

AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES
August 25, 2025 * 4:00 PM

1. Call meeting to order and Roll Call.

The purpose of the meeting is to review an ODOT Safety Study and any other matters that may properly come before the Board.

2. Trustee Simmons and Police Chief Eric Dattilo presented a power point to those in attendance concerning the ODOT Safety Study for the State Route 164 and State Route 46 intersection. Throughout the power point, Chief Dattilo explained about resident complaints because of traffic back, increased intersection crashes and the increased traffic on Middletown Road and Detwiler Road. So, the police department requested a traffic study from ODOT. A single lane roundabout was the recommendation from ODOT once the study was completed. Chief Dattilo shared that if the residents would want a copy of the study, they could request it from ODOT. Trustee Simmons added that the City of Salem started to route the semi traffic on State Route 46. She also explained the process of the application, roundabout timeline and project costs. Before allowing public response, she explained that ODOT had asked for a letter of support from the trustees to add to the application. Collectively, the trustees wanted to get the opinion of the residents' involved before making the decision on the letter of support.

Kelly Dunlap, 11966 Columbiana Canfield Rd., commented that kids do not know how to drive a 4-way stop and they definitely will not know how to drive through a roundabout. John Willison, 11985 Columbiana Canfield Rd., stated that he and Don Parker are the biggest losers in this deal. This is my livelihood. Will they buy out my business? Chief Dattilo said that ODOT would contact you.

Donald Parker, 12013 Columbiana Canfield Rd., stated that the roundabout would be right on his front porch.

Harold McCue, 11937 Columbiana Canfield Rd., said that living through all the different type of intersections he does not think anything is better than the 4-way stop that is currently there.

David Dunlap, 11966 Columbiana Canfield Rd., asked if they could use traffic cameras and go after those that do not stop at the 4-way. Chief Dattilo answered stating that cameras cannot be used anymore. Mr. Dunlap also shared that the roundabout would go right through their septic tank and wanted to know if ODOT would pay for that to be relocated.

Donald Parker, 12013 Columbiana Canfield Rd., stated that he and his neighbor to the south would lose their well and wanted to know if ODOT would pay for that to be relocated.

Trustee Simmons said that according to ODOT the funding determination for the roundabout would be around Thanksgiving and the trustees would keep them updated.

Harold McCue, 11937 Columbiana Canfield Rd., asked if it is an ODOT decision in the end. Trustee Simmons and Kappler both said yes.

Trustee Kappler agreed adding that the township has nothing to do with the decision with or without the letter of support.

Trustee Simmons added that if a letter of support was sent it would be sent with the caveat that the residents' homes would be protected as best as they can and there would be barriers between the roundabout and their homes.

John Willison, 11985 Columbiana Canfield Rd., commented that if this roundabout goes in that he is out a business because 5-6 years ago zoning had told him he could not relocate in the township. Trustee Simmons clarified that he could move as long as it was not in a residential area. Mr. Willison said no that he was told that used car lots could not relocate in the township. Trustee Simmons said that they would look into that for him.

Trustee Simmons asked what the resident consensus was. Consensus of the residents attending the meeting was that no letter of support be sent.

Someone in the audience asked why not relocate the intersection and move more into the farm property. Chief Dattilo stated that the trucks would not be able to use the roundabout at that angle.

Donald Parker, 12013 Columbiana Canfield Rd., stated that a traffic light would be better than a roundabout and would not inconvenience any of the residents. He did point out that since the 4-way stop was put in there have not been any major accidents; just fender benders. Harold McCue, 11937 Columbiana Canfield Rd., stated that if they would be a traffic light in there will be people driving 60 mph in front of their houses trying to make the green light. At least now with the 4-way stop, they slow down some. Mr. McCue agreed with ODOT that the traffic light would not be good idea.

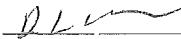
Trustee Kappler's last comment was that ODOT is ODOT and they will do whatever they want to do.

Harold McCue, 11937 Columbiana Canfield Rd., speaking for all the residents stated that they appreciated the trustees taking them into consideration before sending the letter.


There was some discussion on today's drivers training. No one really new what it is like. It was also commented that we have drivers today that cannot speak English so questioned whether they understand the laws.

The trustees thanked them all for coming.


3. With no further business, a Motion was made by Mr. Kappler, seconded by Mrs. Simmons to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call as follows: Mr. Kappler, aye; Mr. Tabor, aye; Mrs. Simmons, aye.



Ronald L. Kappler, Chairperson

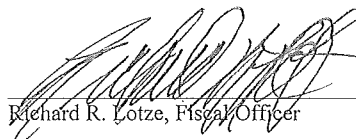


Erik J. Tabor, Vice-Chairperson



Pamela L. Simmons, Trustee

ATTEST:



Richard R. Lotze, Fiscal Officer

Residents in attendance:

Kelly and David Dunlap
Don and Sandi Parker
Jack Willison
Harold McCue