

Record of Proceedings – April 27, 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, and Fiscal Officer, Sharon Coffman. present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Settlemyre stated that the minutes of April 13, 2026 were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 12850 through 12867 totaling \$14,611.79 were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Hagemeyer to approve the minutes for the April 13, 2026 regular meeting, Mr. Fisher seconded. Mr. Settlemyre, 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. Settlemyre, aye; Mr. Hagemeyer, aye; Mr. Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

Guests present where: Tim Books, Dominic Brigano, Joan White, Sherriff Barry Riley, and Trent Kotch.

FROM THE FLOOR:

- Sherriff Barry Riley was present to update us on the Sherriff's Department and present us with an Annual Report. He stated that it has been a busy year for them.

Sherriff Riley appreciates the great relationship he has with the Township and stated that their department is there to help protect our residents.

He stated that the department is involved in the 287G Program. This program is a federal partnership allowing Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to deputize state and local law enforcement officers to enforce federal immigration laws. It enables local jails to identify, process, or detain non-citizens. There are 9 officers certified for this program. They have been very active in that process for the last 3 months. They average about 50 arrests per month through traffic stops etc. There has been no use of force during these arrests.

The jail is doing well and they were able to help Clermont County by housing 100 inmates for them after losing heat in their jail for a time.

In 2026 he is pushing for expanding the Drone Program. The drones are very helpful when searching for adults and children.

The department is strong and fully staffed.

- Chief John Moenster from Salem/Morrow Fire Department was present to present the incident report for this year. Washington Township remains to be about 10% of their runs.

He stated that costs to run the department are up and the total number of runs is up.

The Trustees stated that they appreciate the service that the department does for our Washington Township residents.

- Mr. Hagemeyer said that Joe Garrett from Trebel Energy was supposed be present tonight to answer questions from residents concerning the Washington Township Electric Aggregate Program. He was unable to attend but Mr. Hagemeyer will request that he attend our next meeting on May 11, 2026.

Mr. Hagemeyer answered questions from residents and stated that our electric aggregate prices will raise to 9.88 cents per kWh as of June 1st for AES customers, and similar pricing for Duke. The current aggregate price is 9.17 cents per kWh.

Mr. Hagemeyer also reminded everyone that this is an OPT OUT program. You can opt in and out at any time with no charges.

ROADS REPORT:

- Mr. Stanforth is still out on sick leave.
- Mr. Fisher reported that Allen will be here to have the Township House ready for the May 5th election.
- Mr. Fisher stated that the Warren County salt bid had been awarded to Morton Salt at \$110.50 per dumped ton. This past winter price was 96.25 per dumped ton.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Hagemeyer reported that he attended the CWJFD breakfast on March 25th.
- Ms. Joan White asked if there are any updates on the signage for SR 350/ Middleboro Road. Mr. Fisher said that he does not have an update at this time but he will contact Bri Hutzler and request one.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Fisher stated that he received an email from Garrett Freeman from ODOT saying that the Jeremiah/Morrow bridge will be having maintenance and bridge deck sealing from April 2027 through October 2027. Traffic will be maintained.
- Ms. Coffman stated that the Township needs to purchase a new sweeper and broom.
- Mr. Hagemeyer said that for our next year budget we should consider some updates for the inside of the Township House.
- There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Hagemeyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM.

Dale Settlemyre
Trustee President

Sharon Coffman
Fiscal Officer