

**Record of Proceedings – September 11, 2023**  
**Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Vice President Hagemeyer requested a brief moment of silence in honor of September 11 and the Trade Towers.

The minutes of August 28, 2023 were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 12095 through 12099 totaling \$2,396.52 were presented for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Fisher to approve the minutes for the August 28, 2023 regular meeting, Mr. Hagemeyer seconded. Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

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

Present for the meeting were: Tim Books

**FROM THE FLOOR:**

**ROADS REPORT:** Mr. Stanforth reported:

- Mr. Stanforth said that he had not heard anything back from Ignac & Maria Pereznegron concerning the culvert that needed replaced at the cell tower entrance on Lincoln Road. A letter was sent on July 12, 2023 asking them to call Allen so he could explain the process to them. So, he took pictures of it and then removed it because it was causing complete blockage of the ditch.
- He had a small issue with the Alamo mower, so he replaced the hydraulic fitting and increased the oil weight and it seems to be helping.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Hagemeyer did some independent research concerning the request from PJ Hughes asking for support from the Trustees in the form of a Resolution supporting the Ohio Convention of States and their movement to, 1. Impose fiscal restraints on the federal government 2. Limit the power, scope, and jurisdiction of the federal government and 3. Set term limits on Congress and federal officials.

Mr. Hagemeyer presented his concerns about the request:

1. The leader of this organization, Mr. Mark Meckler, is not a public official and therefore not held accountable by the public.
2. The flyer presented by Mr. Hughes states that the organization is non-partisan, however Mr. Meckler also co-founded a tea party association which in Mr. Hagemeyer's opinion is very politically active.
3. Their Emerging Leaders Internship Program is exclusively for students of the Hillsdale College of Liberal Arts.

4. The Ohio Convention of States perspective is that one state gets one vote for any potential amendment. Mr. Hagemeyer does not believe this type of action takes into account the representative popular vote of the United States.

5. Mr. Hughes mentioned at the last meeting that he had not heard from our State Representative, Scott Lipps as to whether he was or was not in favor of this movement and was questionable about State Senator Steve Wilson.

Due to these concerns, Mr. Hagemeyer has no interest in supporting this resolution, and Mr. Fisher stated that the Township has no business supporting any kind of issues.

- Mr. Hagemeyer stated that he has driven by 615 Lincoln Road, the old Parkie Scott Farm, several times after last week's discussion about fireworks and loud music, and has not seen anyone around. He asked Allen if there had been any progress on the gate. Allen said it appears to be finished and that there are people there working during the day.

Mr. Hagemeyer spoke with Adam Nice at the Warren County Prosecutor's Office and Mr. Nice was very clear that nothing that had been discussed at the last meeting has any affiliation with the Township and he has no concerns about any legal matters. The Warren County Rural Zoning Department would be the one to address any concerns with the brick gate.

Mr. Fisher has not heard back from the Rural Zoning Department yet but will report to the Township when he does.

- Mr. Hagemeyer stated that it looks like LMG is about to get fiber optic service out towards his residence.
- Allen asked Jason if he found out anything about the problem with the Spectrum line in Arrowcreek creating a significant underground water source. Jason has not heard anything but says it is in the easement and has to be fixed as good as or better than before and feels that Spectrum needs to make it right.
- Ms. Coffman received an email from Susanne Mason from Warren County Solid Waste Management saying they would be glad to clean litter from Wilmington Road. Mr. Hagemeyer says that they already have done that and is very appreciative of the efforts of the workers and the County.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Hagemeyer stated that the Trustees have been invited to the Annual Workforce Solutions Employer Forum by Traci Stivers from Butler Warren County Workforce Board. The forum will be on September 29, 2023 from 8:00 AM till Noon at The Voice of America Campus in West Chester.
- Mr. Fisher said there is a Warren County Township Meeting on September 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM. He will try to attend.
- Mr. Tim Books stated that the owner of the property at 7276 Shawhan Ayers Road has removed the tarps from the property. Allen and Mr. Books both said it doesn't look too bad.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Hagemeyer to adjourn at 7:24 PM.

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Paul Schaefer  
Trustee President

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Sharon Coffman  
Fiscal Officer