

Record of Proceedings – February 27, 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 February 13, 2023 were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 11903 through 11919 totaling \$14,606.6 were presented for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Fisher to approve the minutes for the February 13, 2023 regular meeting, Mr. Hagemeyer seconded. Schaefer, aye; Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

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

Present for the meeting were: Major Steve Arrasmith (Warren County Drug Task Force), Tim Books, Fred Carmack, Emilie Fisher, and Jake Henry.

FROM THE FLOOR:

- Major Steve Arrasmith from the Warren County Drug Task Force presented the 2022 Annual Report. Their primary area of coverage is Warren County and the City of Wilmington in Clinton County. Their target is mid to upper level drug traffickers, trying to find the source of the supply.

During 2022 their staff consisted of 20 law enforcement and support personnel provided by the Warren County Sheriff's Office, Warren County Prosecutor's Office, Springboro Police Department, Lebanon Police Department, Franklin Police Department, Wilmington Police Department, Monroe Police Department, Hamilton Township Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and the Ohio National Guard Counter Drug Unit.

The personnel is funded mainly through their own home agencies, grants, and governmental entity contributions.

Trends in 2022 was consistent with high availability of methamphetamine, heroin/fentanyl, cocaine, and marijuana.

During 2022 their investigative activity resulted in 437 new cases, 134 felony arrests, 86 misdemeanor arrests, 132 search warrants, 79 fire arms seized, and 1,914 traffic stops.

The Trustees stated that the service they provide is very much appreciated by Washington Township.

- Emilie Fisher from The Soil & Water Conservation District stated that once she gets feedback from the Soil & Water Conservation District meeting she will share with us.

ROADS REPORT:

- Mr. Stanforth presented an update concerning Hopewell Meadows roads, stating that Jeff Jones from Warren County Engineer's Office talked with Jurgenson, Barrett Paving, and Neil Tunison from Warren County Engineer's Office, about the possibilities for the repairs. Mr. Tunison is willing to add the project to the Warren County projects for 2024. This way it would all be done in one shot in 2024 and not divided between 2023 and 2024. Allen's best anticipated costs of the project for

milling, 3” pavement and reclamation is \$517,000.00. Mr. Jones will visit again later this fall and can give us a better estimate.

The Trustees agreed that the best way to go is to do the entire project in 2024, saving the money allocated for this project in 2023 to 2024.

- Allen purchased new road closed signs and weighed them down to deter theft.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Fisher reminded the Board about the Trustee Dinner at the Warren County Engineer’s Office on March 9th.
- Joe Garrett from Trebel LLC. Will attend our next meeting on March 13, 2023 to discuss the electric aggregation program.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Schaefer stated he will be attending the Health Board meeting on March 7th at 5:30 PM.
- Mr. Hagemeyer stated that the Warren County Regional Planning Commission is hosting a Assessment of Fair Housing Focus group on February 28, 2023 at 2:00 PM. The questionnaire was discussed and Mr. Schaefer will attend the focus group.
- Mr. Fisher stated that the Wayne Township Road Department will be hosting a Tire Recycle Event through the Warren County Health District on April 29th from 9:00 AM till Noon. This is a free event.
- Ms. Coffman and Mr. Schaefer met with Mike Charback from OTARMA on February 8, 2023. They conducted a risk survey for the Township and submitted suggestions on ways to better protect our assets.
- Ms. Coffman also met with Aaron Willis from OTARMA cyber security to discuss cyber risks.

A motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer and seconded by Mr. Fisher to adjourn at 8:06 PM.

Paul Schaefer
Trustee President

Sharon Coffman
Fiscal Officer