

## **Record of Proceedings – February 8, 2016**

### **Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio**

The regular meeting was held with Williams, Schaefer and Hagemeyer present. President Williams opened the meeting and we recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Receipts of \$4,623.86 since our last meeting were reported and were filed for audit. Warrants 9905-9912 totaling \$13,335.04 were presented for approval. Hagemeyer made motion, seconded by Schaefer, to pay bills as presented. Motion carried.

#### FROM THE FLOOR:

- Warren County Prosecutor David Fornshell presented his office's activities for 2015.
  - Prosecutor Fornshell testified before the House Judiciary Committee on April 28 in support of House Bill 57
  - Expenses for 2015 were \$2,531,078.71.
  - The Prosecutor's Office is able to provide anti-theft training for community organizations such as churches, schools, etc.
  - Heroin is still a huge issue in the county – Narcan has saved many potential overdose victims. A Drug Court has been instituted, hoping to help addicts turn their lives around.
  - The Ohio Attorney General's Office has released "Marin's Story", about a young lady from Pickerington who lost her battle with heroin. <https://youtu.be/Qdj65B1lxVc> Her parents hope it will help other families in this fight.
  - The Prosecutor's Office is active in the Parole Watch process, and often opposes the release of violent felons.
  - 2600 Juvenile Division cases were handled in 2015.
  - The Child Support Enforcement Division is very highly ranked in the state.
- The link to the full report is at: <http://www.warrencountyprosecutor.com/Community/Reports/report2016.pdf>.
- Chief Bill Harrison attended to give an activity report for the Salem-Morrow Fire Department. They had 954 total runs in 2015. His team has had ice rescue training. They inspect camps within the township yearly to ensure public safety.
- Barney Wright of Lebanon was in attendance. He is a trustee of the Loeb Foundation that donates \$300,000 to 400,000 per year to help residents in Warren County stay in their own home. As Warren County Treasurer Jim Aumann is retiring, Mr. Wright is running for his position, and is unopposed.

#### ROADS REPORT:

From our Roads Supervisor, Allen Stanforth:

- Tornado sirens: it would cost \$4350 to refurb one of the used sirens that we were given, plus a new radio controller would be approximately \$1000. A brand new siren would cost \$23,570 and it would only reach a one-mile radius from where it is installed. In other words, it would reach very few residents. Also, these are designed to only reach people if they are outside. After discussion, Trustees felt that the cost does not justify the benefits. They encourage use of weather radios and apps on smartphones. Schaefer made motion, seconded by Hagemeyer, to drop the idea. Motion carried. We will pay the \$200 for the inspection of the used sirens, and figure out how to liquidate them.
- Regarding the excess gravel at Indian Lakes after chip-sealing last year. We could rent a sweeper this spring and handle. Allen will continue research on this topic.
- There are two collapsed culverts that are causing issues with drainage – one at 1000 Ward-Koebel Road and one at 6741 Ross Road. Allen spoke to owners last year, but no progress was made. Our usual procedure is that the homeowner buys the new pipe, and the township installs with one bucket of gravel for free. Owners will have to contact Warren County for a permit to replace. Doney will send a letter asking the homeowners to begin this process.
- Allen received a tree down notice on Saturday evening at 10pm, called in, then he was told to disregard.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Warren County Communications replied to our letter regarding the tree down issues. The new policy has been put into place.
- The I-71/Wilmington Road Area Plan meeting on February 4 went well. Next meeting will be March 3 at Olive Branch Church at 6:30pm. April's meeting has been moved to March 17 due to a conflict.
- Deadline to submit an application for a Warren County Township Association scholarship is February 26. Link is on our homepage.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Warren County Engineer's Dinner will be Mar. 3. Schaefer, Williams and Stanforth will attend.
- Representative to the Warren County Regional Planning Commission for 2016 will be Scott Hagemeyer; alternate will be Denver Williams.
- Farm Bureau breakfast will be February Feb. 20 from 7:30-11am at Lebanon High School.

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As there was no further business, Schaefer made motion, seconded by Hagemeyer to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Denver Williams  
Trustee President

Karen Doney  
Fiscal Officer

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