

Record of Proceedings – May 12, 2025
Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of April 28, 2025 were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 12582 through 12588 totaling \$6,817.15 were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer to approve the minutes for the April 28, 2025 regular meeting, Mr. Settlemeyre seconded. Mr. Fisher, aye; Settlemeyre, aye; Hagemeyer, aye. Motion passed.

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

Guests present where: Tim Books, Trent Kotch, Deputy Jonathan Savage (WCSO), Deputy Ron Day (WCSO), and Deputy Noah Billmaier (WCSO).

FROM THE FLOOR:

- Deputy Jonathan Savage from the Warren County Sheriff's Department shared that he is a new deputy to the area and would be taking the County Roads position at the department. There have been 8 new deputies hired in the last few months.
- Deputy Ron Day stated that he has only 7 more months on the department then he will retire.
- The deputies reported that there have been several auto thefts in the County especially in Deerfield Township.
- Mr. Kotch wanted to thank Mr. Stanforth and Mr. Bailey for all the tree work they have been doing in the Township.

ROADS REPORT: Allen Stanforth

- Allen and Todd Bailey trimmed trees at 445 Ward Koebel Road Friday May 2nd. A Deputy Sheriff from Warren County Sheriff's Department saved a lot of grief by escorting them to the property. He thanked the department for being there.
- On Friday May 9th they replaced the culvert on Senior Road, getting it ready for the chip seal. They removed a lot of debris (gravel, rock, and dirt) and are thinking about putting it to good use at the Olive Branch Cemetery. The culverts there are not working well and are backing up. He priced a 48-inch pipe to replace it at about \$1,350.00. There is only about \$1,000.00 in the fund. Ms. Coffman will check to see about moving funds from the General Fund into the Cemetery Fund.
- Allen plans on starting to mow the roads tomorrow.

- He took apart the lights and hazard lights on the 5055E John Deere that he has been having trouble with. Looks like they have gotten hot. He was able to get the lights working but not the hazard lights. Mr. Settlemeyer will see who he can find that would do a good job on them. The Trustees instructed Allen not to use the tractor until the lights have been fixed.
- Allen presented the 2026 Roads Budget for a total of \$200,000.00. This includes Chip Sealing Blazing Trail, Sentinel Ct., Strout Road (Route 22+3 to the Bike Trail), and Ross Road, and road salt in the amount of 205 tons. A motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer and seconded by Mr. Settlemeyer to accept the 2026 Roads Budget. Fisher, aye; Settlemeyer, aye; Hagemeyer, aye. Motion passed.
- OLD BUSINESS:
- Mr. Hagemeyer stated he spoke with Joe Garrett at Trebel LLC concerning the new rate for our Electric Aggregation Program. The current rate for the electric aggregate program is \$0.0683/KWH. At the end of the current contract (July) the rates will increase by approximately 35%. AES customers will be through Dynergy and the rate will be \$0.0917/KWH for the first year and may be subject to mild changes for the following two years. Duke customers, also through Dynergy will be \$0.0919/KWH. Everyone in the township will be automatically enrolled in the aggregate program unless they already have another private company they are dealing with. Two letters will be going out to every household to let them know that they may **OPT OUT** of this program if they want to. Residents may **OPT OUT** and **OPT IN** of this program as often as they wish.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Fisher stated that he received a call from a very angry resident, very upset about the Clinton Massie School Levy passing. He has received several text messages and calls yelling and cursing. Mr. Fisher informed the resident that Washington Township has no bias on any of the levies and we do not endorse anything. All Township meetings are open to the public and dates and times are posted on the Board in front of the Township House, and on our Website at Washington-township.org. He thanked the Deputies in attendance for coming in case we had trouble.
- The Trustees discussed the possibility of using social media for the Township but all agreed that they are not in favor of this.
- Mr. Fisher announced that the salt bid was awarded to Cargill for the 2025-2026 year at \$96.25 per ton dumped. Allen was glad he thought ahead and ordered extra for the coming year.
- Mr. Fisher stated that the Warren County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on May 20, 2025 at 9:00 AM to discuss the Warren County Comprehensive Plan.
- Mr. Hagemeyer stated that the Warren County Emergency Services is pursuing a Hazard Mitigation Plan meeting, and the Trustees are encouraged to attend.
- Mr. Hagemeyer discussed with the Deputy Sheriff's about speeding on Wilmington Road. They said it is possible that a speed trailer could be set up.
- Mr. Hagemeyer said that he saw on social media that Sheriff Riley posted that the week of May 12-18 is National Police Week honoring policemen that have lost their lives in the line of duty.
- The Trustees again thanked the Deputies for attending the meeting.

- Mr. Hagemeyer reported that the CWJFD met on May 8th. They discussed replacing the primary pumper. It works but it is 20-25 years old and replacement parts are hard to get. The price to replace it would be \$675,000-900,000 and take 2-4 years to get. They are only discussing possibilities and are holding off as long as possible. Also discussing used vehicles as a possibility.

Several other departments have been using our fire tower and grain bin simulator training services. And the Department is becoming a Regional Training Center.

During the month of April, the department had 158 calls. 84 EMS and 74 Fire.

- A motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer and seconded by Mr. Settlemyre to cancel the May 26, 2025 meeting due to it falling on Memorial Day. Fisher, aye; Settlemyre, aye; Hagemeyer, aye. Motion passed.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer and seconded by Mr. Settlemyre to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Jason Fisher
Trustee President

Sharon Coffman
Fiscal Officer