

**GUILFORD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
October 21, 2025**

The Board of Guilford Township Trustees, Medina County, Ohio, met for a work session and regular Trustees meeting on October 21, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. at the Guilford Township Hall. The following Trustees were present: Bob Rohrer, Gene Morris, Scott Phillips, and Fiscal Officer, Ray Ruprecht.

Also present were Andy Liston, Ron Scuderi, Jerry Springer, Larry Kaufman, Frank Harmon, and Shannon Colonna

**WORK SESSION**

The purpose of the work session is to discuss township medical insurance coverage with Frank Harmon of Ohio Insurance Services Agency.

- The renewal from Medical Mutual was about 15% more than the previous year, so he did a little shopping around.
- A comparable plan was found through Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield.
- The deductible for the Anthem plan is \$5,000 (versus \$4,200), and they have historically funded this to pass a \$700 deductible on to the employees.
- The savings with BCBS is around \$27,000 per year. Even with the difference in deductible, they would have about a \$17,000 savings.
- The main change is that after the deductible is met, the BCBS plan has a copay for prescriptions. There are different copays for 'Level 1' and 'Level 2' pharmacies. The most expensive copay is \$350, which would be over \$4,000 additional per year. Some people may also have multiple prescriptions that could add up.
- This is considered Creditable Insurance.
- There would not be any issues with coverage for pre-existing conditions.
- This is an employer group plan, so would not be impacted by non-renewal of the affordable care act.
- If they wanted to make the change, the best date for it to be effective would be January 1, 2026. This means they would need to renew the Medical Mutual policy for one month. This would make it easier to track annual deductibles and change carriers in the future.
- Gene asked how they were on the group size. That is not a big determining factor of cost or rate. It is mostly based on claim history.
- Scott asked if they have approached Medical Mutual about other plans. They have, but they have been on a grandfathered policy for a while and there are limited options. Another thing to consider is that if they do not renew the MMO plan, they would lose access to that grandfathered plan.
- Bob noted that the maximum out of pocket is significantly higher with the BCBS plan.
- He can get the 1/1/2026 rates for BCBS to help them make the decision. They should decide what they want to do before December.

There was some discussion about Road projects.

- They are still working on plans for the maintenance building.
- Andy said there is some equipment coming up on the ten year mark, like the excavator and boom mower. He was hoping to see how much the building was going to cost before looking into any of that.
- Ray provided the cash flow summary by fund report a couple weeks ago, and the road funds have been growing.

## REGULAR MEETING

### Approval of Minutes

Bob Rohrer moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 7, 2025. Scott Phillips seconded the motion. Roll call: Morris – yes, Rohrer – yes, Phillips – yes.

### Executive Session

Gene Morris moved to go into executive session at 8:02 P.M. to have a conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action and invited Ray Ruprecht and Nathan Kott. Bob Rohrer seconded the motion. Roll call: Rohrer - yes, Morris - yes, Phillips - yes.

Gene Morris moved to come out of the executive session at 8:11 P.M. Scott Phillips seconded the motion. Roll call: Rohrer - yes, Morris - yes, Phillips - yes.

Nathan Kott provided an update on the pending court action with the baseball business on Rawiga. There was a mediation session and they requested a copy of an agreement that would be acceptable to the township, and that was provided. They have declined. They are now set to return to mediation on Thursday. They should get a sense on if there will be negotiations or if they will need to continue discovery. It is still set for trial in January, and it would be a bench trial. There is not currently a court order preventing him from operating the business. They would need to prove irreparable harm in order to get that, and that is difficult to prove prior to a trial. The neighbor noted that it looks like there have been some contractors there over the past few weeks.

## Department Reports

### Fire-EMS Department (James Carter)

- Resignation of Fire/Medic Micheal Kenski. Letter dated October 29, 2025.
- Annual Preventative Maintenance of the Ladder Truck and Fire Engine has been completed.
- MARC's Radio Service Fee Grant through the Ohio Department of Commerce has been completed.
- Requested \$2,440.00 for Service Fees and two Pagers.
- Bob asked if the roof was still leaking. They have not seen any more leaking.

### Approval of Resignation of Michael Kenski

Gene Morris **moved** to accept the resignation of Michael Kenski effective October 29, 2025 . Scott Phillips seconded the motion. Roll call: Morris – yes, Rohrer – yes, Phillips – yes.

**Road Supervisor** (Andy Liston)

- Working on the ODOT project for no engine breaks on 57, and it is in their hands now. The signs have been made and delivered.
- Received the computer.
- Installed a drive pipe on Rawiga, and requested forced accounts payment of \$1,421.70. He still has not seen a check from the resident for their part.
- Started mowing roadsides for the last time this year.

**Approval of Forced Account Payment**

Bob Rohrer **moved** to approve the forced accounts payment for a driveway pipe on Rawiga for \$1,421.70 . Scott Phillips seconded the motion. Roll call: Morris – yes, Rohrer – yes, Phillips – yes.

