

**GUILFORD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 1, 2025**

The Board of Guilford Township Trustees, Medina County, Ohio, met for a regular Trustees meeting on September 1, 2025 at 8:00 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, Jeff Kersey, Christine Fields, Travis Beers, Dan May, Larry Kaufman, Curt Lauer and Robin Lauer.

Approval of Minutes

Gene Morris **moved** to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 19, 2025. Scott Phillips seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Rohrer – yes, Morris – yes, Phillips – yes.

Department Reports

Fire-EMS Department (Report provided by James Carter, Interim Chief)

2025 INCIDENT COUNT YEAR TO DATE	
Type	# Incidents
EMS	321
Fire/Other	216
TOTAL	537

Year to date:	
FIRE INSPECTIONS	117

Apparatus/Equipment

- Annual fire pump testing. This is a joint project with Lafayette Fire Dept and Westfield Fire Dept (Scheduled for September 10th and 11th at Lafayette Fire Station)

Training

- Department members participated in Peer Support informational training. Training was conducted by Medina County First Responder Support Team (FIRST) which taught members how they can help manage the effects of critical incidents. The training was conducted at the Seville-Guilford Fire Station with neighboring Fire Departments also in attendance.
- Mike Kenski has completed the Ohio Paramedic Training requirements and passed the State test on August 29, 2025. His Ohio Paramedic licenses status began on August 30, 2025. Request pay rate approval changes from \$18.10 / hour to \$22.84 / hour effective August 30, 2025.

Approval of Pay Rate Increase for Paramedic Certification for Mike Kenski

Bob Rohrer **moved** to approve the pay rate increase to \$22.84 per hour effective August 30, 2025 for paramedic certification for Mike Kenski. Scott Phillips seconded the motion. Rohrer – yes, Morris – yes, Phillips – yes.

Road Supervisor (Andy Liston)

- Fix a road sign that had been hit.
- Put up digital speed limit sign on Harpster Rd. There were 1,065 vehicles detected during a 7-day period with the average of 38 MPH.

- Roadsides have been mowed.
- Send a Guilford Township's "Obstruction of Drainage Violation" letter to the homeowner on Rawiga Rd. The homeowner's driveway pipe is filled up with gravel and debris, and is causing water flow backup in the road ditch. The resident has not contacted Andy about the letter. The trustees signed another "Obstruction of Drainage Violation" letter that Andy will send by certified mail to make sure letter has been received.

Zoning Secretary (Shannon Colonna)

- No report

Zoning Inspector (Julie Carr)

- No report

River Styx Cemetery/Mound Hill Cemetery (Jeff Kersey)

- Trimming of trees/shrubs has been completed. The Village of Seville Streets and Park Department will take care of disposing the trimmed debris.
- The Mound Hill "Ghost Walk" will be September 20, 2025. Jeff walked the map route and mentioned that it will be an informative event.

Trustees Reports**Bob Rohrer**

- Received phone calls Julie Carr, Mark Evans and a township resident about the digital speed sign on Harpster Rd.

Gene Morris

- Researched emails and found where the Medina County Prosecutor's office had already advised us on how to proceed with the township garage addition building plans.
- I talked to the zoning inspector about a public records request she received.
- I talked to a resident on Wadsworth Road, inquiring about "no engine brake signs"

Scott Phillips

- Checked out the Mound Hill Cemetery grounds and was impressed on how the cemetery is being maintained.

Comments from the Public

- There were no comments from the public.

Old Business

- The reviewing of the Township employee handbook still needs to be done.
- The township garage addition was discussed. The trustees asked Andy to reach out to architect Jennifer Hochstetler if she would be interested in being the architect for this project.

New Business

- Gene will contact the Medina County Prosecutor's Office about placing "No Jake Brake" signs on Rt #57 near River Styx.

RESOLUTION 2025-08

Approval of the Medina County All Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025

Gene Morris offered the following resolution and moved the adoption of same which was seconded by Scott Phillips.

