

**Record of Proceedings – February 26, 2024**  
**Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Scott Hagemeyer. With Trustee Jason Fisher, Fiscal Officer Sharon Coffman, and Road Supervisor Allen Stanforth present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of February 12, 2024 were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 12224 through 12238 totaling \$6,981.71 were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher to approve the minutes for the February 12, 2024 regular meeting, Mr. Hagemeyer seconded.

Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Hagemeyer to pay the bills as presented.

Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

Present for the meeting were: Tim Books, Mike Dorgan, and Michael Dorgan (Residents)

FROM THE FLOOR: Nothing

ROADS REPORT:

- Mr. Stanforth reported that he is looking to have the engine replaced in the Alamo mower. Cooke's Hydraulic gave him a price of \$1800.00 for one like we have in it. Once he has the engine from Cooke's he would like to take it to Rob's Equipment to have him go over the hydraulic system and see if any problems need addressed. The Trustees agreed that he should take it to Rob's Equipment.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Hagemeyer stated that he will be attending the March 5<sup>th</sup> 10:30 A.M. Board of County Commissioner's Meeting on behalf of the Township concerning the Vesper Energy Company from Texas, whom is interested in possibly installing a utility grade Solar Energy Farm down Wilmington Road from Interstate 71 to almost the Hagemeyer Horse Farm. Bruce McGary from the Warren County Prosecutor's Office has been doing research into the legalities of Senate Bill 52 and will be present at the meeting also.
- Mr. Hagemeyer stated that he will be going to Clermont County on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M. to view a site that Vesper Energy has started there.
- Mr. Fisher stated that there is no update on the speed study on Middleboro Road from SR 350 and SR 22/3.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Fisher asked if Ms. Coffman had reached out to Ms. Phelps on Olive Branch Road concerning her request to have a guardrail installed at her property due to numerous accidents. Ms. Coffman said

that a voicemail had been left for her but she has not called back. Ms. Phelps would need to contact Warren County Engineer's Office as this is a county road.

- Mr. Hagemeyer read a "Complaint to Construe Trust/Foundation" received in an email from Bruce McGary from the Warren County Prosecutor's Office. The complaint filed by the Trustees of the Loeb Trust, includes the Warren County Commissioners, all 11 Warren County Townships, and The Ohio Attorney General. The Loeb Trust has discretion to make distributions to fire departments in Warren County for fire protection and prevention and/or police departments for crime prevention in rural areas in Warren County. The lawsuit is seeking a judgment as to whether the unincorporated areas of Cleercreek, Deerfield, and Turtlecreek townships continue to remain rural despite significant growth, and therefore to determine if these three townships remain eligible for the Loeb Trust distributions. Mr. McGary is asking that the Trustees reply via email stating that the Trustees are willing to have the Warren County Prosecutor's Office represent them in this lawsuit.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Hagemeyer to notify Mr. McGary at the Warren County Prosecutor's Office affirming that the Washington Township Board of Trustees authorized the Warren County Prosecutor's Office to represent Washington Township in the lawsuit. Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

- Mr. Fisher reported that Chief Paul Scherer of the Wayne Township Fire Department retired and Jason Beckett is now the new Chief of the department.
- Mr. Fisher will be attending the Warren County Health Department Advisory Council Meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M.
- A motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Hagemeyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.

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Scott Hagemeyer  
Trustee President

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Sharon Coffman  
Fiscal Officer