

Record of Proceedings – February 24, 2025
Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of February 10 were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 12504 through 12528 totaling \$10,321.01 were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Settlemyre to approve the minutes for the February 10, 2025 regular meeting, Mr. Hagemeyer seconded. Mr. Fisher, aye; Settlemyre, aye; Hagemeyer, aye. Motion passed.

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

Guests present where: Tim Books, Bryan Heath, Jamie Conn, MJ Brausch, David Brausch, Aaron Burns, and Jordan Burns.

FROM THE FLOOR:

- Mr. Aaron Burns said that he and his son Jordan were attending to collect information concerning the Warren County Township Association Scholarship essay. Mr. Hagemeyer informed Jordan that the Ohio Township Association also offers a scholarship. The Trustees welcomed Jordan and wished him luck on the scholarship.
- Mr. Bryan Heath was present to answer any questions the Trustees may have on his application to transfer the Liquor License for Beer and Wine from the previous owner to him as the new owner of the Lakehouse Grill Family Restaurant. Mr. Fisher stated that the Trustees had received the form today for consideration. After discussion a motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer and seconded by Mr. Settlemyre that no hearing is requested. Ms. Coffman will return the form to the Ohio Division of Liquor Control.
- Jamie Conn from SC Construction was present to explain that townships have other options for road repaving and surface treatments other than just going with the County program. The first option is called ODOT 101G Contract-ODOT bids out jobs and the County's and Townships, etc can log in to "Ohio Buys" and submit what work they want done and ODOT will review and see if the project falls under the guidelines of the program. Most road treatments do fall under the guidelines. No bidding is necessary from the entities because ODOT has already done the bidding. The second option is to choose who our contractor will be by doing a Resolution for each road that needs work separately, because each contract under \$45,000 does not need to be bid out.

Mr. Conn stated that they have a quality company that does quality work and they take pride in their work.

Mr. Fisher stated that we as a Township has already agreed to go through the County Project. He will speak with someone at the Warren County Engineer's Office and see if opting out at this point is

even an option. And let the Engineer's Office know that Washington Township is very happy with the work SC Construction has done in the past.

- MJ Brausch was present with his Father David to earn a Boy Scout Eagle Merit Badge. The Trustees welcomed MJ and offered to answer any questions he may have.

ROADS REPORT: Allen Stanforth

- Mr. Stanforth said that he has removed the snow plows from the trucks and cleaned them up. Hopefully no more snow this season.

He will order the remaining 150 ton of salt now to fill the barn up for the next season.

He has gotten the stolen road signs replaced this week.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Hagemeyer stated he returned the two documents to Joe Garrett from Trebel LLC concerning the Electric Aggregation program. The first document is an authorization letter that gives him permission through Duke Energy and AES-Ohio to determine how much energy is used within our voting district. The second document is an addendum to our previous contract setting a maximum allowance we allow them to bid on our behalf.

The current rate is 6.83 p/khr in our current contract. Once Washington Township enters a contract all of Washington Township residents are automatically part of the program unless already covered by another program. All residents can opt in or out at any time.

Mr. Hagemeyer will let everyone know once we have a new rate.

- Mr. Hagemeyer stated that at the last meeting Mr. Oeder had asked about fire hydrants around the Township. Mr. Fisher reached out to Western Water and Mr. Hagemeyer spoke with CWJFD about the possibility. The answer from both was that the infrastructure will not allow for hydrants in the township.
- Mr. Hagemeyer stated that the retirement ceremony for Captain Ralph Blanton, Chief William Harrison, and Captain Richard Oeder was February 13th from 12:00 to 3:00. It was very nice and well attended.
- Ms. Coffman stated she spoke with Kim Arnold, the representative from KOA Consulting concerning the options for updating the Personnel Policy. She suggested we purchase the Employee Handbook from Miami University for \$25.00. The Trustees agreed and Ms. Coffman will order the handbook.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Fisher said March 4th at 5:30 PM the Warren County Health District will hold the annual District Advisory County Meeting. Mr. Hagemeyer cannot attend this year so Mr. Fisher will attend. Also included in the email from the WC Health Department is an invitation to a Coffee Conservation asking for anyone that would like to attend and discuss Youth Wellbeing on March 12 from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM.

- Mr. Hagemeyer reported that the CWJFD met on February 13 for its regular meeting. The new lifesquad has arrived that is replacing the old 1998 squad. They still have the 2012 and the 2021 squads remaining in service.

Two interns from WCCC will be joining the department to get school credit. The plan is to hire them if they complete the program and wish to stay with the department.

For 2024 the department has been able to maintain a 90 second out the door response time.

For January 2025 the District responded to 80 EMS calls and 62 Fire calls. Also provided mutual aide 32 times and received mutual aide 5 times.

The board tries to run the department as responsibly and cost effectively as possible.

- There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Settlemyre and seconded by Mr. Hagemeyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Jason Fisher
Trustee President

Sharon Coffman
Fiscal Officer