Whereas, in an accordance with Section 5502 & 3750 of the Ohio Revised Code the Guilford Township Trustees recognizes the importance of a county-wide 2025 Medina County All Hazard Mitigation Plan that can help reduce or eliminate risks to life and property caused by natural or human-made disasters. The implementation of such hazard mitigation strategies in Medina County means building stronger, safer, and smarter communities; and

Whereas, the 2025 Medina County Emergency Operation Plan is an All-Hazards Mitigation Plan that provides a framework on which to base comprehensive mitigation throughout all jurisdictions in Medina County. This plan focuses on natural hazards as well as some human caused hazards for which practical mitigation measures exist. It profiles hazards by a description of historical occurrences, probability, location, and extent. Then it establishes vulnerability with consideration of these hazard profiles. By assessing the vulnerability of the county, we can identify areas at risk, and we can determine the degree to which they may be affected. The essential purposes of this plan are as follows:

1. Identify the possible hazards and risks that may affect Medina County through systematic hazard identification and risk assessment process. • Determine areas within Medina County that are vulnerable to various types of hazards; • Establish and mitigation strategies including goals and actions.
2. Prioritize and coordinate mitigation goals and actions. • Involve members of the county administration, public, and other agencies to draft and adopt a plan that can serve as guidance for future development and hazard mitigation activities in the county;

Now Therefore, the Guilford Township Trustees approve the 2025 Medina County All Hazards Mitigation Plan and inspection of the plan can be found at:

<https://www.medinacountyema.org/plans-resources/emergency-management-plans/>

Roll call vote: Rohrer – yes, Morris – yes, Phillips –yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-09

A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2025 DIRECT SETTLEMENT OF PURDUE PHARMA L.P. & SACKLER FAMILY OPIOID CLAIMS AND THE SECONDARY MANUFACTURERS SETTLEMENTS (REACHED WITH ALVOGEN, AMNEAL, APOTEX, HIKMA, INDIVIOR, MYLAN, SUN, AND ZYDUS)

Bob Rohrer offered the following resolution and moved the adoption of same which was seconded by Gene Morris.

WHEREAS, Guilford Township is a member of a class of government opiate claimants that would be entitled to participate in a global settlement of the National Prescription Opiate Litigation without the necessity of filing a separate lawsuit; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Guilford Township agreed to participate in the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate settlement of National Prescription Opiate Litigation in coordination with the State of Ohio and its subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, a group of primary defendants, Purdue Pharma, L.P. and its affiliates, have filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy in the federal Bankruptcy Court in the U.S. District Court in the Southern District of New York, captioned as In re: Purdue Pharma L.P., et al, Debtors, Chapter 11 Case No. 19-23649, and Guilford Township agreed to participate in a 2021 Opioid Distributor settlement that included Purdue Pharma in 2021, but that earlier settlement was subsequently rejected by the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, State and Participating Subdivision Settlement Agreements, dated April 4, 2025, have been proposed for Alvogen, Inc., Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Apotex Corp., Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., Indivior, Inc., Mylan, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc., and Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA), Inc. (“Secondary Manufacturers Settlements”); and

WHEREAS, this Board finds it appropriate to participate in the current proposed Purdue Pharma & Sackler Family Settlement, and the Secondary Manufacturers Settlements, and to authorize the Medina County Prosecutor’s Office to file required participation forms on behalf of the Township for said settlements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Guilford Township, Medina County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Board hereby approves the Township’s participation in the new Purdue Pharma L.P. & Sackler Family Settlement Agreement (filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, Chapter 11 Case No. 19-23649 (SHL), on June 17, 2025), and the Secondary Manufacturers Settlements, and hereby authorizes and directs the Medina County Prosecutor’s Office to submit any necessary forms to indicate the Township’s participation in said settlements.

Section 2. The Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Medina County Prosecutor’s Office at the Fiscal Officer’s earliest opportunity, and the Township Fiscal Officer and the Medina County Prosecutor’s office are authorized to take any and all necessary steps to convey the Township’s approval of said settlements before their respective deadlines (September 30, 2025 for the Pharma & Sackler Family Settlement, and October 8, 2025 for the Secondary Manufacturers Settlements).

Section 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board or committees, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption.

Gene Morris seconded the motion.

Upon roll call on the adoption of the Resolution, the vote was as follows:

Gene Morris - yes
Bob Rohrer - yes
Scott Phillips- yes

Signing of the Warrants

Bob Rohrer **moved** to pay the warrants, payroll/accounting EFTs of \$54,249.76. Scott Phillips seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Rohrer – yes, Morris – yes, Phillips – yes.

Executive Session

Bob Rohrer **moved** to go into executive session at 8:35 P.M. to discuss employment of a public employee and invite Ray Ruprecht. Gene Morris seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Rohrer – yes, Morris – yes, Phillips – yes.

Scott Phillips **moved** to come out of the executive session at 8:52 P.M. Gene Morris seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Rohrer – yes, Morris – yes, Phillips – yes.

Adjournment

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

Bob Rohrer

Gene Morris

Scott Phillips

Ray Ruprecht