

Record of Proceedings – July 28, 2014
Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio

The regular meeting was held with Williams, Hagemeyer and Schaefer present. President Schaefer opened the meeting. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Receipts of \$7,024.29 since our last meeting were reported and were filed for audit. Warrants 9493 through 9505 totaling \$7,264.14 and Vouchers 20 and 21-2014 were presented for approval.

FROM THE FLOOR:

- Judges Loxley and Fischer attended to familiarize the township with the county court system. The county court handles misdemeanors and civil claims up to \$15,000, as well as traffic cases, weddings and criminal cases. Most cases they handle are OVI (Operating a Vehicle Impaired) and Domestic Violence cases. Most cases plea out before coming to trial. The judges hope to visit the townships every other year for updates.
- A resident on Indian Lakes Blvd. expressed concern about the chip and seal program scheduled for his street next year. It was explained that chip and seal does an outstanding job of sealing the roadway against weather damage, at about 1/5 the cost of another layer of blacktop. This method is also preferable to blacktopping as it does not add as much height to the roadway each time, keeping drop-off on edges shallower. The grits are swept up a few days after the process, leaving behind a hard-packed, well-protected roadway.
- A resident had questions regarding boundaries of the three fire districts in the township. Williams will bring a map of same next meeting. His main concern was that his insurance had rated him high, even though he lived within the fire district, which has a good rating. He contested the rating with his insurance company and received a lower rating, leading to a much lower premium.
- A resident was concerned about damage to Gum Grove Road that he feels is caused by a business. He wondered if the township can legally bill the business for repair costs. The answer is no. Our Roads Supervisor pointed out that extreme shade in the one area is what led to problems, as well as a possible weak base from many years ago when the road was much narrower.
- David Brausch of Gum Grove Road spoke up regarding his composting business. He has brought in bio-filler (requested by the EPA) to cover pile. He stated that the odor is worse if the spring is wet, and also when spreading on the fields. He will have another meeting with the commissioners soon.
- Another resident spoke up regarding the composting facility, stating that he is concerned about the odor.

ROADS REPORT:

From our Roads Supervisor, Allen Stanforth:

- Some damage has been caused by contractor's trucks on Arabian Run. County Engineer's office is consulting on the issue.
- Damage was also caused by a contractor on Strout Road near the dead-end. Also being handled by the Engineer's office.
- Lisle Lane was paved last week. We were not notified, and are unsure whether weak areas in the first course were addressed prior to final coat.
- Arrowcreek Drive and Blazing Trail have been chip-sealed. Sweeper broke down, and it will be swept early this week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Property at 8921 Arrowcreek still not mowed by contractor. Hagemeyer spoke with him, and he will address it next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Schaefer and Stanforth will attend a Hazardous Materials meeting Thursday, July 31 at 10:30 at the county building.
- Resident queried whether we have tornado sirens that can be heard throughout the township. There are none physically within the township boundaries. Trustees will research this question.

As there was no further business, Williams made motion, seconded by Hagemeyer, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:23pm.

Paul Schaefer
Trustee President

Karen Doney
Fiscal Officer

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