

Record of Proceedings – January 26, 2026

Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Settlemyre stated that the minutes of January 12, 2026 were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 12779 through 12799 totaling \$14,383.81 were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher to approve the minutes for the January 12, 2026 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 Major Steve Arrasmith (Warren County Drug Task Force).

FROM THE FLOOR:

- Major Steve Arrasmith from the Warren County Drug Task Force presented their 2025 Annual Report. Major Arrasmith stated that the Warren County Drug Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional unit specializing in the investigation of drug trafficking and other drug related crimes throughout Warren County and the City of Wilmington in Clinton County.

During 2025 the staff consisted of 19 law enforcement and support personnel provided by the Warren County Sheriff's Office, Warren County Prosecutor's Office, Springboro Police Department, Lebanon Police Department, Franklin Police Department, Wilmington Police Department, Monroe Police Department, Hamilton Township Police Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation (BCI), Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSP), and the Ohio National Guard Counter Drug Unit.

Most personnel assigned to the Drug Task Force are fully funded by their home agencies. Other funding is from grants and governmental entity contributions. Annual contributions are requested based upon one dollar per resident, using the 2020 Census information.

Drug trends during 2025 remained consistent with the past several years as methamphetamine and fentanyl continue to be the most significant drug threats in our jurisdiction.

During 2025 the investigative activity resulted in 201 new cases. These investigations resulted in 168 arrests, 108 search warrants, 188 firearms seized, and 973 traffic stops.

The Trustees thanked Major Arrasmith for the work that their team does to protect our community.

A motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer and seconded by Mr. Fisher to increase our annual donation to \$2.00 per resident to the Drug Task Force. Mr. Settlemyre, aye; Mr. Hagemeyer, aye; Mr. Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

Major Arrasmith thanked the Trustees for their continued support of the Drug Task Force.

ROADS REPORT:

- The Trustee stated their appreciation for the great job Allen and Ray (Buddy) have done on the roads during the recent snow storm.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Fisher presented a draft letter to the 14 residents of the private drive at the end of Senior Road explaining that as a courtesy to the residents the Township would continue to plow during snow season but all surface maintenance that the drive needs is the responsibility of the residents. Mr. Fisher will have the letters ready for signatures at the next meeting.
- Mr. Hagemeyer stated that the Trustees had received an email from Tom Martin who is concerned about the number of traffic accidents at the intersection of SR 350 and Middleboro Road. It was explained to Mr. Martin that this is the responsibility of ODOT and that the Township has spoken with ODOT representatives several times about the problem. Mr. Fisher will ask for someone from ODOT to attend one of our meetings to explain to the residents what plans they may have for this intersection.
- Mr. Settlemyre asked Allen if he got a price quote for a new 2026 Freightliner cab and chassis, and the build system for snow removal. Allen stated the cab and chassis should be around \$109,000 and he is still waiting on the quote for the build system for snow removal.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Hagemeyer stated that he is keeping an eye on the pricing for the Washington Township Electric Aggregation Program. The aggregation price for usage is currently at \$9.17 cents/KWH. For December AES price was at \$9.2 cents/KWH and for January 2026 they were at \$8 cents/KWH. He will continue to watch the price as AES prices change often.
- Mr. Fisher presented Resolution No. 2026-01 Warren County Engineers Office Salt Purchase Program 2026-2027. A motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer and seconded by Mr. Settlemyre to continue with the Warren County Engineers Office Salt Purchase Program for the 2026-2027 winter season, requesting 250 tons of salt. Mr. Settlemyre, aye; Mr. Hagemeyer, aye; Mr. Fisher, aye. Motion passed.
- There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer and seconded by Mr. Fisher to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.

Dale Settlemyre
Trustee President

Sharon Coffman
Fiscal Officer