

Record of Proceedings – August 25, 2025
Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of August 11, 2025 were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 12667 through 12683 totaling \$9,531.33 were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer to approve the minutes for the August 11, 2025 regular meeting, Mr. Settlemeyre seconded. Mr. Fisher, aye; Mr. Hagemeyer, aye; Mr. Settlemeyre, aye. Motion passed.

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

Guests present where: Tim Books, Susan Case, Jonathan Arroyo, and Wayne Township Administrator, Gus Edwards.

FROM THE FLOOR:

- Gus Edwards, Wayne Township Administrator presented the new contract for Fire and EMS services for part of Washington Township. The current contract will end December 31, 2025. The Trustees discussed the contract and a motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer to accept the contract as presented as Resolution No. 2025-08, pending Wayne Township Trustee approval. Mr. Settlemeyre seconded the motion. Mr. Fisher, aye; Mr. Hagemeyer, aye; Settlemeyre, aye. Motion passed.
- Susan Case was present and thanked the Trustees and Allen Stanforth again for all the work that had been done at the Olive Branch Cemetery.
- Jonathan Arroyo from The Yak Shack was in attendance to answer any questions that anyone may have about his new business. He would like to be a good neighbor and become a part of Washington Township. He is cleaning up the property for the canoe and bike rental in Oregonia. He has received lots of good feedback so far. He is interested in utilizing various programs and clean up the river and surrounding area of trash. Mr. Fisher stated he would find out what agency's he can work through the County.

ROADS REPORT: Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Settlemeyre stated that the oncoming traffic lights at Wilmington Road and Clarksville Road are working better but still not perfectly. The Trustees are concerned that drivers may feel a false sense of security at this intersection.
- Mr. Fisher reported that he had spoken with ODOT Traffic Engineer, Mark Grake, concerning the possibility of Washington Township buying flashing signs to be installed at the intersections of Clarksville Road and Ohio 22/3 and also at Middleboro Road and State Route 350. Mr. Grake said that studies show that the areas do not meet the warrants to have them place the flashing stop signs.

They have on order and are placing some advanced yellow signage at these intersections as they are well aware of what is going on. He said that we could buy the signs but we would be responsible for the maintenance of them and that the biggest problem with these types of signs is theft of the solar panels and battery packs and drivers hitting them causing damage and driving away. There is no insurance that would cover this. Mr. Grake highly advised that we do not purchase them. Mr. Fisher also presented accident reports that show that the majority of the accidents are due to failure to yield properly. The Trustees discussed and decided that we do not have the manpower or funds to maintain these types of signs.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Hagemeyer spoke about an email received from The Warren County Budget Commission. There has been recent legislation attempting to cap carryover balances for local governments. The Commission would like an explanation for any funds with a carryover balance exceeding 100% of expected revenue. They need a short-written plan to either use those funds or reduce tax rates. The Trustees will need to replace the eleven (11) year old road truck within the next 3-5 years. That cost will be over \$240,000.00. The funds will be used for that purpose. The Township already does a roll back on the Fire and EMS fund levy that are used to maintain contracts with Wayne and Salem Townships. These costs are expected to raise due to increased cost of maintaining services. Ms. Coffman will reply to the Commission and give them this information.
- Mr. Hagemeyer reported that the Annual Insurance Policy for CWJFD is coming up for renewal. The Board tried getting quotes from other agencies. OTARMA was cheaper but did not include flood coverage. The current policy is impossible to match specific to flood coverage with the current cost being \$48,000.00 per year and future cost raising to \$62,000.00 per year. When the building was built it was not considered in the flood zone but FEMA has since redetermined and redrew the flood maps and the building is now within the flood zone.
- Mr. Fisher presented a Zoning Variance requested by Haglage Hide Away, LLC, received from Warren County Rural Zoning. The owner is requesting a variance for a vacant lot on SR 22/3 currently zoned "RU" Rural Residential. He is requesting the variance for a stacked panhandle lot. After discussion the Trustees have no concerns with the variance. Ms. Coffman will reply to the Zoning Office.
- There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer and seconded by Mr. Settlemyre to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Jason Fisher
Trustee President

Sharon Coffman
Fiscal Officer