

Record of Proceedings – June 8, 2026
Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by 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 May 11, 2026 were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 12876 through 12893 totaling \$13,011.54 were presented for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher to approve the minutes for the May 11, 2026 regular meeting, Mr. Hagemeyer seconded. Mr. Settlemeyre, 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. Settlemeyre, aye; Mr. Hagemeyer, aye; Mr. Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

Guests present where: Tim Books, Chief Jason Beckett, Matt Hudson, and Alex Hudson.

FROM THE FLOOR:

- Chief Jason Beckett from The Wayne Township Fire Department was present to present the Wayne Township Fire Department Performance Review and Service Overview 2021-2026. This review was primarily to provide an overview of emergency services provided to Washington Township residents through the existing Fire and EMS Service Agreement.

Emergency responses inside Washington Township between 2023 and 2025 averaged at 56 runs per year.

Average EMS response times of 9:43 minutes in 2021 have reduced to 6:40 minutes in 2026. Down by 3 minutes and 3 seconds. With the average EMS turnout time from 4:44 minutes in 2021 to 1:33 minutes in 2026 showing a decrease of 3 minutes and 11 seconds.

Average Engine response time reduced from 11:32 minutes in 2021 to the current average of 6:29 minutes in 2026.

In 2021 the average Engine 91 response reliability was at 74% and is now at 86%. This is the highest engine response reliability during the six-year period.

The Wayne Township Fire Department has undergone significant operational improvements since 2024, including expanded staffing, increased paramedic coverage, improved response reliability, and enhanced emergency response capabilities.

The Trustees expressed their gratitude and thanks for the service that Wayne Township provides for Washington Township residents. It is a service that the Township alone could not supply.

ROADS REPORT:

- Mr. Stanforth reported that he had completed the work on the culvert at Olive Branch Cemetery. Mr. Settlemyre donated some pipe for the project.
- The Freightliner truck has been repaired.
- Allen said the Trustees should start thinking about updating both buildings at some point. The Trustees are in agreement and will start thinking about options. Some ideas are to repair the existing buildings or totally replace them, or even renting a place to hold the meetings. There are problems with skunks and termites and questions as to the integrity of the septic system. The Trustees will think about it and bring forth some ideas at our next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Fisher reported that he attended the Warren County Board of Zoning Appeals Variance request from Jonathan Arroyo (The Yak Shack LLC), requesting a 160' Variance for the purpose of adding parking spaces and a deck or outbuilding next to the existing building on June 2 at 6:30 PM. Mr. Arroyo did a nice job presenting and the variance request was approved and sent on to the Warren County Commissioners for their review. Mr. Fisher stated that Mr. Arroyo had done a nice job in cleaning up the area.
- Mr. Hagemeyer asked if there is any update on the complaint from Mr. Scott Sneed at 9595 SR 350, concerning the neighbor's spotlight pointed toward his home. Mr. Fisher stated that it is agreed between Ray Dratt, Director from the Zoning Office, and Mr. Bruce McGary from the Prosecutor's Office, that this is completely a civil matter.
- Ms. Coffman said that she had send a copy of a possible Cyber Security Policy to Adam Nice at the Prosecutor's Office for his review.
- Ms. Coffman stated that she has returned the Addendum for the Electric Aggregate Program back to Joe Garrett at Trebel LLC, with a couple of changes that Mr. Nice would like to see on the document. Mr. Hagemeyer stated that he had spoken with Mr. Garrett and he had requested Mr. Nice's phone number so that he could talk directly to him concerning the proposed changes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Hagemeyer stated that Judge Loxley and Judge Fischer will be present at the next meeting on June 22, 2026.
- Mr. Hagemeyer stated he will not be present at the June 22nd meeting.
- Mr. Fisher reported that he attended the board meeting of the CWJFD on May 14th. The Main Tanker truck is still having some problems but it still covered under insurance.

They hired 1 new employee and 2 new volunteers but staffing is still an extreme problem for the department.

During April the department had 52 EMS runs and 30 Fire runs for a total of 82. Thirteen of those were in Washington Township.

The average out the door response time is still 1.5 minutes. Chief Wysong is very pleased with this.

They still have some pending grants they are awaiting to hear about.

- Ms. Coffman said that the retirement party for Gus Edwards, Wayne Township Administrator, is June 26, from 1:00 to 4:00. The Trustees and staff are invited.
- Ms. Coffman said that the Public Hearing for the 2027 budget is advertised for July 6th, 2026.
- There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Hagemeyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Dale Settlemyre
Trustee President

Sharon Coffman
Fiscal Officer