

Record of Proceedings – February 23, 2026 Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Settlemeyre stated that the minutes of February 9, 2026 were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 12805 through 12820 totaling \$10,066.92 were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer to approve the minutes for the February 9, 2026 regular meeting, Mr. Fisher seconded. Mr. Settlemeyre, aye; Mr. Hagemeyer, aye; Mr. Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

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

Guests present where: Tim Books, Robert Coffman, Judy Fisher, Dominic Brigano (Warren County Engineer's Office), Bree Millard (ODOT D8), Alex Genbauffe (ODOT D8), Marc Grake (ODOT D8), and Kurt Weber (Warren County Engineer).

FROM THE FLOOR:

- Mark Grake, Bree Millard, and Alex Genbauffe were present from Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), to discuss and answer any questions concerning the intersection of SR 350 and Middleboro Road. They shared crash data showing that in 2022 1 crash occurred with no fatalities and no serious injuries. In 2023 there were 2 crashes with no fatalities and no serious injuries. In 2024 there were 2 crashes with no fatalities and 1 serious injury. In 2025, 6 crashes with no fatalities and no serious injuries. Only one angle crash report stated that the driver ran the stop sign. The rest were failure to yield.

In 2019 ODOT installed Oversize Stop Signs & Cross Traffic does not Stop plaque. Currently in progress are Dual the intersection ahead warning signs with street name plaques on SR 350 approaching the intersection.

Some countermeasures to consider are:

1. All-way stops.
2. Flashing beacons/LED stop ahead warning signs (would need to be installed by the County) or intersection ahead warning signs on SR 350.
3. Roundabout (would not be very competitive statewide based on number of crashes).
4. Flashing Beacons/LED stop signs (does not qualify based on number of crashes set forth in the Ohio Traffic Engineering Manual). These are hard to keep working.

Kurt Weber, Warren County Engineer, stated that all-way stops work well sometimes. The Engineer's Office has had some success with the all-way stops with the right advanced signing but it is not always the best answer to the problem as it could increase crashes due to traffic not being used to stopping on SR 350. He would be in favor of looking at it to see if it would be a good answer for the intersection. Mr. Fisher stated that the grade may be a problem too. Mr. Grake said that a traffic study would need to be conducted to consider if the grade would be an issue.

Mr. Hagemeyer asked if it is known whether most of the accidents are local residents or people from other communities that are not familiar with the intersection. ODOT does not have that data at this time.

Mr. Hagemeyer stated that the Trustees are concerned with the safety of the residents and the goal is to understand what is next for the intersection and to know what to convey to township residents.

Bree Millard said that ODOT will continue to keep an eye on the intersection.

Mr. Settlemyre asked when the bridge on SR 350 would be done. Mr. Grake stated that it should be done in June 2026.

The Trustees thanked Engineer Weber and the ODOT D8 Traffic team for attending the meeting.

- Dominic Brigano from the Warren County Engineer's Office reported that this summer they plan to replace a large culvert on Murray Road between Ross Road and Olive Branch. The road will be closed about 6 weeks for this project. They are also planning to resurface Jeffrey Road from Ross Road to Oregonia this summer.

ROADS REPORT:

- Mr. Stanforth stated that the 100 ton of salt he ordered will be delivered straight from Cleveland on February 24, 2026.

The 2026 Freightliner cab and chassis has been ordered and will be ready in January 2027. He will order the plow package this week and when the truck is ready it will be taken to have the plow package installed, which will take approximately 90 days.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Ms. Coffman stated that the letters to the 13 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 were mailed out by certified mail. No one has received any feedback from the residents, other than one call asking if she understood the letter correctly.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Hagemeyer encouraged everyone to look at their electric bills and make sure they are getting the best deal, as there is no charge to opt in and out of the electric aggregation program as needed. The current aggregation contract is good through June 2026. The current rate with the program is 9.71 cents per KWH. In December AES rate was 9.2 cents per KWH and for January their rate was 8.0 cents per KWH.
- Mr. Fisher stated that the Warren County Health Department will be holding their annual District Advisory Meeting on March 3, 2026 at 5:30 PM in Room 350 of the Warren County Administration Building. Jason said he could attend that meeting.
- Mr. Fisher reported on the CWJFD Board Meeting.

Adams Township brought up having a backup/alternate member for the board for each township in

case the member cannot attend, then there would be someone else to attend in their place. Adams Township has already done this. Chief Andrew Wysong said he will look into this and see if it is allowed and report back at the next board meeting. Mr. Fisher suggested that the township table this until after Chief Wysong reports back. The Trustees have no problem with electing a backup if needed.

Cold weather has caused problems for the department. The main tanker had trouble getting to a run in the snow and severely damaged a door hitting a tree and the gauges and pump equipment froze. The seals and gauges will all have to be replaced. The insurance will cover each item with a \$500.00 deductible. The Chiefs truck had a deer strike on the way to a run, which will also be covered by insurance with a \$500.00 deductible.

During January the department had 71 EMS Runs and 59 Fire Runs. 21 of these runs were in Washington Township.

Even in this weather the department still averages a 2 minute out the door time.

No updates on any Grants at this time.

Chief Wysong wanted to thank Mr. Stanforth and Mr. Kienle for plowing the parking lot.

- Mr. Settlemyre stated that the Warren County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on March 3, 2026 at 9:05 AM to consider updates to the Warren County Comprehensive Plan.
- Kurt Weber, Warren County Engineer, said that they will be doing a Northern Warren County Transportation Study. The study will be in two phases, each phase taking about 1 year to complete. The study will involve South Turtlecreek Township up to the Northern Warren County line and also the I-75 and I-675 interchange. They are looking to map out any transportation needed improvements.
- Ms. Coffman stated that she had spoken with the Warren County Board of Elections and asked if they still needed a telephone line to conduct voting in the building. They stated they do not need the line. Ms. Coffman asked if there was any other reason that the line would be needed. The Trustees said “No” so Ms. Coffman will cancel the phone line.
- Mr. Hagemeyer said the Warren County Prosecutors Annual Report is available if anyone wants to review it. Ms. Coffman will add the link to the report to the website.
- Mr. Hagemeyer asked Mr. Stanforth if there was any reason that the Township would need to apply for a Safety Sign Grant. Mr. Stanforth said not at this time.
- There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Hagemeyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM.

Dale Settlemyre
Trustee President

Sharon Coffman
Fiscal Officer