

Record of Proceedings – November 11, 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, and Fiscal Officer Sharon Coffman present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of October 28 were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 12436 through 12439 totaling \$2,718.99 were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher to approve the minutes for the October 28, 2024 regular meeting, Mr. Hagemeyer seconded. Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

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

Present for the meeting were: Tim Books

In honor of Veteran's Day, the Trustees recognize all the Veterans in our community and thank them for their service.

FROM THE FLOOR: none

ROADS REPORT: none

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Hagemeyer stated that Ms. Hadley of 445 Ward Koebel Road notified us on Friday November 1st that the tree trimmers would be coming the next day on Saturday the 2nd. Allen is not scheduled to work on Saturdays and was not available to be there. Mr. Fisher stated that he had reached out to the tree trimmer and explained exactly what was needed to be done to comply with the standards set and followed within all right-of way in Washington Township. The tree trimmers were hired by the homeowner to do the work.

Mr. Stanforth and the Trustees agree that the work done did not cover the scope of work that was requested. The Trustees and Adam Nice from the Prosecutor's Office feel that the Township has been excessively generous in giving the homeowner time to complete this job.

Mr. Nice says his perspective is that we are within our rights to pursue the completion of the job as Allen sees fit, consistent with the way we do all other road right-of-way's within Washington Township.

Mr. Stanforth will be able to do the small work now but will need to wait till the spring to do the larger part of the job once Todd Bailey is available to help him.

The Trustees discussed the possibility of asking someone from the Sheriff's Office to either speak with the homeowner or stay at the property until the job is done.

A motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer and seconded by Mr. Fisher that Washington Township authorizes our Road Supervisor to remove vegetation consistent with the way we do every other road right-of-way to the maximum of his ability he can do alone and that he does that work at his earliest convenience. Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Fisher will reach out to Barry Riley from the Sherriff's Department.

- Mr. Hagemeyer reported that the annual Warren County Township Association Fall Dinner was November 7th at 6:00 PM. Mr. Hagemeyer, Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Settlemyre attended. There was a great turnout and a very nice meeting.

The new Officers are:

President – Fred Vonderhaar

Vice President - Ralph Blanton

Secretary- Diane Colvin

Treasurer – Amanda Childers

- Mr. Fisher has not received any update from ODOT 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 again to see if it is possible to change our policy so that if the Trustees in the future were needed to help the road crew with road debris cleanup after something like Hurricane Helene, they would be covered by Workers Compensation. No reply as of yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Hagemeyer stated that the annual Ohio Townships Conference will be held January 29-31, 2025 if anyone is interested in attending.
- Mr. Hagemeyer asked if we are up to date on the Sunshine Law training. Ms. Coffman stated that she is already registered for the upcoming training in December.
- We received a survey request on Automated Pavement Striping Systems. Mr. Hagemeyer will respond however the Township does not have any striped roads.
- Mr. Hagemeyer reported that the Fire Levy for Wayne Township requesting additional funds for staffing failed to pass. Our current contract for coverage to a portion of Washington Township is up in December 2025. Speaking on behalf of himself only he spoke with a couple of their elected officials stating that if Wayne Township needs to look at the contract earlier than December 2025 we would be willing to do so. Mr. Fisher was in agreement.
- Mr. Fisher stated that residents have been receiving a letter from Dynegy stating that the energy supply will soon transition from Energy Harbor to Dynegy Energy Services East, LLC. Mr. Fisher explained that this does not change anything at this time as far as our contract, the rate or even whom the bill is paid to. Our current contract is good until July 2025.
- Mr. Fisher stated that Jim VanDeGrif is in serious condition in Miami Valley Hospital after a fall.

- There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Hagemeyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 PM.

Scott Hagemeyer
Trustee President

Sharon Coffman
Fiscal Officer