

Record of Proceedings – October 14, 2024
Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President Scott Hagemeyer. With Trustee Jason Fisher, Trustee Dale Settlemyre, Fiscal Officer Sharon Coffman, and Road Supervisor Allen Stanforth present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of September 23 were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 12409 through 12415 totaling \$7124.17 were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher to approve the minutes for the September 23, 2024 regular meeting, Mr. Settlemyre seconded. Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye; Settlemyre, aye. Motion passed.

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

Present for the meeting were: Tim Books, Lonnie Lisle, and Trent Kotch.

FROM THE FLOOR: Nothing

ROADS REPORT: by Allen Stanforth

- Todd Bailey's last day to work for the season is Friday October 25, 2024.
- He would like to take the chipper back to John Deere for service once things slow down a little.
- Ms. Hadley at 445 Ward Koebel Road contacted him and said she would like to work with him on cleaning up the Right-of-Way at her property. Mr. Hagemeyer asked Allen to contact her and he would also contact Mr. Nice at the Warren County Prosecutor's Office for further guidance. Ms. Hadley had been asked to attend the September 23, 2024 meeting to discuss complaints the Township has received about overgrown trees and shrubs within the R-O-W at her property. The Township has given her until October 31, 2024 to get the work done. Allen has not seen a tree trimming company or anything there, and has not noticed any new progress.
- Mr. Settlemyre commented that I-71 had been rerouted through Wilmington Road 3 times in the last week due to accidents. He wanted to know if it is possible for the Engineers Office to contact GPS, or if the Sherriff's Office can deal with the extra traffic. He is concerned about the hazards for the locals and the school buses. Mr. Fisher said that there have been numerous attempts to contact someone.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Hagemeyer reported that he had attended the Warren County Township meeting on September 26th. The annual Fall Dinner will be November 7th. Mr. Hagemeyer and Mr. Fisher plan to attend.
- Mr. Fisher has not received any update from ODOT concerning the amount of accidents at SR 22/3 and Clarksville Road or the speed study on Middleboro Road.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ms. Coffman received an email from Skyelar Welch from Partners Land Title Agency, asking if the Township has any assessments against the property at 6233 Strout Road. The Trustees know of none but suggested that she check with the Warren County Auditor's Office. Ms. Coffman will reply to her email with this information.
- Mr. Settlemyre asked if the Trustees would be covered under Workers Comp in the case that they were helping with road cleanup. Ms. Coffman will check with Workers Comp.
- Mr. Hagemeyer reported on the board meeting of the CWJFD on October 10th. He reminded everyone that they are having an Open House/Rededication Ceremony in memory of Bob Wysong on October 19, 2024 from 4-6 PM. The CWJFD Association (a volunteer group) has obtained a little over \$29,000.00 in donations and will use that money to replace the sign in front of the building in dedication in memory of Bob Wysong.

The board wanted to thank Allen for helping with road cleanup after Hurricane Helene.

A number of the department staff works at other places also and due to being called out for Hurricane Helene cleanup the department ran short of help and had a little staff overtime to cover all the needs of the residents.

The Department has hired 2 new employees, that are already certified.

They have requested a LOEB Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00.

Accidents have increased on I-71, the department had 5 major calls over the course of 4 days between Wilmington Road and SR 73.

The board is exploring the possibility of doing a re-chassis on the 1995 squad. It is not a primary vehicle for the department but over the last 3-5 years they have installed all new lights and the box is in good shape. The board will decide if this would be a good investment.

Insurance has been a challenge due to the district being located in a flood zone. Rates typically raise by 10-15% each year but from last year to this year there is a 35%- increase which amounts to \$12,000.00 per year. Because of the flood zone other companies will not look at covering the department. They have hired McCarty Associates from Hillsboro to do an actual survey to see if it is above the flood plain. The cost will be \$2,500.00 which includes all the documentation for FEMA if they are actually above the flood plain.

Trunk or Treat will Be October 31, 2024 and they are looking for volunteers to help pass out candy.

In the last 30 days the department had 61 EMS Runs and 79 Fire Runs. January through September 2024 they have had 1,200 total runs which is the highest number in history for them.

The department is able to maintain a 1-minute response time 24/7.

- Mr. Fisher reported that Wayne Township is asking for a 2-mil additional 5-year levy which would generate \$708,000.00 annually. This would amount to \$70.00 per \$100,000.00 of County Auditor's assessed property value and to be used for staffing only.

- Mr. Hagemeyer read a letter from Dynegy Energy Harbor stating that Energy Harbor will be assigning the contracts to its affiliate brand Dynegy Energy Services East, LLC. Dynegy will honor all terms of the current agreement with Energy Harbor.
- There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Settlemyre and seconded by Mr. Fisher to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM.

Scott Hagemeyer
Trustee President

Sharon Coffman
Fiscal Officer