

Record of Proceedings – March 11, 2019
Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio

The regular meeting was held with Fisher, Schaefer and Hagemeyer present. Fiscal Officer was not able to attend. We opened the meeting by inviting all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Hagemeyer read the minutes from our February 25 meeting. Receipts of \$0 since our last meeting were reported and filed for audit. Warrants 10729 – 10733 totaling \$2,780.95 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:

- Major Steve Arrasmith, Commander of Warren County Drug Task Force presented the 2018 Annual Report. Also in attendance were an Investigator for the Prosecutor's Office and a DEA Agent that were intentionally unnamed, but are residents of Washington Township. Major Arrasmith was very appreciative of the continued support from Washington Township, noting that 42% of their annual budget comes from the Warren County Commissioners and other political subdivisions. The Task Force is multi-jurisdictional and employs 23 full time members. They handled 768 cases in 2018. He noted that Warren County is the #6 county in Ohio for "Meth" seizures and # 3 in Ohio for Prescription Drug offenses. The Warren County Sheriff's Office has a drop box available 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week for anyone to drop off excess prescription medicine. Additionally, the DEA will offer several locations around Warren County on April 27 as a drop-off location (the Task force will email Washington Twp with those locations). Several copies of the annual report were left for public review.
- Concern about careless drivers and added traffic on Ward-Koebel and Settlemyre Roads. Trustees noted that the closure of Spring Hill Road is likely the cause and should improve once that road is opened again.
- Question about timeline to repair Mather's Mill Hill (Wilmington Road going into Oregonia). It is believed to be an indefinite closure due to severity of the slide.

ROADS REPORT:

From our Roads Supervisor, Allen Stanforth:

- Allen has street numbers for Gum Grove residents who will be affected by upcoming repairs. He will give to Karen so notices will be mailed.
- Big pothole is developing on Settlemyre. Allen plans to borrow the "hotbox" from the County before the next meeting and will purchase one ton of hot mix to repair that issue, as well as several others that have been recently created by the excess rain and changing weather.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Reminder of the Warren County Engineer's Dinner March 14 at 6:00 pm. Paul, Jason and Allen plan to attend.
- Resolution was made to rollback collection of the Fire/EMS levy from 3 mills to 2.25 mills due to a surplus in that fund. Notice to auditor's office will be given in July 2019 and will be effective in 2020. Motion by Hagemeyer, seconded by Fisher. All voted "Yea". Several residents in attendance were very appreciative of the responsible use of tax dollars.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Warren County Township Association will meet March 21 at 6:00 pm at Union Township to discuss scholarship applications. The Association has previously offered (2) scholarships for \$1,000 each.
- Annual Health Department meeting was March 5. Fisher attended. Report is available for residents to view. November 2019 there will be a renewal levy of ½ mill for 10 years to cover costs associated with Health Dept. services. There is a push to focus on mosquito populations in Warren County. There was discussion about modifying the current 3-year septic tank inspections.

As there was no further business, Schaefer made motion, seconded by Hagemeyer to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Jason Fisher
Trustee President

Karen Stutrud
Fiscal Officer