

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 18, 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**

Jennifer Engle was present to express concern about drainage at 2355 Bethel Road along the straight stretch of the road. Ms. Engle sited her research of ORC 6131,6133 and 6137 regarding surface and road ditch water and drainage. She asked the Board to look at the 12" cross culvert along with the ditch where the ditch may be obstructed or redirected flowing water directly in to an area they have turned into a pasture that has livestock. She has had conversations with the Road Department in the past regarding the drainage and felt her issues were dismissed or not properly addressed. She also indicated she has a handicapped child that can not access the pasture area with the livestock as a result of the wet pasture. Trustee Ashbaugh stated the Board would look at the situation with the culvert and any possibly obstructions or diversions in the road way purposefully causing water to drain into her pasture.

This area was not always pasture.

**BID OPENING**

The Trustees of Rushcreek Township will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of the following:

1. **2002 Red International 7400 single axle dump truck.** DT466 engine; 35,000 GVWR; Engine rebuild at 82,787 miles. Current mileage 180,001. Minimum bid \$6,000.00. Sealed bids will be accepted through March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. Bids received \_\_\_\_\_

**NO BIDS RECEIVED**

2. **4 in 1 2 yard bucket with teeth and JRB Hook-up,** Minimum bid \$2,000.00

**NO BIDS RECEIVED**

3. **Kohler Generator Model 15RMY62, Serial # 207629, 15KW, 120V, 62.5 AMPS, 800RPM with Control Box. 4 cylinder Wisconsin motor model V64D.**

**Motion to accept bid for Kohler Generator in the amount of \$100.00 from Kip Kelley by Trustee Downard. Second: Trustee Moyer**

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

**Discussion:** The items that did not received a bid Fiscal Officer will contact PA office to find out what the next steps are for sale or disposal of the property.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes from the March 4, 2026 regular meeting along with Minutes from the BZA Conditional Use Hearing for Ross and Stephanie Householder were presented. **Motion to accept:** Trustee Moyer

**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.

**CHAIRMAN**

Trustee Ashbaugh asked for input regarding any adjustments to the preliminary plans for new construction of the Township office building. Trustees Moyer and Downard along with the Fiscal Officer provided feedback such as: location of exterior door access for the record storage and garage area, stone to encompass the front façade, electrical and plumbing questions, ceiling height. Trustee Ashbaugh will provide the input to Kelly and Associates for revision.

Discussion regarding the quotes and installation of a hoop building for the Road Department bulk material storage. Trustee Ashbaugh asked the Board if they would like to move forward at this time given the consideration the building was not a 2026 budget item, already in the process of another construction project and general readiness to move forward without further site preparation. Richard expressed the concern of readiness from a site preparation standpoint. Fiscal Officer indicated the project was not budgeted for 2026 and that while funds could be made available she was looking at potential increased fuel and input cost increase for chip seal and level coat project in general for the road department with the rising fuel costs. Trustees Downard and Moyer both agreed with all of the concerns expressed and elected to delay the project and review for 2027.

Trustee Ashbaugh addressed the grindings need for 2026. The Road Department has an adequate supply and does not see the need to bid out more for the year. The Board agreed.

The Board would like to bid out 400 ton of Cold Mix for 2026 given the level of wear on the roads over the winter. Fiscal Officer will put together bid specs to be reviewed and published for a bid in May.

**FINANCIAL SECTION**

Warrant #'s 44228 through 44252 and EFT 145-2026 through 170 -2026 in the amount of \$48,255.20 Purchase Order 40-2026 – repair and bldg. Maint. Roads

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

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

**Fiscal Office**

OTARMA policy review meeting scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> with Andy Leitch at 7pm.

Fairfield County OTA meeting is scheduled for March 30<sup>th</sup>, 6pm Bloom Township, Please RSVP by March 26<sup>th</sup> to Gail Ellinger, Randy Kemmerer or Rick May. Copy provided of invitation.

Thank you for the improved Fire Department payroll process.

IRS waived penalty for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2025 recognizing we had submitted the return

**Fire**

Firefighter Ryan Smith BWC claim and Firehouse pest issues. Wells Pest Control scheduled for inspection from 10am-12pm on March 21st rafter to floor. This is in addition to the routine spray process. With 4 possible incidents in the sleeping quarters. FF Kerr, FF Graham, FF Kilbarger. Chief indicated that we do not have declarative confirmations regarding the cause of the incidents this is an important step toward narrowing the possibility for further issues.

