

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES

July 2, 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

Asst. Chief Jordan Irwin, David and Laura Steele representing Protect Amanda Township. The Steele's presented the Board with information regarding the Carnation Solar Project. The project is to cover 1700 acres in 24 parcels. Stating only one of the lessees is a resident land owner. The provided the Board with an information sheet (copy attached) and asked if they would write a letter to the Ohio Power Siting Board. Trustee Downard indicated he had composed a letter for the Eastern Cottontail Project opposition. The Board will review the information provided by the Steeles'.

MINUTES

The Minutes from the June 18, 2025 regular meeting. **Motion to accept:** Trustee Moyer **Second:**

Second: Trustee Downard

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.

FINANCIAL SECTION

Warrant #'s 43963 through 43972 and EFT 292-2025 through 313 -2025 in the amount of \$67,321.39
June bank reconciliation

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

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

Fiscal Office

2023/24 Audit complete and received draft report. Finding 2024-001 regarding division of interest income was removed from the Audit. Final report and bill will be received in July once the report is submitted and approved by the Auditor of State.

Distribution of the 2026 Budget Estimates to each department. Will need the marked up responses by July 16th.

Quarterly report filed with IRS, ODJFS.

Resolutions were delivered to BOE for the November levy renewal.

Firefighter Graham has uncashed check in the amount of \$1,374.14. Check reissued #43964 and provided check to Chief Duvall

Verified all three FRN#'s at the FCC do not show anything yet due. Updated password and information so we receive notifications

Fire

Received notice from MECC that annual cost will rise from \$2,500 to \$4,000 based on our revenue. Chief acknowledged that will be included in budget updates.

Chief provided status of JD Johnson and project. Chief stated parts have been ordered and they are waiting to schedule the installation date once the items are received.

Does the department want the reallocation of funds from 2191-220-430 to Full and Part Time Salaries ? Both Chief and Asst. Chief Irwin would like to reallocate \$14,000.00 in unencumbered funds to the Full Time Salary Line from Small Tools and Minor equipment. Asst. Chief stated they will keep an eye on the part time line as we approach the second half of the year. The Board reviewed and agreed to direct the Fiscal Office to reallocate the funds as requested.

Extending and offer to Piercen Shull for part time employment. FF Shull will new to complete employment paper work prior to being added to the roster.

Stryker invoice from 3/24/2022, They continue to invoice, we acknowledge we have the equipment. Chief agreed to pay the invoice and the cost will be taken from EMS supplies and materials.

Training and equipment grant. We received \$3,746.44 ; Asst. Chief Irwin stated the is a list of items which qualify under the grant which he is currently reviewing. Fiscal Office asked that all funds be expended and request for reimbursement be completed by the end of November. Fiscal office will require copies of any invoice clearly marked for the grant for the grant file.

EMS	16	RUNS	TRANSPORTS	10
FIRE	8			
MVA	4			
MUTUAL AID	4	GIVEN	2	RECEIVED

	GIVEN	RECEIVED
Berne Township	0	1
Junction City	1	0
Marion	1	0
Lancaster	0	0
Pleasant	0	0
Richland	2	1
Misc. (Somerset, Hopewell, Straitsville, New Lex)	0	0
Walnut	0	0
Logan	0	0
	0	0
Air Evac	0	0
Hocking twp.	0	

Zoning

Trustee Moyer is working with Zoning Inspector, BZA Board and PA Office to coordinate a new hearing date. In the meantime, the PA Office was contacted by Atty. Broyles to see if the Township would like a walkthrough of the property to verify that it is not a residence. Atty Broyles indicates to the PA Office

he can provide documents that there is not anyone at residence in the property. Trustee Moyer is going to coordinate a walkthrough of the property through the PA Office. He also will advise the BZA to delay their appeals hearing based until the walk through is complete.

Road Department

Trustee Ashbaugh with Ashbaugh Trucking and Excavating equipment graded the Mulberry street property purchased last year after the curb cutting. This created a new entrance to the Township for traffic. The recycling dumpsters were relocated to allow full use of the new entrance. The Township appreciates the generous donation of equipment and labor.

Trustee Ashbaugh and road crew have been busy removing several down trees from Young, Marietta and Purvis Roads.

Culvert and ditch cleaning as a result of the heavy rains

Skim coated stone on several roads with as a result of the continued heat

Road Mowing ½ complete

1910 Bethel Road, Lambert – Driveway culvert . Sent an email to the PA Office for guidance in replacing the culvert. Trustees' Downard , Ashbaugh and Moyer agree we should move forward with replacing the culvert given letters both regular and certified mail have been sent to the property owner. Richard agreed and will schedule the replacement. Trustee Ashbaugh stated the level/skim coat is "bubbling" since the water cannot get away. Chip Seal and is scheduled and this has to be resolved prior. The Board will continue to follow up and keep copies of the expenses associated with the replacement to potential add to the property owner's real estate taxes.

