

Record of Proceedings – July 8, 2024
Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of June 24 were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 12340 through 12342 totaling \$2,520.99 were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Settlemyre to approve the minutes for the June 24, 2024 regular meeting, Mr. Fisher seconded. Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye; Settlemyre, aye. Motion passed.

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

Present for the meeting were: Tim Books and anonymous residents.

FROM THE FLOOR:

- Anonymous residents were present to discuss the problem of engine braking on Middleboro Road they read about on social media. They believe the truck doing the engine brakes belongs to Do It Right Excavating. Mr. Hagemeyer said he was aware of the posts and commented on them that public is welcome to attend our meetings to discuss this or any other problems or concerns.

Mr. Hagemeyer stated that the Township has looked at doing a Noise Resolution several times, and spoken with Adam Nice at the Prosecutor's Office about it. Mr. Nice says that township authority is very limited and in reality, a resolution would not be effective in this particular transgression, as a Sheriff deputy would have to be on the scene and witness the noise and have a decibel meter. He suggested that the neighbors could get together and hire a private attorney and attempt to bring a private nuisance claim against the truck driver or company.

Both Mr. Hagemeyer and Mr. Fisher have spoken with Deputy Pelfrey and Chief Deputy Riley on this matter. Deputy Pelfrey has been in the area monitoring traffic, scales, and weight. Deputy Pelfrey spoke with the owner of Rausch Excavating asking them to be good neighbors and not be using the jake breaks in the area. Mr. Hagemeyer is unaware if he had the same conversation with Do It Right Excavating or not, but if not, he will ask that he does. Mr. Hagemeyer will also question him on the possibility of enforcement if the driver is using unmuffled straight pipes.

ROADS REPORT:

- Mr. Stanforth presented his 2025 roads budget.
- The chipper is running great and the roads and equipment are in good shape.
- Mr. Hagemeyer asked Allen to fix the front door of the Township Building.
- At this time the Public Hearing was opened at 7:40 to discuss the 2025 Budget. Ms. Coffman presented Resolution No. 2024-08 and reviewed the budget information. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Settlemyre to approve Resolution No. 2024-08.

Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye; Settlemyre, aye. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Fisher stated that he had not heard anything about the drafted maintenance agreement for Fisher Road that he sent to Harlan Township. He will check with them.
- Mr. Hagemeyer reminded everyone that Judge Gary Loxley and Judge Robert Fischer will be attending the July 22, 2024 meeting to present their annual reports.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Hagemeyer stated that the annual Soil & Water Meeting will be held on August 21, 2024 from 5-9 PM. It is a free meeting but reservations need to be made.
- Mr. Fisher said that Mr. Fred Vonderhaar will be present at our July 22, 2024 to present the Warren County Township Association Scholarship.
- There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Settlemyre to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Scott Hagemeyer
Trustee President

Sharon Coffman
Fiscal Officer