

Record of Proceedings – October 28, 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, Trustee Dale Settlemyre, Fiscal Officer Sharon Coffman, and Road Supervisor Allen Stanforth present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of October 14 were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 12416 through 12435 totaling \$25,275.89 were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher to approve the minutes for the October 14, 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, Jim Mason, and Emile Fisher.

FROM THE FLOOR:

- Mr. Jim Mason, 445 Ward Koebel Road, was present to talk about the process of clearing brush and overhanging limbs from the right-of-way at 445 Ward Koebel Road. He asked if he and Ms. Hadley could have an extension from the October 31st date the Trustees had given the property owner to get this done. He stated that the tree trimmer cannot cut the limbs for another two weeks.

The Trustees discussed this and stated that they are ok with the extension of two weeks but if any complaints come in during that time the Township will have to respond. They also asked Mr. Mason to keep the Township updated on the progress and also to reach out to Mr. Stanforth and/or one of the Trustees when they know when the tree trimmer is coming. Mr. Mason said he would do that.

Mr. Stanforth stated that in the future if there is a limb hanging in the right-of-way that he would like to be able to do his job and take it down/remove from the right-of-way without complaint from the home owner. Mr. Mason agreed that that should be fine after the initial job has been done by the tree trimmer.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Settlemyre to agree to a two week extension with the condition that the residents keep the Township updated on the progress, let the Township know when the tree trimmer is coming, and also that Mr. Stanforth be able to do his job in the future without objection from the residents if he sees a limb or anything that needs to be taken down within the right-of-way. Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye; Settlemyre, aye. Motion passed.

ROADS REPORT: by Allen Stanforth

- Todd Bailey is done working with Allen for the year.
- The mowing for this year should be done by next week then he will clean up the equipment and start preparing the winter equipment.

- Everything is running well, even the chipper.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Hagemeyer reminded everyone that the annual Warren County Township Association Fall Dinner will be November 7th at 6:00 PM. Mr. Hagemeyer and Mr. Fisher plan to attend. Mr. Settlemyre would like to be added to the dinner. Ms. Coffman will email the addition and get a check ready for the next meeting.
- Mr. Fisher reached out to Brianne Hetzel from ODOT, but has not received any update concerning the amount of accidents at SR 22/3 and Clarksville Road. He has not received an update on the speed study on Middleboro Road.
- Ms. Coffman stated that she reached out to Workers Compensation concerning the question at the last meeting asking if the Trustees in the future were needed to help the road crew with road debris cleanup after something like Hurricane Helene, would they be covered by Workers Compensation. Workers Compensation stated that the Trustees would not be covered in this situation. The Trustees asked Ms. Coffman to reach back out to them and see if there could be coverage if the policy was changed or updated.
- Mr. Hagemeyer reported that the CWJFD Open House/Rededication Ceremony in memory of Bob Wysong on October 19, 2024 was well attended. The new sign was in place but still needs landscaped.

Tony Amburger is going to donate all the landscaping for the department.

Trunk or Treat will be on October 31st and the department is looking for people to pass out candy.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Hagemeyer asked Mr. Stanforth if he is good with drop off and pick up of the voting equipment dates. Mr. Stanforth stated that he was. Election Day is November 5, 2024.
- Mr. Hagemeyer stated that we have received an email from Tabitha Ryan, Warren County Engineer's Office concerning the 2024 ODOT Road Mileage Certification. The Trustees discussed and they have no updates to the certificate. Ms. Coffman will let Tabitha know.
- Mr. Stanforth asked Ms. Coffman to send out the annual contract to Meurfield Estates for winter snow removal.
- Mr. Settlemyre stated that the ½ percent tax for Clinton Massie Board of Education is to end at the end of the year. A 1 percent tax is on the ballot and if it fails the state could possibly take over the financials for the school district.
- Mr. Hagemeyer presented a letter from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) asking for representatives for the integrating committee. No one is interested at this time.

- There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Settlemyre to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Scott Hagemeyer
Trustee President

Sharon Coffman
Fiscal Officer