

Record of Proceedings – August 26, 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 August 12 were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 12370 through 12385 totaling \$124,835.50 were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Settlemyre to approve the minutes for the August 12, 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, Chief William Harrison (Salem/Morrow Fire Department), and Assistant Chief John Moenster (Salem/Morrow Fire Department).

FROM THE FLOOR:

- Chief William Harrison of the Salem/Morrow Fire Department reported that up to August this year they have had 736 Runs, this includes 31 Motor Vehicle accidents and 32 Fires.

The Department has received their new tanker truck at a cost of \$501,000.00. This tanker will replace the 1991 tanker but will continue to run it as long as they can.

The contract for Fire and EMS coverage for our portion of the Township will be up at the end of the year. Chief Williams has reviewed a new contract with Adam Nice at The Warren County Prosecutor's Office. The new contract would ask for a set amount per year, \$60,000 for 2025, \$65,000 for 2026, and \$70,000 for 2027.

The Trustees told Chief Harrison how much they appreciate the service that they provide to our Township. Mr. Hagemeyer stated that Washington Township could not start their own department for this amount of money. Each year the Township does a rollback on the taxes for the Township from 2.5 mills to 1.5 mills. Mr. Hagemeyer states that we can afford this increase without stopping the rollback at this time.

Ms. Coffman will send a copy of the contract to Adam Nice and get his recommendation. And the Trustees will discuss at the next meeting.

ROADS REPORT: Allen Stanforth had nothing new to report.

- Mr. Hagemeyer stated that the final cost of the chip seal program came back at \$111,456.40. We had budgeted \$130,000 for this project.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Hagemeyer asked if the bill had been received from Jurgenson for the Hopewell repaving. Ms. Coffman stated that it had not.
- The Trustees signed a letter to send to Ms. Christine Hadley of 445 Ward Koebel Road. The Township has received complaints from residents about 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 sent the letter to Adam Nice for review and he approved it. Ms. Coffman will mail the letter.
- Mr. Hagemeyer stated that he had replied to an email from Bonnie Edwards concerning the exhaust brake noise on Middleboro Road. He explained that our legal options are limited and Enforcement becomes even more challenging. We are making every effort possible to find options to remedy your concerns. This issue has been expressed by a couple other residents, as well. He spoke with Chief Deputy Barry Riley and Trustee Jason Fisher has talked to Deputy Pelfrey (the Commercial Enforcement Officer). We have a pretty good idea which company is the primary cause. Chief Deputy Riley and Deputy Pelfrey will be on the lookout this coming week. They are trying to come up with a diplomatic way to get the dump truck driver to not use the jake brake.
- Mr. Settlemyre said that Ray Dratt from the Warren County Zoning Commission has been in contact with the owner that built a new driveway on Settlemyre Road. Mr. Dratt said the owner states he is building a house on the property and the zoning department says that is a conforming use of the land.
- Mr. Fisher reported that there has been no update on the speed study on Middleboro Road.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Fisher says that the County is working on a warning light at Wilmington and Clarksville Roads.
- Mr. Hagemeyer said that ODOT sent a notification letter stating they are proposing a slide repair project along SR 350. The roadway slope below the existing retaining wall has eroded causing the fill behind the retaining wall to spill out underneath. The slope will be repaired and pavement will be restored along the retaining wall. Construction is scheduled to begin in January 2026 and completed in November 2026.
- There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Settlemyre and seconded by Mr. Fisher to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Scott Hagemeyer
Trustee President

Sharon Coffman
Fiscal Officer