Force Account paperwork for Zion Road culvert project ? There was discussion regarding the submission of Force Account paperwork to receive some reimbursement from the County Culvert Funds for our Township for the Zion Road culvert. Fiscal Office will provide Richard copies of any invoice associated with the cost of the project.

David on Vacation 7th- 10th

Administration

Culvert was delivered for Zion Road early Tuesday June 24th from Edwards, Trustee Downard moved and utilized his company's equipment (DOW Construction) to install the culvert Trustee Ashbaugh utilized Ashbaugh Trucking and Excavating equipment as well. Trustees' Downard and Ashbaugh worked install the new culvert and reopen Zion Road. This was a large elliptical shaped culvert not normally installed by the Township because of the size 60".

The Township appreciates the generous donation of equipment and labor by both Trustees. The \$ savings and time to the residents is substantial. Trustees state they used approximate 80 ton of 304 2 loads of CDF , 57's and 16-18 ton of cold mix.

County Engineer, culvert money and grant application OPWC update Trustee Downard indicated he had not yet had the opportunity to follow-up on the project. In addition, he will discuss the \$\$ involved for the Tent Church Culvert work performed by the County and what remaining available funds are in the Culvert Fund with the County.

Trustee Downard did address the ROW matter with Steve Pontious of Rushcreek Feed. He advised the Township will cease use of the cut through and will direct traffic from Marietta to the new driveway cut.

Further Business:

Trustee Moyer raised the concern of Frontier not responding to issues along the roads. He indicated he had discussions with Dan- Frontier regarding a down tree at 1100 Jerusalem Road and it has not been resolved. He also advised them of serious slack in a phone line that did not meet height requirements.

Trustee Moyer has tried contacting Frontier directly to get these problems resolved but without an account he is unable to get through to customer service. Trustee Moyer asked if we should consider contacting the PUCO to get some satisfaction. Richard indicated the has been done in the past and gets results. Trustee Downard sited information we received from PA Office that if we documented contact to correct and the issue is not resolved the Township can proceed.

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

Phil Ashbaugh
Pat Moyer

John Downard

Protect Amanda Township, Inc. is a group of people who are working to protect the beauty, tranquility, and rural character of our agricultural community. We are currently facing proposed Industrial Solar Plant on 1,700 acres in Amanda Township within Agricultural/Residential zoned areas.

You are welcome to view our website for additional information: www.thissolarthing.org

Some Basic Facts about the Carnation Solar Project:

"Project area" is leased land plus one mile

- All numbers were obtained using public records and extrapolating to the best of our ability.
- Nearly 1,700 acres, 24 parcels of farmland have been leased to Carnation Solar by 6 entities (families or trusts). Only one of the families who leased their land lives in the project area.
- There are 470 parcels NOT leased to Carnation Solar in the project area.
- An estimated 925 people live within the project area in approximately 350 homes.
- Approximately, 1,300 football fields would fit in this project area.
- An estimated 106,000 pilings will be driven. This is extremely loud and disruptive. We live in a very quiet, rural area.
- 6,000 – 8,000 construction vehicles are expected during construction (projecting 18 – 24 months). This will cause numerous problems on our narrow, rural roads.
- Over 580 people have formally joined Protect Amanda Township, Inc. in support of our mission of preserving our rural community.
- Amanda Township Trustees have publicly announced their opposition to this project and have unanimously voted to retain legal counsel to intervene on behalf of Amanda Township.
- We are concerned about the noise, dust, traffic, and flooding from damaged field tiles that will occur during construction, and impact to wildlife displacement.
- We are also certain that this will turn our rural, agricultural community into an industrial sea of glass and the land can never be returned to highly productive farmland.

We are asking for your support by writing OPSB asking them to deny Carnation Solar project in Amanda Township, Fairfield County.

OHIO POWER SITING BOARD
180 E. Broad Street, Columbus OH 43215

Email – contactOPSB@puco.ohio.gov

Please reference: **Carnation Solar Case # 24-0881-EL-BGN in Amanda Township, Fairfield County, Ohio**

We are requesting you share a copy of your submission to our email, Protectamandatownship@gmail.com allowing us to verify receipt and download into OPSB website.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Cheryl Kohler
740-207-3069

