

Record of Proceedings – September 27, 2021
Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of September 13, 2021 were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 11496 through 11513 totaling \$20,851.65 were presented for approval.

Mr. Fisher made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schaefer to approve the minutes for the September 13, 2021 regular meeting. Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye; Schaefer, aye. Motion passed.

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

Present for the meeting were: Tim Books, Don and Joyce Crim, Adam Nice, Warren County Prosecutor's Office.

FROM THE FLOOR:

Adam Nice from the Warren County Prosecutor's Office was present to discuss options concerning the property at 166 Clarksville Road. The three problems with the property are falling trees, junk vehicles, and an abandoned structure. Mr. Nice stated the Township can go ahead and do certificates of mailing to notify concerned parties about the vegetation (trees), and the public hearing/meeting date. A public hearing/meeting is set for October 11, 2021 at 8:00 PM. Ms. Coffman will post the notice on the board and the Township website. Mr. Nice will mail the letters to begin the process. Then the trees can be removed. Allen will get written quotes on the removal of the trees.

For the problem with the junk vehicles a policy needs to be in place to establish procedure for the removal of junk vehicles. A motion was made by Mr. Schaefer and seconded by Mr. Fisher to adopt Resolution No. 2021-0903 A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURE FOR THE REMOVAL OF JUNK VEHICLES.

Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye; Schaefer, aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Nice suggested the Township do joint court orders for the removal of the vehicles with Warren County.

The Township will have a public hearing/meeting to make a determination as to whether there are junk vehicles on the property. A notice will be posted on the door of the house by Mr. Hagemeyer, and Mr. Nice will send the letters, by certificate of mail. After determination is made, then notice can be sent to the owners by certified mail, giving them 2 weeks to remove the vehicles, if they fail to remove them, then the vehicles can be removed.

A motion was made by Mr. Schaefer and seconded by Mr. Fisher to post the notice and to mail the letters. Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye; Schaefer, aye. Motion passed.

For the 3rd problem of the abandoned house, policy needs to be established for procedure. A motion was made by Mr. Schaefer and seconded by Mr. Fisher to adopt Resolution No. 2021-0904 A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURE FOR THE REMOVAL, REPAIR, OR SECURANCE OF INSECURE, UNSAFE, OR STRUCTURALLY DEFECTIVE BUILDINGS OR OTHER STRUCTURES IN THE TOWNSHIP.

Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye; Schaefer, aye. Motion passed.

Then the Building Inspector, Health Department, and/or Fire Chief can be asked to investigate the property and decide if it is structurally unsafe or defective. Mr. Nice will contact the Health Department for a letter stating their recommendation. Notice then would be sent to the parties of interest giving them 30 days to repair or remove. Then Adam suggests giving the owners a hearing. If no appeal then the Township decide to repair or remove the structure and certify the cost to the Warren County Auditor.

The board asked Mr. Nice about the Zoning complaint at 7582 Strout Road. Mr. Nice said Zoning will send two notices before he is contacted.

ROADS REPORT:

- Allen stated that the 3 tires for the 2015 dump truck came in.
- Both trucks are serviced.
- Allen has got 150 ton of salt for the upcoming winter.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Fisher reported that the speed study for Ross Road has been completed by ODOT. The established speed limit will be 45 mph. Once the Resolution is accepted then the signs can be placed.
- Mr. Hagemeyer stated that he will be attending the County Township Meeting Thursday at 6:00 PM.
- Mr. Fisher stated that the Township Stimulus Funding Program is due on November 19, 2021. Trustees decided the best use of the funding if received would be for repairs on Hopewell Meadows and paving of Fischer Rd.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ms. Crim asked about the lights at the entrance/exit ramps on 71. Mr. Schaefer stated that all entrance/exit ramps are in the process of being lit to deter criminal actions.
- Mr. Schaefer stated his concern about an article in the Township Magazine about what you should do in case of unruly/troublesome people enter the meetings. He suggested that all Trustees read it. Mr. Hagemeyer suggested that an email be sent to Adam asking about policy concerning concealed carry.
- Ms. Coffman presented Resolution No. 2021-0902 AUTHORIZING ROLL BACK OF FIRE/EMS LEVY TO 2.25 MILLS IN 2022. This roll back is specifically for the portions of the Township residents served by the contract agreements with Wayne Township and Salem Township Fire Departments. Residents in the service area provided by Clinton Warren Joint Fire District will not be affected, as those funds are paid directly to the Clinton Warren Joint Fire District. A motion was made by Mr. Schaefer and seconded by Mr. Fisher to accept Resolution No. 2021-0902. Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye; Schaefer, aye. Motion passed.
- Ms. Coffman presented Resolution No. 2021-0901 ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR. A motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Schaefer to accept Resolution No. 2021-0901. Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye; Schaefer, aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Schaefer and seconded by Mr. Fisher to adjourn at 9:33 PM.

Scott Hagemeyer
Trustee President

Sharon Coffman
Fiscal Officer