

Miami Township Trustees
Greene County, OH
Minutes of August 17, 2026
**see acronym glossary following minutes*

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chairperson Moir, with Trustee Mucher and Trustee Askeland present.

Fire Chief James Cannell, Fiscal Officer Cyndi Pauwels, and Road Department Supervisor Dan Gochenouer were in attendance.

Yellow Springs News Editor Lauren Shows and residents Peter Buswinka, Fred Stockwell, and Jane Sweet were also present.

Trustees Agenda Approval

Requests were made to add the following items to the agenda:

- **Fire Department Report:** Hire David Hamilton as part-time EMT (Cannell)
- **New Business:**
 - Schedule Trustee Work Session (Moir)
 - Discuss Board Communications Policy (Askeland)

Trustee Mucher **moved** to add the requested items. Trustee Askeland **seconded**, and **the motion carried unanimously**.

Adoption of Minutes

Trustee Mucher **moved** to **adopt the minutes** of July 6, 2026; July 20, 2026; and the special meeting of August 5, 2026, as presented. Trustee Askeland **seconded**, and **the motion carried unanimously**.

Correspondence

The Trustees received no correspondence that needed further discussion.

Citizen Concerns

No comments

Fire Department Report

Chief Cannell presented his **staff report** (attached below), noting the new format which breaks out service call totals. Highlights:

- Maintaining **95% staffing** at three (3) to four (4) persons per shift
- **777 runs as of July 31st, 848 to date**, with an **average of 3.66/day**
- Engine has been replaced in the **Chief's new vehicle**; however, an electrical issue was discovered
- **New medic** is in service

He then **requested approval to hire David Hamilton as a part-time EMT only** at the standard rate, effective immediately. In response to Trustee Mucher's query, he added that Mr. Hamilton is from Delaware, and is a **second-year pre-med student** at Cedarville University with EMT credentials. Trustee Moir **moved** to approve the hire, and Trustee Askeland **seconded**. The **motion carried unanimously**.

Chief Cannell requested adoption of **Resolution 2026-33 Approving the Sale of Unneeded Equipment** and waiving the second reading – items include:

- **2003 Ford Rescue Truck** to Freehold Emergency Medical Services in New Jersey for \$15,000
- **2006 Ford Ambulance** to Mahoning County Career and Technical Center for \$6,000

Trustee Moir so **moved**, and Trustee Askeland **seconded**. The **motion carried unanimously**.

Cemetery and Road Report

Cemetery:

Mr. Gochenouer reported **two (2) cremains interments**, with a burial scheduled in the Prairie tomorrow.

Trustee Askeland shared a voice mail she received re: **indigent burial in the Pine Forest**. Trustee Mucher said there are details to be gathered including where the person died and if they were truly indigent. If so, **the scattering garden would be used**. Trustee Askeland will follow up on the request and add the matter to the list of cemetery questions to be addressed along with pricing, etc.

Trustee Moir reported Mr. Lucas has **spread the remaining available pine needles** as discussed last meeting, and **more will be needed**. The Pine Forest **opening date has been pushed back** to at least October 1, 2026.

Roads:

Mr. Gochenouer reported crews are **finishing trimming**.

There is a **downed tree at Grinnell Mill** that needs to be cleaned up, but it's been too wet. Trustee Moir asked him to track hours spent on Grinnell Mill maintenance.

Trustee Askeland reported on an **ODOT safety meeting** she attended on the move from District 8 to District 7 (number corrected after the meeting). She said they are available to help with any road issues; Trustee Mucher agreed they have been very helpful in the past.

Trustee Moir and Mr. Gochenouer will attend the **Harbison Road Project planning meeting** on August 31st.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Current payment listing: 8/1-14/2026: \$238,411.17

Ms. Pauwels reported she has been successful in **releasing nearly \$26,000 of withholding payments held in limbo** for the past two (2) years from employees' share of health and dental insurance premiums. Those funds are now available to the Township for payroll/benefits expenses.

She requested approval to travel for **OP&F required training** August 20, and to register for an online **OTA training**: "Closing the Books" October 22. Trustee Askeland so **moved**, and Trustee Mucher **seconded**, noting he had attended that OTA training in the past and it was very helpful. The **motion carried unanimously**.

