

Record of Proceedings – August 12, 2024
Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of July 22 were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 12363 through 12369 totaling \$12,560.29 were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Settlemyre to approve the minutes for the July 22, 2024 regular meeting, Mr. Fisher seconded. Fisher, aye; Settlemyre, aye. Motion passed.

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

Present for the meeting were: Tim Books, Ralph Blanton (Salem Township), Fred & Diane Vonderhaar (Union Township), Danica Henderson (WCTA Scholarship recipient), Jennifer Henderson, and Lonnie Lisle.

FROM THE FLOOR:

- Mr. Fred Vonderhaar, Vice Chairman of the Warren County Township Association Scholarship Committee, spoke about the scholarship and announced that Washington Township Resident Danica Henderson was the winner of one of the three \$1,500.00 Scholarships this year.
- Warren County Township Association Secretary Ralph Blanton spoke about the scholarship and then Trustees Jason Fisher and Dale Settlemyre presented Danica with the scholarship to be used in any Ohio College.
- Danica thanked everyone and was asked to read her winning essay. Everyone enjoyed the presentation and essay and congratulated Danica for her work. A copy of the essay will be attached to the minutes as Exhibit A, following permission from Danica.

ROADS REPORT: Allen Stanforth

- After the storms last week, Allen and Todd spent Friday cleaning up debris.
- The Chip Seal project is completed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Fisher stated that the maintenance agreement for Fisher Road had been returned from Harlan Township with signatures. As approved in an earlier meeting by Resolution No. 2024-07 giving Mr. Fisher approval to sign the contract, Mr. Fisher signed and will return it to Harlan Township, also gave a copy to the Fiscal Officer.

- Mr. Fisher asked if everyone completed their Mandated Fraud Certificates and gave their copies to Sharon. Everyone has completed the training. Allen had trouble getting his to print but he did complete the training, and will sign a paper stating he did.
- ODOT is currently reviewing the speed study on Middleboro Road.
- Mr. Fisher stated that he spoke with Ben Wilkie, 6622 Olive Branch Road, concerning the ditch problem that drains to his house from the public Right-of-Way (ROW). He told him that he could call the County if he wants to but Mr. Fisher feels there isn't much that can be done and the ditch should remain as is.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Township was contacted by a resident at 7890 SR 350 again, asking to buy some of the Township owned property. The Trustees are not interested in selling any part of the township land behind the township building. Ms. Coffman will email them back and let them know it is not for sale.
- Mr. Fisher said that the Township was contacted by a resident complaining that at the property at 445 Ward Koebel Road has trees growing in the roadway and hitting vehicles as they pass. The resident has been contacted in the past concerning this same problem. Mr. Fisher asked the County to determine the amount of ROW that the Township can maintain. The Engineer's Office determined that there is 20' ROW. Adam Nice, Warren County Prosecutor's Office said that we should start by sending a letter to the resident asking them to contact us concerning the property. Mr. Fisher and Mr. Settlemyre both agree that a letter should be sent. Mr. Fisher will draft the letter and let the Trustees and Allen review before mailing.
- Mr. Fisher said that Dawn Murray on Gum Grove Road contacted us questioning the chip seal project, she is concerned that people could not get into her barn. Allen has taken care of this and spoke with the resident.
- Mr. Fisher presented the CWJFD report.

* 2012 Life Squad Turbo caused the vehicle to be out of service for nearly 2 weeks. Repairs should be done any day. Wilmington Fire Rescue has loaned us a Squad to use in the interim.

* OCTOBER 19 (Time TBA) will be an Open House / Rededication of the CWJFD in Memory to Chief Bob Wysong. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. The 501(C)3 **Clinton-Warren Fire Fighter's Association** is accepting donations towards replacing the Digital Sign in front of the building. The older sign is showing significant wear and would need some significant repairs. Additionally, the permanent portion of the new sign will state "Dedicated to Chief Bob Wysong". The new sign is planned to be revealed as part of the rededication ceremony.

* All documentation has been filed for the upcoming Fire/EMS Renewal Levy. It will appear on the November ballot. These funds are instrumental in maintaining our current service levels. Service levels will be significantly impacted without this continued funding. There will be NO additional costs to residents for this Renewal. Any modification in property taxes DO NOT AFFECT any Fire Levy.

* CWJFD wants to Thank Allen for his help in the middle of the night during the weather/wind damage during the recent storm. Significant tree damage happened in Washington Twp. Allen was very timely and helpful in resolving those issues.

* 61 EMS and 72 FIRE service calls within the last 30 days.

- Mr. Settlemyre has contacted the Warren County Zoning Commission concerning the new driveway owned by American Tool Works Inc., that was put in next to his property asking them if this is a conforming use.
- There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Settlemyre and seconded by Mr. Fisher to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM.

Scott Hagemeyer
Trustee President

Sharon Coffman
Fiscal Officer