

Monroe Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2025

6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Forder at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Peck-present, Ms. Aranyos-present, Mr. Forder-present, Ms. Forder-present

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Guest Speakers: n/a

Special Guest Speakers: Erica Parsley with Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board.

- Ms. Parsley addressed the public on the importance of the Mental Health and Recovery Board Renewal Levy that will be on the ballot on November 4, 2025.
 - This is a .75 ml renewal levy and it will not increase property taxes.
 - The levy allows to continue to support children, families, and individuals with mental health and addiction needs.
 - The levy provides a safety net for individuals and families needing mental health.
 - Information flyers was available.

Deputy Morgan

The report was in writing.

- 51 incident and 53 offense reports for the month of August.
- Increase this month of 25%.
- Highest crime type for August was domestic violence offenses.

Township Business:

Fiscal Officer Candace Forder

Motion# 93-2025 was made by Mr. Peck to approve the Monroe Township Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes dated August 26, 2025 as presented. Mr. Forder 2nd the motion.

Vote: Mr. Peck-yes, Ms. Aranyos-abstain, Mr. Forder-yes

Motion# 94-2025 was made by Ms. Aranyos to approve the financial statements (included in packets) for the period ending August 31, 2025 as presented. Mr. Peck 2nd the motion.

Vote: Mr. Peck-yes, Ms. Aranyos-yes, Mr. Forder-yes

Motion# 95-2025 was made by Mr. Peck to approve the renewal contract with Rumpke for the 6-yard dumpster as presented. Ms. Aranyos 2nd the motion.

Vote: Mr. Peck-yes, Ms. Aranyos-yes, Mr. Forder-yes

Motion# 96-2025 was made by Mr. Peck to approve Resolution# 2025-04 "Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor" as presented. Ms. Aranyos 2nd the motion.

Vote: Mr. Peck-yes, Ms. Aranyos-yes, Mr. Forder-yes

Motion# 97-2025 was made by Mr. Peck to sign the loan documents with First Government Lease for the purchase of a 2024 Case TR310. Purchase price \$69,031.00 less trade in \$11,500.00 leaving a balance of \$57,531.00. The Township will pay \$7,531.00 and finance the balance of \$50,000.00 for a term of 48 months with a payment amount of \$1,281.25 per month with an interest rate of 5.75%. Ms. Aranyos 2nd the motion.

Vote: Mr. Peck-yes, Ms. Aranyos-yes, Mr. Forder-yes

- The Township has received a \$1,000.00 donation from Judith Whitt for the Presbyterian Cemetery. This is her third donation to this cemetery and on each donation has ask if the left side of the property could be made more visible to pull out. Ms. Forder contacted the owners of the property (David and Patti Stroub) and they have given the Township permission to cut some of the soil off to help with this problem.
- Rumble in the Park: Car show and raffles: income after expenses \$332.64. Fire/EMS from food and split the pot: income after expenses \$329.00.
- The Sheriff contract as been paid. \$19,294.95 of the contract was paid from the general fund.

Motion# 98-2025 was made by Ms. Aranyos to allow Jonathan Zimmerman with New Richmond Schools Levy Committee (we are NR) to conduct an educational meeting of the levy at the Township Building. Ms. Aranyos will attend this meeting for opening and locking the building.

Zoning Mike Boots

The report was in writing.

- 3 permits issued since the last meeting, 0 new violations and 1 violation addressed.
- Demolition by the County has been completed on Crane Schoolhouse Road.
- Mr. Boots created a general zoning question document for the zoning web page to assist resident on zoning questions.
- Received numerous calls and emails.

Maintenance Greg Schrichten

Report was in writing.

- Cleaning up on Ireton Trees and Weil Roads.
- Additional work on Ireton Trees Road next week.
- Speed signs will be going up on Bantam Road
- More speed signs to be ordered.

Cemetery Greg Schrichten

- 5 burials.

- A large tree at the Presbyterian needs to be removed. Mr. Schrichten will make contacts for bids.
- Working at Laurel Caramel where there is old headstone in the woods and the area needs cleaned out to make the visible.

Fire/EMS Department Chief Steve Downey

The report was in writing.

- 101 runs for the month of August.
- Currently using Goshen Township squad with our #119 is being repaired.
- Continuing to have lunch on Fridays at the school.

Motion# 99-2025 was made by Mr. Peck to hire as Volunteer, Jeremy Lanigan, eligible for Volunteer pay, pending a physical and background check effective September 14, 2025. Ms. Aranyos 2nd the motion.

Vote: Mr. Peck-yes, Ms. Aranyos-yes, Mr. Forder-yes

Motion# 100-2025 was made by Ms. Aranyos to remove Sadie Altman from probation with a pay rate change to \$19.76 per hour effective September 14, 2025. Mr. Peck 2nd the motion.

Vote: Mr. Peck-yes, Ms. Aranyos-yes, Mr. Forder-yes

Motion# 101-2025 was made by Mr. Peck to a promote Emily Rodriguez from part-time FF/EMT to full-time/EMT with a one-year probation, pay rate of \$17.64 per hour, pending an Ohio Police and Fire physical, effective September 14, 2025. Ms. Aranyos 2nd the motion.

Vote: Mr. Peck-yes, Ms. Aranyos-yes, Mr. Forder-yes

Motion# 102-2025 was made by Mr. Peck to promote Sam Wilson from part-time FF/EMT to full-time FF/EMT with a one-year probation, pay rate of \$17.64 per hour, pending an Ohio Police and Fire physical, effective September 14, 2025. Ms. Aranyos 2nd the motion.

Vote: Mr. Peck-yes, Ms. Aranyos-yes, Mr. Forder-yes

Other Discussion:

Mr. Forder informed the Board that there is an individual that would like to start a Ladies Auxiliary for the Monroe Township Fire/EMS. Chief Steve said there would be government forms they would need to complete for a non-profit start up. The first item they would like is to bring back the Easter Event that was always sponsored by Monroe Township.

Motion# 103-2025 was made by Ms. Aranyos to approve the start up of Monroe Township Ladies Auxiliary with the completion of all government forms. Ms. Peck 2nd the motion.

Vote: Mr. Peck-yes, Ms. Aranyos-yes, Mr. Forder-yes

Motion# 104-2025 was made by Ms. Aranyos to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Peck 2nd the motion.

Vote: Mr. Peck-yes, Ms. Aranyos-yes, Mr. Forder-yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes taken by Candace Forder

Mr. Peck _____

Ms. Aranyos _____

Mr. Forder _____