

Record of Proceedings – July 12, 2021
Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 PM by Scott Hagemeyer, with Schaefer, and Fisher present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of June 28, 2021 were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 11425 through 11428 totaling \$11,428.04 were presented for approval.

Mr. Schaefer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fisher to approve the minutes for the June 28, 2021 regular meeting. Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye; Schaefer, aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Fisher made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schaefer to approve the bills. Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye; Schaefer, aye. Motion passed.

Present for the meeting were: Charles Lange, Lynda Becker, P.J. Hughes, Chris Brausch, and David Brausch.

FROM THE FLOOR:

- David Brausch 1715 Gum Grove Road spoke to the Trustees concerning his Composting business. Mr. Brausch was given until June 1, 2021 to reduce the amount of compost material to 51,000 cubic yards. He had every intention of complying to this order but due to several circumstances was not able to complete the task by the ordered date, therefore he has been asked to dispose of all material at a landfill. There has been a recent boom in requests for compost and he feels he could get it all moved instead of disposing of it as asked by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA). He is not taking any new material at this time. He is asking the board to write a letter of support to the (OEPA), stating that we have heard his plan, seen some progress, and ask that they let him finish the job he has started. Mr. Brausch told the board that he could have the compost moved by October 15, 2021. Discussion followed.
- P.J. Hughes 9848 U.S. Highway 22/3 stated that Mr. Brausch is a neighbor and is working hard to comply with the OEPA orders and asks that the board and the community stand behind him. He feels Mr. Brausch has done good work so far, is making progress, and needs the OEPA to let him finish the job.
- Chris Brausch 1397 Gum Grove Road stated that he is frustrated that the OEPA will not even negotiate with David and try to resolve the problem. The Solid Waste district of the OEPA is also struggling with challenges with no answers, Dave has a plan and they won't even listen.
- The board would like time to review this matter and will speak of it again at the next meeting. Mr. Hagemeyer will attempt to speak with State Representative Scott Lipps and express the problem to him.

ROADS REPORT: Allen Stanforth

- Allen spoke about projects for the 2022 budget, stating that chip seal will be done on Strout Road Bike trail to SR 22/3, Indian Lakes, Flint Trail, and Arabian Road, Meuerfield or Fisher Road –
Totaling \$136,000.00
Salt for 250 ton - \$20,000.00.

Backhoe - \$98,000.00.

Replace the culvert at Sentinel & Arrowcreek - \$5,000.00.

Allen's total roads budget request for 2022 is \$259,000.00.

- Once the new backhoe is purchased, he will be placing the old backhoe on GovDeals for sale. He believes it will bring in around \$20,000.00.
- The owner at the dead end of Fisher Road off S.R. 22/3 had never wanted the road to be maintained by the township in the past, but the owner has now deceased. The road will need lots of work to get it opened back up, as emergency vehicles would not be able to access it if necessary. \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 of the 2022 budget should be used for Fisher Road for a double chip seal.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Hagemeyer asked if anyone had heard any more complaints or any positive comments concerning noise at The Little River Bar & Grill. Mr. Fisher stated that he had heard 1 complaint on July 3rd, 2021 around 10:00 PM. He went down and listened near the bar and spoke with the deputies that were there. They agreed with Mr. Fisher that the noise has been turned down tremendously.
- Ms. Coffman stated that the new Washington Township Administration phone number is 937-474-5682.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ms. Coffman presented the proposed 2022 Budget. Discussion followed. The budget needs to be delivered to the Warren County Auditor's Office by July 20, 2021. A motion was made by Mr. Schaefer and seconded by Mr. Fisher to approve the proposed budget for 2022.
Hagemeyer, yes; Fisher, yes; Schaefer, yes. Motion passed.
- Mr. Hagemeyer spoke about the American Rescue Plan (ARP) concerning a round of funds that will be available for townships. The funding amount is based on population and registration ends September 4, 2021. He asked that the board and the fiscal office review the information and we will discuss again at the next meeting.
- Mr. Fisher reported that the CWJFD had 58 EMS runs and 91 Fire runs June-July. Sixty of those were as a result of the storm last weekend.
The department has received the Legacy Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00, and the State of Ohio Seatbelt Grant for \$5,221.99.
The training simulator training will be on July 31, 2021.
The board agreed to raises in the amount of .50 cents per hour for employees, \$5,000.00 for the Fiscal Officer, and \$10,000.00 for the Chief. There will be no Assistant Chief, but will be three captains.

A motion was made by Mr. Schaefer and seconded by Mr. Fisher to adjourn at 9:47 PM.

Scott Hagemeyer
Trustee President

Sharon Coffman
Fiscal Officer