

DARBY TOWNSHIP
July 14, 2025
MEETING MINUTES

The Darby Township Trustees met in regular session Monday, July 14, 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, Tyler Clemans, Rob Thompson, Randy Poland (Union Township Trustees), and Sheriff Mike Justice.

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

The minutes from the June 9, 2025 regular meeting and the July 7, 2025 special 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:

Sheriff Mike Justice was in attendance, he shared several items.

- The current response time for the Darby Township PSO, is five minutes.
- The Sheriff's office is working on a CCW class for women, and a training class for churches.
- A new canine will be joining the Sheriff's Department, which will be used as both a companion and drug searching dog.
- The office is expanding the drone program.
- August 5th is National Night Out. – More information to be shared on this.

Deputy Rob Louden, Darby Township PSO, was in attendance. Deputy Louden indicated that he had met with all the Township Officials and the Zoning Inspector personally.

Township residents/visitors' business/concerns:

The Union Township Trustees, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Poland, were in attendance to discuss the status of the Union Township Fire Department. They shared that in 2025 the fire department has had eleven runs with Union Township covering nine of those runs, and mutual aid covering two of those runs.

They indicated that a 7.4 mill levy will be placed on the November 4th ballot. The addition of this levy will allow the township to have full time coverage at the fire station. It may be staffed by part time EMT's and medics but the goal is to cover the station full time. The goal is to hire a part time chief who will be available during the day to provide leadership and training to the young staff members. The current chief works full time at another day job and is not available during the day. They hope to hire a new chief by the end of 2025. If Union Township is able to staff the station with fulltime staff they will need to remodel the building to meet the needs of the staff. If the levy does not pass other options are being considered.

Zoning Inspector Report:

Mr. Smith

- Permits Issued:
 - Wayne and Jenn West, 15248 Hagenderfer Road, Plain City - remodel
 - David Ervin, 15571 Scottslawn Road, Plain City – accessory building
 - Jean Devore, 16640 Raintree Drive, Marysville – accessory building

- Elizabeth & Trent Reed, 12840 Brown Moder Road, Marysville – new home
- The monthly report was discussed, with Mr. Smith providing several updates in the Township.
- Roberto Flores Property – Mr. Thayne Gray has sent a letter to Mr. Flores but no other information was available.

Pleasant Valley Fire District:

- Mr. Scheiderer presented the monthly report. Mr. Scheiderer has requested that the Pleasant Valley Fire Inspector visit Mr. Flores property on Unionville Road. The Fire Inspector has requested that the State Fire Inspector visit Mr. Flores' property with him. Information will be forthcoming.

Old Business

- 1) *Speed Sign* – Mr. Huber indicated that he has had the speed sign out a few times.
- 2) *Township Website Traffic* - Mr. Huber distributed and reviewed the report. Based on the report the numbers are down but this is to be expected during the summer month.
- 3) *Richwood Bank Positive Pay* – No exceptions were reported for the month of June 2025. Mrs. Priday shared information on ACH Positive Pay for the Township checking account. A discussion ensued. Mr. Nicol made a motion to add ACH Positive Pay, which will increase the current monthly fee from \$35 to \$60 a month. Richwood Bank is running a promotion at this time and for the first three months there will be no additional monthly fee for the ACH Positive Pay. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Scheiderer, yea, Mr. Huber, yea and Mr. Nicol, yea. Motion unanimously passed.
- 4) *Letter Sent to Mr. Roberto Flores* – Path Forward – Mr. Huber indicated that he would follow up with Mr. Gray on the next steps. Information will be forthcoming.
- 5) *Township Trustees, Fiscal Officer and Zoning Inspector Job Descriptions* – A special meeting will be set in the fall to review and revise the job descriptions if needed.
- 6) *Other Business*
 - Mr. Huber will contact Mr. Sam Fetty and ask if he would consider being the speaker at the 2026 Darby Township Memorial Day Ceremony.
 - A discussion was held on replacing the outside trash cans at the Township building. Mr. Huber made a motion to purchase two new exterior trash cans not to exceed \$1000.00, and to apply for the OTARMA MORE Grant for the purchase of the trash cans. Mr. Nicol seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Scheiderer, yea, Mr. Huber, yea, and Mr. Nicol, yea. Motion unanimously passed.
 - Mr. Huber indicated that he has received a proposal from Mr. Will Walker to replace some ceiling tile in the Township building. The estimate is approximately \$2,000. Mr. Huber will follow-up with Mr. Walker. Information will be forthcoming.

New Business

- 1) *Preparation for July 16th meeting* – A discussion was held on the July 16th special meeting to discuss with Township residents their desire to continue to have the PSO program in Darby Township. .
- 2) *Appointment of Tyler Clemans to BZA* – Mr. Nicol made a motion to appoint Mr. Tyler Clemans as an alternate on the BZA. Mr. Huber seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Scheiderer, yea, Mr. Huber, yea, and Mr. Nicol, yea. Motion unanimously passed. A discussion was also held on the need to appoint an alternate for the BZC. Mr. Huber indicated that he would contact Richwood

Marketing and ask that they place information on the website about the need for a BZC member. Information will be forthcoming

- 3) *Township Building Floor Repair* – Mr. Scheiderer will contact Columbus Epoxy Flooring and ask for estimates to correct the floor problems. Information will be forthcoming.
- 4) *Cemetery Markers* – A discussion was held on marking a couple rows of cemetery plots in the Unionville Center Cemetery. Mr. Huber requested that Longsworth be contacted in regards to marking the plots. This item will be discussed further during the August meeting.
- 5) *August and September meeting dates* – The August meeting date will remain on August 11th. The September meeting will be moved to Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00 pm.
- 6) *Foust Plumbing re: outside water spicket* – Mr. Nicol will be meeting with Foust Plumbing on Wednesday, July 16th to get an estimate on an outside spicket. Information will be forthcoming.
- 7) *2025 Clean Up Day* – Mr. Scheiderer indicated that he will contact Mr. Gary Levan in regards to the cost of the dumpsters for the Clean Up Day. Mrs. Priday will complete the NCO grant paperwork and have it completed for signature during the August meeting.
- 8) *Other Business* – None

Cemeteries

The Trustees have cleaned a few headstones with the cemetery headstone cleaner that was purchased, but they are not satisfied with the end result. The Trustees are considering hiring Longstretch to clean more headstones. Information will be forthcoming.

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. Mr. Nicol indicated that he will contact the Union County Engineer's Office in regards to the cracks on the roads in Autumn Ridge. Information will be forthcoming.

Communications/Correspondence

Mr. Scheiderer will attend the annual Union County Soil and Water banquet.