

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

April 16, 2025

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

Art Kunkler, representing 20/20 Enterprises and Tom Spohn, representing Spohn Excavating

BID OPENINGS

NOTICE TO BID

The Rushcreek Township Trustees will be accepting sealed bids for **2025 chip seal project of approximately 12.80 miles single seal and 2.4 miles of DOUBLE seal road in Rushcreek Township** Sealed bids must be received by 6:30 pm; April 16, 2025. All Bids must include valid BWC and insurance certificates. Successful bid will be required to execute a hold harmless agreement with. Trustees reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids. **Detailed bid information can be obtained by contacting Rushcreek Township Road Department at 740-569-7181 Ext. 11.** Bid opening will be held April 16, 2025 at 7 P.M. at the regular board meeting.

1 bid received: Trustee Ashbaugh Moved to accept bid from: 20/20 Enterprises rate per gallon \$3.44

Approximate completed cost based on road width and length \$236,605.93

Second: Trustee Downard

Roll Call: Chad: Aye Rick: Aye Jim: Aye

NOTICE TO BID

The Rushcreek Township Trustees are accepting sealed bids for **approximately 2000 ton of #8 Cracked gravel delivered** to 213 Marietta Street, Bremen, OH. Stone billed separately and hauled from OLEN Corporation 4755 S. High Street, Columbus, OH. Bid must include current BWC certification, unless owner/operator, along with proof of insurance. Bid must be received by 6:30 p.m. April 16th, 2025. **Bid opening will be held April 16th, at 7 P.M. at the regular board meeting. Details regarding the bid can be obtained by calling (740) 569-7181 ext. 11.** Rushcreek Township Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

2 bids received: **Spohn Excavating and Miller Hauling (bids attached)** Trustee Downard

Motion to accept bid from: Miller Hauling at a rate of \$10.50 per ton

Discussion : none Second: Trustee Ashbaugh

Roll Call: Chad: Aye Rick: Aye Jim: Aye

MINUTES

The Minutes from the April 2, 2025 regular meeting. **Motion to accept:** Trustee **Second:** Trustee

Roll Call: Chad: Aye Rick: Aye Jim: Aye

Chad reminded everyone that the minutes are available upon request at the Fiscal Officer's office and the website.

FINANCIAL SECTION

Warrant #'s 43867 through 43886 and EFT 174-2025 through 199 -2025 in the amount of \$ 56,428.06

Motion to accept and pay: Trustee Moyer Second: Trustee Downard

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

Fiscal Office

1st Quarter 941- IRS/ODJFS submitted

CD with Merchants bank maturing on April 22, 2025 for \$250,000.00. Current rate of 4.15%. Merchants offering 1 year at 3.65% or 2 years at 3.59%. VCNB offering 17 months at 3.49% or 24 months at 3.25%.

Recommend to the Board 24 month at 3.59% Merchants Bank. Board agreed. Email sent to Mary Wilson.

Fire

Asst. Chief Irwin completed Shriner's Grant application for the_ Broselow Module complete refills x2 and a cyanokit. Total \$3840.

Trustee Moyer had conversations with Perry County 911 on April 4th, Jackson Township Trustee Tom Spohn April 4th and Junction City Fire Chief John Mason on April 5th. Chief Mason stated he had discussed the issues with Mayor Keister and Jackson Township Trustees and he was immediately removing Rushcreek Township Fire from their "run" card. Trustee Moyer asked on three separate occasions during the conversation if he was sure that was the approach he wanted to follow. Chief Mason indicated yes and wanted no further discussion. Tom Spohn was at our meeting representing Spohn Excavating but is also a Jackson Township Trustee. Tom stated he was told the problem was resolved at Junction City Fireman's Ball on April 12th. He had no further discussion with Chief Mason at that time. Tom said he would discuss with their Board and determine the situation or if any adjustments to their run card was needed. Tom was not aware of how the run card(s) work as a Board member of Jackson Township. The Board stated their concern for the residents of Jackson Township given the volume of runs in 2024 and year to date. Rushcreek Township Board members indicated their only concern was calling for assistance to remove trees from a Perry County Engineers Road. Tom expressed the same concern and had some discussion with the Perry County Engineers office. Both Tom and the Rushcreek Board agreed if needed we could attend either a Jackson or Rushcreek meeting to work on any further issues.

Trustee Moyer also stated the department is applying for the South Central Power grant at the next opening period. \$2800.00 for updated gear/ 60/40 split

Chief Duvall advised he had contacted the EPA after the recent storm and unauthorized burning and type of material being burnt which he observed. The EPA did send a letter directly to the resident involved in the violation.

EMS	18	RUNS	TRANSPORTS	8
FIRE	6			
MVA	1			
MUTUAL AID	4	GIVEN	1	RECEIVED

	given	received
Berne Township	0	0

Junction City	2	<u>0</u>
Marion	0	<u>0</u>
Lancaster	0	<u>0</u>
Pleasant	0	<u>0</u>
Richland		<u>1</u>
Misc. (Somerset, Hopewell, Straitsville, New Lex	2	<u>0</u>

Zoning

Resolution 2025-10 accepting the Zoning Commission modifications to the zoning resolution for cemetery and solar

Permit application for 10950 Graffis Road - New Construction

Permit application for 8148 Pleasant View Road- New Construction

Permit application for 8050 Marietta Road – New Construction

Road Department

Trustee Ashbaugh and road crew removed trees from Fairview after winds and rain

Tree removal from Young and Avalon roads 4/6/2025

Culvert clean outs after the heavy rains

Two culvert replacements on Thomas Road

Zion Road culvert developed a hole at the edge of the road, hole patched

ROW permit for South Central Power – Pumpkin Vine Road

Trustee Ashbaugh discussed with the Board about moving forward with both Hot and Cold Mix Scratch Coat of certain roads in order to continue to improve on the Chip Seal Process. He suggested putting out a bid request for 1.5 miles of Marietta Road from Bremen Village limit west to West Rushville Road.

He also suggested we consider another road of similar traffic and length for Hot Mix Scratch Coat.

Discussion between the Board and Richard, Road Supervisor about possible roads. They agreed a bid request for Hot Mix Scratch Coat would be published for 1.6 miles of Bethel Road to SR 312. The discussion also covered a solution for Heyd Road. 6/10 of a mile of Straight Paving. The Board agreed on a 3rd bid request for 6/10 of a mile for Straight Paving on Heyd Road. The bids will be put together and sent to the Board for approval with a bid date of May 7th.

Administration

Resolution 2025-09 Engineering Services was presented to the Board. Trustee Downard reviewed the resolution and indicated the culvert size(s) were not correct. In addition, Trustee Downard drove throughout the Township inspecting larger culverts. He found a culvert on Purvis Road that is also in need of repair. Another culvert on Purvis Road he was not able to inspect with the current volume of water. Additionally, he located a culvert on Ireland Road in need of replacement. Jim stated he would contact the County Engineer to review the culvert sizes on Resolution 2025-09 and ask if we should consider adding two more. The Resolution will allow the County to assist/apply for OPWC funds and provide the engineering for the project.

Drafted letter for Estep. The PA office has reviewed and made revisions to the proposed letter. Trustee Downard reviewed those adjustments with the PA office and is providing a copy of the letter to be sent to the Board for approval. Trustee Moyer will discuss the letter and the matter with the Zoning Inspector and provide her with the copy to send. Lisa Burnworth will forward any emails or documents she has to Lisa Criner.

Further Business:

None

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.