The department is continuing to test extrication tools over the next two weeks and will have their recommendation for the next meeting. Chief did express concern over purchasing anything with proprietary batteries.

Large volume fire and EMS runs

<b>EMS</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>TRANSPORTS</b>	<b>13</b>
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<b>FIRE</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>MVA</b>	<b>1</b>			
<b>MUTUAL AID</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>GIVEN</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>

	GIVEN	RECEIVED
Berne Township	<b>1</b>	<u><b>0</b></u>
Junction City	<b>1</b>	<u><b>0</b></u>
Marion	<b>5</b>	<u><b>0</b></u>
Lancaster	<b>0</b>	<u><b>0</b></u>
Pleasant	<b>1</b>	<u><b>0</b></u>
Richland	<b>0</b>	<u><b>1</b></u>
Misc. (Somerset, Hopewell, Straitsville, New Lex	<b>3</b>	<u><b>0</b></u>
Air Evac		<u><b>0</b></u>

### Zoning

Conditional Use hearing for Householder completed and approved  
Permit application, accessory bldg.- Stephson- Bremen Rd

Letter being sent to 3470 West Point Road regarding a business advertised and shared on FB, Rushcreek Auto and Off Road. The business does not currently have a conditional use permit and is also adding an addition on to a pole building.

Trustee Ashbaugh addressed the Board regarding Data Centers, Warehouses and large scale projects that may affect the water or power needs throughout the Township. Zoning Commission member Josh Schultz had a discussion with Chad about the possible issue and need for changes to our Zoning Resolution. The Board agreed this is a topic that needs review by the commission. Fiscal Officer stated there are some proposals for legislation at the State Level. Possibly changes to the resolution could be simple regarding the size and scope of facilities permitted in the Township.

### Road Department

Ditching

Equipment maintenance

Tree removals with high winds Thomas, Fairview, Holliday, Heyd, and Graffis Roads. Thanks to Trustees Downard and Ashbaugh for assisting.

### Administration

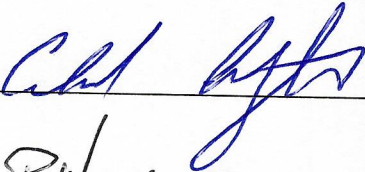

Force Acct update regarding items from 2020 and prior. Trustee Downard has reviewed the amounts and the ability to recreate the necessary paperwork to resubmit. Given the small \$ involved Jim has determined the effort to dig through prior files and try to reconcile to the paperwork we have is not effective. This is particularly true when some upcoming culvert projects can effectively utilize the funds and have better tracking and improved submission to the County for reimbursement.

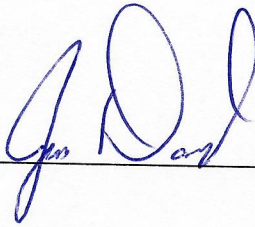
Force acct update for Zion Road project. The County Engineers office has not provided any follow up for this Force Account submission at this time.

In a separate conversation with the Engineer the VYAS lot split approval was discussed. Trustee Downard provided Engineer Upp with the history of this lot split for context. The Engineer's office had denied the split based upon driveway location. Since that time, they are agreeable to a shared driveway from the original split and will approve to satisfy the regional planning requirements.

Diversion program was rescheduled for 3-24-26 at 5:30 p.m. at the Firehouse. It was requested that one of the Trustees attend. Trustee Downard was not able to commit but would make every effort to be available.

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

  
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I Bid \$100. on  
Generation and  
control panel.

Kip Kelley

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**Gail Ellinger**  
President  
Hocking Township

**Randy Kemmerer**  
Vice President  
Liberty Township

**Rick May**  
Secretary Treasurer  
Liberty Township

March 6, 2026

Greetings Fairfield County OTA Members;

The March 30, 2026 meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm in Bloom Township at Station 552 located at 8485 Lithopolis Rd. The meeting is being hosted by the Bloom Township Trustees. Lodging Tax and Lodging Tax software will be the topic of discussion.