

Record of Proceedings – February 26, 2018
Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio

The regular meeting was held with Hagemeyer, Fisher and Schaefer present. President Hagemeyer opened the meeting by inviting all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Receipts of \$10,018.51 since our last meeting were reported and filed for audit. Warrants 10453 – 10463 and Vouchers 8, 9 and 10-2018 totaling \$9,655.19 were presented for approval. Schaefer made motion, seconded by Fisher to pay bills as presented. Motion carried. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as read.

FROM THE FLOOR:

- Sheriff Larry Sims presented his department's activity report for 2017. They were extremely busy, with over 69,500 calls countywide. The heroin epidemic has hit the area hard. Crews now carry NARCAN to block and temporarily reverse the effects of opioid medicines, and 54/70 individuals were thus saved. Kilo, a canine officer, died in October, and Tango retired in December. Tango will be replaced in early 2018. Our jail continues to be overcrowded, but the county commissioners have committed to build a new one. Completion of a new 470-bed jail will be complete in 2-3 years. Sheriff Sims' full report can be viewed here: <http://www.wcsooh.org/GenInfo/YearlyReviews/2017.pdf>.
- Major Steve Arrasmith of the Warren County Drug Task Force presented his department's activity report for 2017. There is a link to it on the Current Events page of our website. They continue to be part of the Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) program. The task force is comprised of 21 law enforcement and support personnel from the sheriff's office, prosecutor's office, Wilmington and Monroe police departments, the FBI, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, the state patrol and the Ohio National Guard. Drug Task Force detectives conducted 346 investigations last year, most associated with heroin, fentanyl or meth. Abuse of prescription drugs is also a problem.

ROADS REPORT:

From our Roads Supervisor, Allen Stanforth:

- Our John Deere 5400 Tractor and Schulte S70 rotary cutter will be sold at auction on March 31 at the Warren County Fairgrounds, beginning at 9am. Fee is 8%, up to a maximum of \$500.
- Allen would like to order 150 tons of salt per our contract with Detroit Salt. Karen will send in the order.
- Ford truck is back with transmission repaired. Discussion was held about length of time it took for repair, which may lead us to pursue another repair facility next time.
- It may be a good idea to purchase a new truck and sell our older Ford. Allen is receiving quotes under the state purchase contract and we will discuss further.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Clinton-Warren Joint Fire District will place a 4-mill, 5-year renewal levy on the May ballot.
- Warren County Emergency Management Association asked if we had flood damage after the rains. We replied that we did not.
- Resident on Strout Road says that he rides his horses on the roadside occasionally, and is concerned about cars zooming by. He asked if the township could install a cautionary horse sign of some kind. After discussion, trustees replied that the trend now, according to the county engineer and passed down to our trustees and roads supervisor, is the less signs, the better. Local governments are just not putting up many cautionary signs.

NEW BUSINESS:

- To report a hole or other issue with a state road, call Ohio Department of Transportation at 513-932-3030.
- The Strout Road bridge will be complete in June or July, earlier than reported.

As there was no further business, Schaefer made motion, seconded by Fisher to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

Scott Hagemeyer
Trustee President

Karen Doney
Fiscal Officer

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