

Record of Proceedings – February 13’, 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 23, 2023 were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 11891 through 11902 totaling \$13,955.53 were presented for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer to approve the minutes for the January 23, 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: Jacob Henry, Dominic Brigano, Andy Wilson, and James Morrow.

FROM THE FLOOR:

- A resident asked about the progress of Little Miami Gig putting in the fiber optic lines. The Trustees reported that they had been represented at the last Trustee meeting with updates on their progress. Crews are working throughout the Township placing lines and hopefully soon will be hooking up new customers. Their plan is to be completely built out in 12-14 months.
- Jacob Henry asked about getting a road name sign put on Strout Road on the North side of SR22. Mr. Stanforth will see about getting a sign.

ROADS REPORT:

- Mr. Stanforth reported that he had worked on the tree that was downed during the storm at the Wilmington Road Cemetery. He will finish the cleanup of the roots and base on Tuesday.
- Allen believes that there are more problems in Hopewell Meadows than just cracks. Jeff Jones from the Warren County Engineer’s Office came and checked out the cracks. He recommends that we go ahead with crack repair now then follow up later with reclamation and pavement. Southern Ohio Paving will be out the first of the following week to look at it and give us an estimate on price. The Trustees discussed using the ARP Funds for the roads in Hopewell Meadows since the funds can be used for road building and maintenance. The project for Broadband expansion through the Warren County Commissioners will not need our portion of the ARP monies and since Little Miami Gig is already deep into the Township with fiber optics our funds can be better used elsewhere.

Allen would like to go ahead and do the crack repairs in 2023 (as already budgeted) then pave the following year and coat with reclamation to preserve the pavement.

A motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer and seconded by Mr. Fisher to reallocate the entire ARP Funds (\$322,109.52) to the repair of Hopewell Meadows. Schaefer, aye; Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

- Ms. Coffman will notify Matt Schnipke at Warren County Economics that we will be using the ARP Funds for purposes other than the Broadband program through the County.

- Mr. Stanforth says that the rest of our roads are in good shape and he doesn't see any big problems coming up soon.
- Mr. Stanforth stated that we will have enough salt to carry us through the rest of the season so the rest of the money leftover from salt purchases can be used to do the repair of the drain on Ross Road.
- A motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Hagemeyer to approve Resolution No.2023-02 Authorizing Contract with Warren County Engineer's Office for Warren County 2023 Resurfacing Project and Warren County Chip Seal Project. Schaefer, aye; Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer seconded by Mr. Fisher to approve Resolution No. 2023-03 A Resolution Authorizing Reimbursement for Out of Pocket Costs of Healthcare Premiums for Township Officers and Employees up to A Maximum Annual Amount. Schaefer, aye; Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Schaefer reported that the CWJFD had 50 EMS runs and 22 Fire runs during the last period. They got the new Dodge Truck on February 2 and it should be in service in a month or so.
- Mr. Schaefer stated that the Olive Branch Church will have a spaghetti Dinner on March 11, 2023 to benefit a mission trip to Kentucky the 1st week of May.
- The Warren County Engineers Trustee Dinner will be held on March 9, 2023. All Trustees and Allen will attend. Ms. Coffman will email Bobbi and let he know they are attending.
- Major Steve Arrasmith from Warren County Drug Task Force will attend the February 27, 2023 Trustee meeting.
- Joe Garret from Trebel LLC will be attending the February 27th or the first March meeting to discuss renewal of the electric aggregation program. The current contracts are up on June 30, 2023.
- Mr. Hagemeyer received a call Erin Daniels that water is running down the hill in Oregonia onto the property at the North side of Little River Café, where she has a flea market. This is a County issue and nothing the Township can take care of.
- Mr. Hagemeyer will be the Representative for the Warren County Regional Planning Commission Board for the 2023-2024 period, and Mr. Fisher will be the alternate.
- A motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer and seconded by Mr. Fisher to support the Warren County Drug Task Force with their requested contribution amount of \$2958.00 to be bumped up to \$3500.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Hagemeyer to adjourn at 7:47 PM.

Paul Schaefer
Trustee President

Sharon Coffman
Fiscal Officer