

Record of Proceedings – January 23, 2023
Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Schaefer at 7:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of January 9, 2023 were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 11878 through 11890 totaling \$6,543.54 were presented for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer to approve the minutes for the January 9, 2023 regular meeting, Mr. Fisher seconded. Schaefer, aye; Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Hagemeyer. Schaefer, aye; Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

Present for the meeting were: Tim Books, Chase Struna (Little Miami Gig), Chris Brausch, and Bruce Andy Wilson.

FROM THE FLOOR:

- Mr. Chase Struna from Little Miami Gig (LMG) was present to update the Trustees and residents on the progress of the installation of fiber optic throughout the Township. They are currently working in the area of Ross Road, Jeffery Road, Olive Branch Road, and Murray Road. Once these are completed that will enable access to everything north of 71. They will then move on to Oregonia Road, Corwin Road, Olive Branch Road to the river, and Race Street.

LMG- has completed construction and expect to have minor restoration on Ward Koebel Road, Arrowcreek/Blazing Trail Subdivision, Wilmington Road, SR 350, Strout Road, Senior/Miami In, Woodward Claypool, and Lincoln Road.

The next area that LMG would build is Wilmington Road and North Clarksville Road.

Notes:

McGwinn/Moomaw Road construction is complete, pending cable placement and activation.

S. Clarksville – Not a lot of outreach from residents (construction not started).

Will be completing 22/3 from The Shepherds Way to SR 380.

Gum Grove N & S on construction schedule.

Fordyce Road on construction schedule.

Shawhan Ayers is complete.

Old 3C is complete.

SR 350 is complete.

No plans to build SR 350 West to Fort Ancient as of now.

The line has already been drilled under I-71.

- Mr. Chris Brausch wanted to thank Road Supervisor Allen Stanforth for the great job of cleaning the township roads during the last snowfall. The Trustees also thanked Allen for the good work.

ROADS REPORT:

- Mr. Stanforth reported that all the equipment is fine and the salt is fine. He will order more salt soon.

- An email was received from Keith Mealy on Ward Koebel Road to thank Allen for the great snow plowing and stated that the township roads were much better than Wilmington.
- A complaint was received from Mr. Zach Downard of 6964 Ross Road, stating that his mailbox had been knocked over by the plow truck. Mr. Fisher went to investigate the complaint and surmised that the mailbox had not been hit by the plow truck. Township policy is that if the plow truck hits the mailbox then the Township will replace it but if the snow from the plow causes a badly maintained mailbox to collapse the Township does not replace. Residents are encouraged to maintain their mailboxes well. Mr. Downard was informed of this policy.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Schaefer stated that the CWJFD had 106 EMS runs and 40 fire runs during the last period.
- A motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Hagemeyer to approve Resolution No. 2023-01 AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH WARREN COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE FOR PURCHASE OF ROAD SALT.
Schaefer, aye; Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye. Motion passed.
- Mr. Fisher was notified by Michelle Tegtmeier (Warren County Rural Zoning) that a resident at 7962 LeeAnn Way in Meuerfield complained that the field west of them is spreading manure and using their streets to bring it in. unfortunately not much can be done except Warren County Soil & Water can have restrictions on how it is spread on private property. Don Norman is going to look into it and get back with Mr. Fisher.
- Major Steve Arrasmith from Warren County Sherriff's Office and Drug Task Force, will be attending the February 27, 2023 meeting to provide the DTF Annual Report.
- Ms. Coffman will be working with Adam Nice, Warren County Prosecutor's Office on the possibility of using Star Ohio for investing instead of LCNB, as interest is very low currently.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Hagemeyer stated that he had heard back from Mr. Edwards from Wayne Township concerning our offer to pay Wayne Township a flat rate of \$38,500.00 each year for Fire and EMS coverage for the portion of the Township that they cover. Mr. Edwards stated that the Wayne Township Trustees prefer to keep the current contract in place until December 31, 2023.
- Mr. Fisher reported that the UNESCO World Heritage sites will be voted on this year. This includes 7 sites in 3 counties, including the Fort Ancient site.
- The Soil & Water Planning Session will be held on January 26, 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer and seconded by Mr. Fisher to enter into Executive Session under authority of Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 G 1 at 8:03 PM to discuss employee compensation.
Schaefer, aye; Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer and seconded by Mr. Fisher to return to regular session at 8:46 PM. Noting that no decisions were made in executive session.
Schaefer, aye; Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer and seconded by Mr. Fisher to increase the salary of Allen Stanforth to \$35.31 per hour, and also continue to receive the \$60.00 per pay period for on call service. To increase the salary of Todd Bailey to \$30.00 per hour, and to raise the salary of Ray Kienle to \$27.50 and maintain his \$500.00 annual bonus.

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

Ms. Coffman will discuss with Mr. Nice at the Warren County Prosecutor's Office the potential of a Resolution to ensure that if Mr. Stanforth is called out for snow removal on the weekend that he is paid time and a half no matter how many hours he works the following week.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Hagemeyer to adjourn at 8:48 PM.

Paul Schaefer
Trustee President

Sharon Coffman
Fiscal Officer