

Record of Proceedings – January 12, 2026
Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ms. Coffman called for a Reorganization for 2026.

A motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer to nominate Dale Settlemyre as President for 2026. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fisher. Mr. Settlemyre, aye; Mr. Hagemeyer, aye; Mr. Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Settlemyre to nominate Scott Hagemeyer as Vice President for 2026. Mr. Settlemyre, aye; Mr. Hagemeyer, aye; Mr. Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Settlemyre stated that the minutes of December 22, 2025 were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 12775 through 12778 totaling \$3,083.86 were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher to approve the minutes for the December 22, 2025 regular meeting, Mr. Hagemeyer seconded. Mr. Settlemyre, aye; Mr. Hagemeyer, aye; Mr. Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

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

Guests present where: Tim Books and Trent Kotch.

FROM THE FLOOR: Nothing

ROADS REPORT:

- Mr. Stanforth reported that after the last meeting he went to Bobcat Enterprises in Westchester to discuss the problem with the chipper. They would not confirm without looking at the machine but said it sounded like the controller was messing up. It would cost \$3000.00 for parts and labor to replace the controller. Also, Allen checked the price of purchasing a new chipper similar to the one we have. That would be \$50,000.00 - \$55,000.00. The chipper we have is 15 years old but has less than 500 hours on it. Allen would prefer to wait and see if it keeps acting up before letting them look at it. The Trustees agreed.
- Allen stopped in to Freightliner to see about the prices of new trucks since the Trustees want to replace the 2015 truck within a couple years. Allen was told that Freightliner will be changing the motor and emissions on the new 2027 trucks and that most people want to get the 2026 before that happens. Allen thinks that is a good idea and the Trustees agreed. The cost of a 2026 is approximately \$210,000.00 and the 2027 price will be higher by approximately \$20,000.00. The total cost for a 2026 cab and chassis, and the build for snow removal will be around \$250,000.00 if ordered in 2026. Allen will get better information before the next meeting about what all is needed to reserve a 2026.

- Also, in the 2027 budget he would like to repave Ward Koebel Road. He is estimating that cost to be around \$250,000.00, but Jeff Jones from the Warren County Engineer's Office will get with him and give him a better idea on the cost and what needs to be done.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Ms. Coffman presented the 2025 ODOT Road Mileage Certificate, certifying 21.374 miles of public roads within the Township to the Trustees to sign. The Trustees signed and Mr. Fisher will take it to Tabitha Ryan at the Warren County Engineer's Office for further signatures.
- Mr. Fisher stated that he did some research on Senior Road concerning the complaint from Mr. Hobbs for lack of plowing. The road makes a 90 degree turn and is private property from there on back to the bike trail and beyond, about 425 feet. This section had been paved and maintained in the past by a former road supervisor, until Mr. Stanforth discovered the mistake. This area is definitely a driveway easement and is not to be legally maintained by the Township. However, the homeowners are residents and taxpayers of our Township. The Trustees discussed the possibility of sending the 14 residents that live or own property on that private drive a letter explaining that as a courtesy to the residents the Township would continue to plow the drive during snow season and the Township would be allowed to turn the truck around there, but all surface maintenance that the drive needs is the responsibility of the residents. Mr. Fisher asked to table the discussion so that he could work on a letter and the Trustees would discuss further at the next meeting.
- Mr. Hagemeyer reminded everyone to turn their insurance reimbursement requests for 2026 in to Ms. Coffman before the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Hagemeyer stated that we received a complaint from Beth Stewart on Arrowhead Lane with concerns about the construction site at 9429 Arrowhead Lane. She stated that the construction workers had been blocking the street and causing people to use her yard to get around. She also complained that they have burned construction materials and trash and rinsed their concrete truck on the street. Mr. Hagemeyer asked CWJFD to check out the burning complaint. Assistant Chief reported back to Mr. Hagemeyer stating he did not see anything of concern at the site.
- Mr. Fisher reported that he is the new representative and also the new President for the CWJFD board. Chris Collett is the Vice President and Patti Johnson is the Treasurer.

He reported that all hourly employees had been given a \$2.00 per hour raise. And all salaried employees had been given a 5% raise. They have had no raises in 2 years. The employees were very grateful for the raises and are pursuing more grants and funding for the department.

Adams Township turned in their Resolution for \$220,000.00 for their eastern part coverage for 2026 and 2027.

In December the department had 62 EMS Runs and 46 Fire Runs, with a total of 1,591 runs for 2025. 908 of these runs were for EMS and 683 were for Fire Runs. A total of 183 of these runs were in Washington Township. The department is concerned at the amount of mutual aide runs to Blanchester. Blanchester has been having issues with personnel as well.

- There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Hagemeyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM.

Dale Settlemyre
Trustee President

Sharon Coffman
Fiscal Officer