Standing Committee Reports

- Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC): **no meeting**
- Greene County Regional Planning & Coordinating Commission (RPCC): Trustee Mucher reported they **reviewed a Beavercreek Township subdivision**. The new RPCC director is working hard, brings a lot of experience to the job, and is a good writer. A brief discussion was held on **RPCC's responsibilities and membership**.
- Clifton-Union Cemetery: **no meeting**
- YS Development Corporation (YSDC): Trustee Moir reported the **pop-up Miami Valley Pottery** store at the old hardware building was so successful they have **extended through the holidays**. They also heard from the **Village's new Planning Director**; "She's great!"

The YSDC discussed the **Springfield Airport project** just north of the Township, and Trustees held a short discussion on the **potential issues of drone delivery services and personal air taxis**. Trustee Mucher said he didn't believe the Township has any say over **airspace use**.

- Greene County Township Association: Trustee Moir reported the group is encouraging **County cohesion on agritourism matters**, and this will be discussed at the next meeting (no date yet announced). A draft proposal was emailed to all members.
- YS Active Transportation Committee: **no meeting**

Old Business

No items to discuss.

New Business

Trustee Moir asked for a good date to hold a **budget work session** before the next meeting. After a brief discussion, the work session was set for **Tuesday, September 1, at 1 p.m.** She will email draft documents to review prior to the meeting.

Trustee Askeland presented a **draft of proposed communications policies for the Board**. Trustee Mucher said, "Sounds great"; Trustee Moir added, "Sounds reasonable." Further discussion and suggested revisions revealed several areas of concern including public records requests. In response to Trustee Askeland's **motion to adopt** the revised

policy, Ms. Pauwels suggested it would be better to rewrite/revise the full document so the vote is clear. Trustee Askeland agreed, **withdrew** her motion, and **asked that the matter be included on the agenda for the next meeting.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 5 p.m. due to Labor Day holiday**

Chairperson _____ **Attest** _____

***Acronyms:**

- MTFR: Miami Township Fire & Rescue
- MVRPC: Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission
- OTA: Ohio Township Association
- RPCC: Greene County Regional Planning & Coordinating Commission
- YSDC: Yellow Springs Development Corporation

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Miami Twp. Trustee Meeting- Fire Chief Report

Personnel/Staffing-

Staffing numbers being maintained consistently at three and four with new personnel being on-boarded

One new part-time hire recommendation (David Hamilton). Cedarville Univ. pre-med student

All F/T staff back from leave, Capt. Ayers and Casey Flora, all children of personnel are doing well!

Shift personnel are one month into 48/96-hour rotation schedule- very favorable ratings

Operations-

777 runs as of July 31 (see month to month calls for service breakdown); **848** to date= 3.66/day

Implemented Apparatus Deployment and Staffing Assignments SOP (See attached)

Building-

Exterminator in quarters to spray for bugs

Apparatus/Vehicles/Equipment-

The Chief's vehicle is due back from Ford dealer, new engine installed

New pick-up truck currently at the upfitters is due back this week, graphics scheduled after new Medic, most likely early September

New Medic was picked up last week and placed in-service, scheduled for graphics on August 24th

Old Medic 81 and Rescue requested to be sold.

Engine 82 is back from upfitters with all equipment mounted. Ladder rack is currently OOS with electrical malfunction

Misc.

Received a request for follow-up information from FEMA pertaining to the grants. This is a good sign that our equipment grant is moving forward. Should get notification of outcome in Sept.

MIAMI TOWNSHIP FIRE-RESCUE

2026 CALLS FOR SERVICE MONTH TO MONTH

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
EMS	37	42	65	62	69	71	76
FIRE	14	14	33	22	25	26	16
MVC	3	2	2	3	2	13	9
LIFT	8	3	7	1	12	10	11
COMM. PARAMEDICINE	0	3	14	18	8	8	4
MISC.	9	6	7	17	12	6	7
TOTAL	71	70	128	123	128	134	123
MA RECEIVED	9	12	7	13	13	7	9
MA GIVEN	4	0	0	1	4	2	3

YTD TOTAL AS OF 07/31/2026: **777 CALLS FOR SERVICE**