**Zoning Secretary** (Shannon Colonna)

- The Zoning Commission met for a regular meeting on October 9, 2025 and reviewed the list of zoning regulation updates they have been working on to confirm what has been completed and what they are still working on. There are a few specific things that we will be reviewing for continued discussion at the November meeting.
- Shannon received a call from Julie asking if there are any regulations related to building in flood zones. The Comprehensive Development Plan does include related recommendations, but there are no specific regulations. Shannon will add this to the list of items for the Zoning Commission to consider reviewing in the future.

**Zoning Inspector** (Julie Carr)

- No report.

**River Styx Cemetery/Mound Hill Cemetery** (Jeff Kersey)

- Deeds have been signed. Nathan Kott will advise if they need to have the deeds notarized.

**Trustees Reports****Bob Rohrer**

- Contacted and met a roofer about a leak at the fire station.
- Spoke with the pond guy, and he will be taking the pump to the Fire Department.

**Gene Morris**

- Called the cemetery sexton, she will get and deeds to the fiscal officer before the next meeting
- Talked to the prosecutor's office, they will work on a no parking resolution.
- Attended the Zoning Commission meeting on 10/9/25.
- Talked to the zoning inspector a couple of times
- Received the signed no engine brake resolution from Ray and sent a copy to the road supervisor and asked if he could reach out to ODOT.

- Seville Gardens invited the trustees to their Fall Festival and Town Hall meeting, which he attended. He was also given a tour of three of the new units.
- Spoke with a resident who was not happy with BOPA. They were not happy that they could not buy electric on the open market. They would not have built in Guilford Township if they had known that.

**Scott Phillips**

- Worked with Bob on the leak at the Fire Department.
- In contact with IOS Solutions about possible testing from prospective fire chiefs.

**Comments from the Public**

- Jerry Springer asked if the township paid for the education of the person who resigned from the Fire Department.
- Ron Scuderi received a call from someone asking if they could use the township parking lot if it rains to park tractors during an auction. There is consensus that they do not want to allow this. He has received 8 new reservations for the rest of the year. Ron and Andy will handle opening the Township Hall for election day.
- Bob noted that they need to change the code for the lockbox.

**Old Business**

- Township garage addition - still waiting for drawings.
- Review of insurance coverage. Joel Bender will be attending the November 18th meeting to discuss Ohio Plan insurance renewal proposal for the township.
- Gene suggested that they may want to consider freezing changes to the employee handbook until a new fire chief is hired. There is consensus to hold off on changes.

**New Business**

- Ray presented an agreement with the Medina County Commissioners to Purchase Materials from the Medina County Engineer for signatures.
- Resolution 2025-13 Establishing Certain Roads as No Parking Zones Based on the Access Necessary for Fire Apparatus

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-13**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CERTAIN ROADS AS NO PARKING ZONES BASED ON THE ACCESS NECESSARY FOR FIRE APPARATUS**

**WHEREAS**, the Trustees of Guilford have determined that several roads in the township lack the width to accommodate the traffic of the fire apparatus necessary to respond to fires on those roads if an automobile is parked on the shoulder of the road;

**WHEREAS**, the Trustees of Guilford have determined that parking on the road or the shoulder of the road may obstruct fire apparatus from turning around;

**WHEREAS**, R.C. 4511.07 provides the Board of Township Trustees with the authority of regulating the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles; and,

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Trustees has determined that parking on the side of certain roads in the township creates an unsafe condition and have decided to use their authority to prohibit parking on such roads.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees hereby designates the following roads as no parking areas:

- Rawiga Road Township Road 133 North of its intersection with Greenwich Road.
- South Kane Road, Township Road 198.
- North Kane Road, Township Road 198.

The Road Maintenance Supervisor is directed to purchase and erect no parking signs on Rawiga Road, South Kane Road, and North Kane Road, consistent with the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

Scott Phillips moved for the adoption of the Resolution 2025-13.  
Bob Rohrer seconded the Resolution.

- Supplemental Appropriation transfer: Ambulance Fund 2282
  - \$1,200.00 to 2282-220-410 (Office Supplies) from 2282-760-750 (Motor Vehicles)

**Approval of Supplemental Appropriation Transfer in Ambulance Fund**

Gene Morris **moved** to approve the Supplemental Appropriation transfer in the Ambulance Fund 2282 of \$1,200.00 to 2282-220-410 (Office Supplies) from 2282-760-750 (Motor Vehicles). Bob Rohrer seconded the motion. Roll call: Morris – yes, Rohrer – yes, Phillips – yes.

**Signing of the Warrants**

Gene Morris **moved** to pay the warrants, payroll/accounting EFTs of \$74,328.39. Scott Phillips seconded the motion. Roll call: Morris –yes, Rohrer – yes, Phillips – yes.

**Adjournment**

Bob Rohrer **moved** to adjourn the meeting. Gene Morris seconded the motion. Roll call: Rohrer - yes, Morris - yes, Phillips - yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 P.M.

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Bob Rohrer

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Gene Morris

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Scott Phillips

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Ray Ruprecht