster – Mrs. Priday indicated that she has forwarded to Mr. Gray a draft of a Acceptable Use Policy and Disaster that was provided by OTARMA. Information will be forthcoming.
- 4) *Schedule Annual Retention Record Meeting* – The 2025 Annual Retention Record meeting has been scheduled for 6:45 pm on July 14, 2025.
- 5) *Funding available for the removal of deserted or uninhabitable homes in the Township* – A letter from the Union County Land Reutilization Corporation was shared. Information will be forthcoming.

- 6) *Acceptance of Charles (Chuck) Adams member of the BZA Resignation* – Mr. Adams has resigned his position on the BZA. Mr. Scheiderer has approached Mr. Tyler Clemans. Mr. Clemans will attend the June 18th meeting to see if he has an interest on becoming an alternate on the BZA. A discussion was also held on the need of an alternate for the BZC. Information will be forthcoming.
- 7) *Other Business* – None

Cemeteries

The Trustees will begin to clean headstones.

Playground

- Report received.

Management Reports

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

Roads

The road report was completed.

Communications/Correspondence