*Trustee Download
will prepare a letter*

Payment Listing

7/3/2025 to 7/18/2025

UAN v2025.2

Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount	Status
314-2025	07/14/2025	07/14/2025	CH	TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO	\$41.00	O
315-2025	07/17/2025	07/16/2025	EP	DONALD L ABRAM III	\$414.69	O
316-2025	07/17/2025	07/16/2025	EP	CHAD M ASHBAUGH	\$565.76	O
317-2025	07/17/2025	07/16/2025	EP	LISA A BURNWORTH	\$823.49	O
318-2025	07/17/2025	07/16/2025	EP	DAVID G CAMPBELL	\$1,220.61	O
319-2025	07/17/2025	07/16/2025	EP	RICHARD CURTLENN CAMPBELL	\$1,317.70	O
320-2025	07/17/2025	07/16/2025	EP	LISA A CRINER	\$174.00	O
321-2025	07/17/2025	07/16/2025	EP	JAMES S DOWNARD	\$646.31	O
322-2025	07/17/2025	07/16/2025	EP	WILLIAM M. DUVALL	\$937.63	O
323-2025	07/17/2025	07/16/2025	EP	AMBER LEE-ANNE FLINT	\$1,616.94	O
324-2025	07/17/2025	07/16/2025	EP	MATTHEW GRAHAM	\$912.32	O
325-2025	07/17/2025	07/16/2025	EP	JEREMI W HEDGES	\$1,910.68	O
326-2025	07/17/2025	07/16/2025	EP	JORDAN P IRWIN	\$274.81	O
327-2025	07/17/2025	07/16/2025	EP	ANTHONY M. KERR	\$1,519.03	O
328-2025	07/17/2025	07/16/2025	EP	STEVEN PHILLIP KILBARGER	\$1,399.62	O
329-2025	07/17/2025	07/16/2025	EP	RICHARD E MOYER	\$652.79	O
330-2025	07/17/2025	07/16/2025	EP	BRADEN L SHULL	\$1,753.26	O
331-2025	07/17/2025	07/16/2025	EP	RYAN M SMITH	\$1,511.96	O
333-2025	07/17/2025	07/16/2025	EW	DEP'T OF TREASURY - IRS	\$3,744.11	O
334-2025	07/17/2025	07/16/2025	EW	REGIONAL INCOME TAX AGENCY	\$505.67	O
335-2025	07/17/2025	07/16/2025	EW	TREASURER OF STATE OF OHIO	\$1,135.16	O
336-2025	07/17/2025	07/16/2025	EW	SCHOOL DISTRICT INCOME TAX	\$801.38	O
43973	07/16/2025	07/15/2025	AW	SPECTRUM BUSINESS/CHARTER COMMUI	\$80.00	O
43974	07/16/2025	07/15/2025	AW	SPECTRUM BUSINESS/CHARTER COMMUI	\$219.98	O
43975	07/16/2025	07/15/2025	AW	SHELLY MATERIALS, INC	\$2,190.53	O
43976	07/16/2025	07/15/2025	AW	OLEN CORPORATION	\$7,538.38	O
43977	07/16/2025	07/15/2025	AW	WAREHOUSE TIRE INC	\$1,320.00	O
43978	07/16/2025	07/15/2025	AW	COLUMBIA GAS COMPANY	\$887.53	O
43979	07/16/2025	07/15/2025	AW	BOUND TREE MEDICAL	\$2,404.22	O
43980	07/16/2025	07/15/2025	AW	ATLANTIC EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS	\$1,979.94	O
43981	07/16/2025	07/15/2025	AW	STEVE'S MOBILE TIRE SERVICE	\$725.00	O
43982	07/16/2025	07/15/2025	AW	STRYKER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPLIE	\$1,212.84	O
43983	07/16/2025	07/15/2025	AW	HERITAGE FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$1,761.17	O
43984	07/16/2025	07/15/2025	AW	VISA	\$2,810.40	O
43985	07/16/2025	07/15/2025	AW	TIMOTHY C MOYER	\$92.00	O
43986	07/18/2025	07/16/2025	AW	ALLIED BENEFIT SYSTEMS, INC.	\$7,641.55	O
43987	07/16/2025	07/16/2025	AW	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$14.20	O
43988	07/16/2025	07/16/2025	AW	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$80.22	O
43989	07/16/2025	07/16/2025	AW	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER	\$1,164.21	O
43990	07/16/2025	07/16/2025	AW	CLARENCE MILLER DBA: MILLER HAULING	\$1,641.89	O
Total Payments:					\$57,642.98	
Total Conversion Vouchers:					\$0.00	
Total Less Conversion Vouchers:					\$57,642.98	

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Type: AM - Accounting Manual Warrant, AW - Accounting Warrant, IM - Investment Manual Warrant, IW - Investment Warrant, PM -

We hereby certify that the amount required in the contract, agreement, obligation, payment, or expenditure for the above, was lawfully appropriated for such purpose and was in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of the appropriate fund(s) free from any previous encumbrances or obligation