

Record of Proceedings – June 26, 2023
Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio

The meeting was called to order by President Paul Schaefer at 7:00 PM with Scott Hagemeyer and Jason Fisher present. Also present were Sharon Coffman, Fiscal Officer, and Allen Stanforth, Roads Supervisor.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of June 12, 2023 were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 12007 through 12027 totaling \$20,619.62 were presented for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Fisher to approve the minutes for the June 12, 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. Fisher. Schaefer, aye; Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

Present for the meeting were: Tim Books, Justin Bedocs (Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District),

FROM THE FLOOR:

- Justin Bedocs from the Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District was present to invite the Trustees to a Little Miami River Paddle Tour & Leadership Tour and Leadership Luncheon on Friday July 21, 2023 at 8:00 AM – 1:30 PM. Participants will “Float the River” on a paddle tour along the Little Miami River to enjoy the scenic river and experience first-hand challenges the river is facing.

ROADS REPORT: Mr. Stanforth reported:

- His 2024 budget plans for 2024 which includes, \$15,000 for a swivel for the backhoe, \$160,000 to chip seal Settlemyre Road, Lincoln Road, Fordyce Road, Gum Grove (350-22-DE) Lisle Lane, and Strout Road (22-DE). The Hopewell Meadows Project will use \$322,752.48 from ARPA Funds, \$145,000 from leftover 2023 money not used for crack repairs, and \$75,000 from the 2024 budget.
- He reported that all equipment is in good shape at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Fisher reported that he had spoken with Adam Nice at the Warren County Prosecutor’s Office concerning the property at 2425 Gum Grove Road. The owner is deceased and the property needs cleanup. Mr. Nice stated that the property is in probate at this time and advised that the property will be listed with a realtor by the end of July.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Schaefer has had some complaints about Little Miami Gig digging up water lines, electric lines, septic lines, and propane lines during installation even when they are marked.

- Ms. Coffman presented a request from OTARMA requesting a representative with the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority. Ms. Coffman will be the representative and Mr. Hagemeyer will be the alternate.
- Mr. Fisher stated that the Soil & Water Conservation District and Green County are sponsoring an Ag Tour on Saturday July 8, 2023 from 7:30 AM -1:30 PM. The guided bus tour will visit The Solid Roots Farm, Hungry Toad Farm, and the Farm on Central. Lunch will be provided.
- Ms. Coffman presented the 2024 budget including the roads budget. Discussion followed and Mr. Hagemeyer made a motion to approve the 2024 budget, Mr. Fisher seconded the motion. Schaefer, aye; Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye. Motion passed.
- Mr. Hagemeyer stated that he is not endorsing anyone but reported that Sherriff Sims will not be running for re-election as Warren County Sherriff and that Lt. Barry Riley will be running.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Hagemeyer to adjourn at 7:36 PM.

Paul Schaefer
Trustee President

Sharon Coffman
Fiscal Officer