

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 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

Tim Thomas, Joe Lucas, Bill Myers-BZA, Charlie Hockman -RPC

Mr. Lucas had no items to address the Board, **Mr. Thomas** asked if there was a delay in mowing the Right of Way that many weeds have go to seed. Richard Campbell stated they had actually started earlier than normal and the Road Department was on vacation for a week. Trustee Ashbaugh indicated they are working on completing and there was a problem with a cylinder on the Arm Mower that was repaired while the Road staff was on Vacation. Mr. Thomas also inquired about the status of pheasant hunting business on Marietta Road. Why is the Township requesting conditional use permits for a business and does this not fall under Agritourism. Trustee Moyer indicated we are responding to at least 3 complaints from 2 surrounding neighbors and one business. Trustee Moyer indicated he has discussed with Leonard Ashcraft at ODNr and Zoning is responding to complaint letters received.

Bill Myers- a BZA member also questioning the Zoning letter regarding Pheasant hunting. Trustee Downard explained we are gathering information and complaint letters and forwarding to the Prosecuting Attorney for direction to proceed. His research to this point which is not legal advice indicates that while the Pheasant hunting itself is not the problem that local rules governing nuisance, noise and peaceful enjoyment can possibly still apply. He also found that trap or skeet shooting is not Pheasant hunting and that nuisance and peaceful enjoyment impacting a long standing local business in Pumpkin Vine Golf Course have been impacted as stated in their complaint letter. Trustee Downard indicated the determination of the Township's role must be clarified by the Prosecuting Attorney's office. **Charlie Hockman-** RPC representative and BZA member along with Bill Myers stated the importance and having actual complaint letters from residents prior to pursuing zoning complaints. Trustee Moyer indicated we have 3 at this time. Both Charlie and Bill indicated written complaints are important when pursuing zoning matters. Bill indicated prior Board had an official complaint form that was used. Bill Myers added compliments for the Board and the Road Department in continuing to move the Township forward .

Regional Planning

Charlie Hockman reported RPC met on 10/7/2025 and one of the discussion items presented to RPC was changes to Berne Township's Zoning Resolution regarding Short Term Rentals (AIRBNB). Charlie related that Berne Township's proposed rules were very restrictive and have caused concern from some community. Commissioner Fix has met with Berne to address the concern. Charlie compared Rushcreek's updated short term rental policy to Berne's and is questioning why their Board wants to implement more restrictive policies and asked if any of our Board Members might be in communication with the Trustees' at Berne Township so we might have a better understanding or if there are specific reasons. Charlie related the RPC did not approve Berne's updated rules.

BID OPENING

Rushcreek Township is accepting bids for hauling **1000 tons of crushed asphalt from CRC**, 399 Haul Road, Columbus to 213 Marietta Street, Bremen. Bids will be opened on **October 15, 2025 at 7p.m.** Contact Richard Campbell, 740-569-7181 Extension #11. Bid specs available upon request.

OF BIDS RECEIVED 1

Trustee Ashbaugh Moved to accept bid from Miller Hauling for 1000 tons of crushed asphalt from CRC delivered to 213 Marietta at \$11.00 per ton. Second Trustee Downard. Discussion: none

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

MINUTES

The Minutes from the Octoberber 1, 2025 regular meeting **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.

FINANCIAL SECTION

Warrant #'s 44076 through 44095 and EFT 429-2025 through 449-2025 in the amount of \$134,765.31
Reallocate funds for property insurance from 1000-110-380 to 1000-110-730, 2011-330-381 to 2011-330-420, 2191-760-730 to 2191-220-381

Then and Now purchase order 27-2025 to Rocket Preowned Motors in the amount of \$41,900.00 for 2nd plow truck

Purchase Order 26-2025 Perry and Associates final audit payment

Purchase Order 25-2025 Ricart Automotive Group for purchase of engine for medic 541 \$16,700.00

Purchase Order 24-2025 to OTARMA for the additional premium of \$4,500.00

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

Roll Call: Chad AYE Jim AYE Rick AYE

Fiscal Office

Fire

Replacement engine shipped from Ricart to Midwest for medic 541

Approximately 100 pumpkins provided location for cleaning

Submitted Ohio Department of Commerce MARCS grant application

EMS	16	RUNS	TRANSPORTS	10
FIRE	2			
MVA	4			
MUTUAL AID	7	GIVEN	0	RECEIVED

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Berne Township	0	0
Junction City	3	0
Marion	1	0
Lancaster	0	0
Pleasant	0	0
Richland	1	0

Misc. (Somerset, Hopewell, Straitsville, New Lex)	1	0
Walnut	0	0
Logan	0	0
Hocking	1	0
Air Evac	0	0

Zoning

Refer to earlier discussions in visitor section. Trustee Moyer delivered conditional use letter to Pheasant Landing LLC.

Road Department

Trustees' Moyer and Ashbaugh travel to West Virginia and purchased 2nd used F550

Fall mowing ongoing, cylinder breakdown on arm mower. At Star Engineering for repair. Cylinder chipped and bent, but Star was able to repair enough so we can continue mowing. Once mowing complete it will go back to Star.

Purvis Road sign at Jackson Township line was stolen

Removed several down trees from Right of way during mowing.

Administration

Letter to J. Mills – Pumpkin Vine culvert

Letter to A. Matthews – Mt. Zwingli campers

Force Account documents to Cheryl at County Engineer Office

Conversation with Trustee Moyer regarding next step regarding Golf Course and Pheasant Landing

Further Business:

NONE

Trustee Ashbaugh moved to adjourn at 7:38 p.m.



