

**Record of Proceedings – October 10, 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 September 25, 2023 were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 12117 through 12120 totaling \$2,979.13 were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher to approve the minutes for the September 25, 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, Susan Case, David Brush, Ray Dratt, P.J. Hughes, James Moorman, and Trent Kotch.

**FROM THE FLOOR:**

- David Brush representing Olive Branch Campground was present, stating that the campground would like to add 15 more campsites and a bathhouse onto the property they already have. He was told by Warren County that he may need a zone change in order to do so. All sites would have full hook-ups.

The Trustees instructed Mr. Brush that the Township does not approve zone changes and is handled by the Warren County Zoning Commission and the first step would be to get the zoning corrected through the County, then go from there.

Mr. Brush said they would like to become more involved in the community and invited the Trustees and guests to come and look around. They are also getting ready to have a Halloween Blowout.

- Susan Case was present again concerning the information she had presented at the last Trustee Meeting about her family that was buried in the Olive Branch Cemetery. Her Great Grandfather, Mr. Henry Fryer was buried there and she was able to locate his stone after cleaning up the cemetery several years earlier. However, Mr. Fryer's daughter Hattie Margaret Fryer was also buried there but no record of it can be found or no stone. At the last Trustee Meeting she provided evidence to the Trustees that Ms. Fryer had been buried there.

The cemetery used to be a church cemetery and they maintained records of the burials. But most of the records were destroyed by a fire. The church recreated the records as much as they could and then the cemetery and the records were turned over to the Township. The Township keeps these records on file.

Based upon the evidence presented by Mrs. Case at the last meeting Mr. Hagemeyer presented Resolution no. 2023-06 RESOLUTION OF APPROVAL FOR OLIVE BRANCH CEMETARY ADDITION OF HATTIE MARGARET FRYER TO LIST OF BURIALS AND PERMISSION FOR FAMILY TO PURCHASE HEADSTONE. This information will also be added to the Township records and will give the same information to the Warren County Genealogy Department.

A motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer and seconded by Mr. Fisher to adopt Resolution No. 2023-06. Schaefer, aye; Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

- Mr. P. J. Hughes was present concerning his last visit to the Trustee Meeting when he had asked the Trustees to think about passing a resolution supporting the Ohio Convention of States. The Convention is a national grassroots movement, with a forceful presence in each state. Volunteers act to inspire states to invoke Article V of the U.S. Constitution. The trustees informed Mr. Hughes that they feel they as representatives of Washington Township should not support this or any kind of special group and will not support any resolution doing so.

ROADS REPORT: Mr. Stanforth reported:

- The house and property at 2425 Gum Grove Road that we have had issues with in the past, needing cleaned up, is sale pending and has been cleaned up, so we should not have the same problems with the property in the future.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Fisher stated that he has not had any updates on the drainage complaint on Arrowcreek Drive.
- Mr. Fisher said that he does not know if the culvert at 6666 Olive Branch Road that was damaged by a county mower has been repaired by The Warren County Engineers Office yet or not.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Fisher stated that he would be able to attend the Warren County Regional Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday October 11, 2023 if needed.
- Mr. Fisher said that Harlan Township is having a Tire Recycle Event on October 21, 2023 from 9:00 AM till Noon. This is a free event.
- Mr. Fisher attended the Warren County Township Association Meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Topics discussed were:
  1. The Township Association Meeting Dinner will be November 9, 2023 at 6:30 PM. The price as of right now will be \$40.00 each. Invites will be coming.
  2. Scott and Jason will remain as members of the nominating committee.
  3. They will be supporting the annual scholarship fund in February in the amount of three \$1500.00 scholarships and also will donate \$2000.00 to Warren County Fair participants.
  4. Ms. Roth of the Warren County Genealogy Society asked that information be passed on about a new program that will refurbish two cemeteries a year. The program is available to all Townships including Washington Township, and can be used on anything cemetery related including headstones.

- Mrs. Case said she had read in the Wilmington News Journal that the Clinton Warren Joint Fire District is reaching out asking for residents to form an Auxiliary program to support the department during major incidents. Mr. Schaefer said he will find out more about this at the next fire board meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Hagemeyer to adjourn at 7:25 PM.

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Paul Schaefer  
Trustee President

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Sharon Coffman  
Fiscal Officer