

Record of Proceedings – February 25, 2019
Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio

The regular meeting was held with Fisher, Schaefer and Hagemeyer present. We opened the meeting by inviting all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Receipts of \$8,473.45 since our last meeting were reported and filed for audit. Warrants 10718-10728 and Vouchers 9, 10 and 11-2019 totaling \$10,371.71 were presented for approval. Schaefer made motion, seconded by Hagemeyer to pay bills as presented. Motion carried. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

FROM THE FLOOR:

Nothing at this time.

ROADS REPORT:

From our Roads Supervisor, Allen Stanforth:

- Windstorm on February 24 brought down just two trees and many branches. There was no appreciable damage.
- We asked for a revised estimate from Warren County Engineer's Office for our 2019 road projects, as we added in more resurfacing. They estimate \$121,260 to complete desired resurfacing projects and \$58,034 to complete desired chip seal projects. Hagemeyer moved to adopt a resolution approving of these expenditures, seconded by Schaefer. All voted yea, and Stutrud will forward the signed resolution to the WCEO.
- Allen will be replacing culverts on Gum Grove Road. We will send letters to the affected residents in advance of the work.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Our 2019 budget has bumped us into the next higher level of compensation for elected officials. We asked the state auditor's office if individuals could choose whether to accept the higher salary or remain at the same level. It is up to each individual. Fisher made motion, seconded by Hagemeyer, that each could accept the next higher level of compensation if so desired. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- We receive a 3-mill continuing levy for our contracted expenses with the Salem and Wayne Township Fire Departments. This passed in 2014 and began to be collected in 2015. Expenses have not risen as quickly as anticipated, so there is a surplus in the fund at this time. We asked the county auditor if we could request a temporary rollback in the levy. He said yes. Based on figures that he provided, Fisher made motion, seconded by Schaefer to request a ¾ mill rollback. This can only be requested at tax budget time in July and will take effect in 2020. Motion carried.
- A local resident, who lives outside of the township, requested to rent the township hall. Trustees wish to keep with our current procedure of only renting to township residents.
- Reminder that our next meeting will be at 8pm due to Daylight Saving Time.
- Karen delivered our 2017 and 2018 records to the state auditor today for an Agreed-Upon-Procedures Audit. This is less extensive than a full audit, which we had last time.

As there was no further business, Schaefer made motion, seconded by Hagemeyer to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

Jason Fisher
Trustee President

Karen Stutrud
Fiscal Officer