

Record of Proceedings – January 9, 2025
Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Fiscal Officer Sharon Coffman. With Trustees Jason Fisher, Dale Settlemyre, and Scott Hagemeyer, present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ms. Coffman called for a motion for reorganization.

A motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer and seconded by Mr. Settlemyre to nominate Jason Fisher as President. Fisher, aye; Settlemyre, aye; Hagemeyer, aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer and seconded by Mr. Fisher to nominate Dale Settlemyre as Vice President. Fisher, aye; Settlemyre, aye; Hagemeyer, aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Fisher wished everyone a Happy New Year.

The minutes of December 23 were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 12475 through 12478 totaling \$5,123.89 were presented for approval.

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

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

Present for the meeting were: Tim Books, Logan Fisher, Leslie Fisher, Chief William Harrison (Salem Township Fire Department), and Trent Kotch.

FROM THE FLOOR:

- Chief Harrison of the Salem Township Fire Department announced that his retirement from the fire department will be February 13, 2025. Assistant Chief John Moenster will be promoted to Chief. Mr. Harrison will take the position as Salem Township Administrator on April 16, 2025. He thanked the Trustees for all their support through his years as Chief. The Trustees thanked him for all the hard work the department has done for our Township.
- Mr. Kotch wanted to thank Mr. Stanforth for the great job in plowing snow on Township roads.

ROADS REPORT:

- Mr. Stanforth stated that he ordered 100 ton of salt from Cargill. They delivered around 95 ton on Wednesday.
- The salt controller on the 2014 truck acted up. He spoke with a service guy that talked him through resetting it. They will come and take a look at it. No other problems with the equipment.

- The Trustees thanked Allen and Buddy for their hard work on the snow-covered roads. They did a great job.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Hagemeyer asked if anyone has heard anything from Meuerfield Estates about the Agreement for Snow and Ice Removal for Unaccepted Streets between Washington Township and J.K. Meurer Corporation. No one has heard anything further but Mr. Stanforth has left a phone message for Mr. Mick at the Warren County Engineer's Office.
- Mr. Fisher reported that he had received an email back from Bree Hetzel at ODOT regarding the intersection at US- 22 and Clarksville Road. ODOT did apply an abbreviated safety application for LED flashing lights ahead of warning signs at the intersection of US-22 & Clarksville Road as well as US-22 & SR-380 in Clinton County. They are also considering a Round-a-bout at these two intersections and will keep the County and Township posted with further updates.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Hagemeyer reported that January 9 was the regular meeting of the board for CWJFD. He will serve as President of the board for 2025.

He thanked Allen for taking care of the parking lot.

The board is changing the way they report the total number of runs, and will now be reporting by calendar month.

The new 2025 demo life squad should be delivered soon. They will keep the 2012 and 2021 units.

The board has approved a \$1.50 raise across the board for all employees. This will cost the department \$45,000.00 out of the annual budget.

The 2024 average out the door response time is 1 minute.

Jim Kratzer is on the board representing Vernon Township and Patty Johnson representing the Village of Clarksville and Chris Collett representing Adams Township.

- Mr. Hagemeyer asked if there is any input on the Census Bureau Boundary Annexation Survey. The GIS Director, Dawn Johnson is our local representative. Ms. Coffman will reach out to Ms. Johnson and see if we need to do anything.
- Mr. Fisher announced that the Warren County Commissioners has rescheduled the Public Hearing for the Zoning Code update until January 21, 2025 at 10:30 AM due to illness.
- Ms. Coffman presented Resolution No. 2025-01 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT FOR OUT OF POCKET COSTS OF HEALTHCARE PREMIUMS FOR TOWNSHIP OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES UP TO A MAXIMUN ANNUAL AMOUNT.

A motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer and seconded by Mr. Settlemyre to approve Resolution No. 2025-01. Mr. Fisher, aye; Hagemeyer, aye; Settlemyre, aye. Motion passed.

- Mr. Fisher announced that there will be an Executive Session at our January 27 meeting to discuss employee salaries.
- There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer and seconded by Mr. Settlemyre to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM.

Jason Fisher
Trustee President

Sharon Coffman
Fiscal Officer