

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
HELD Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 7:30 pm

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Dave Yoder. All members were present. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Annette Depue, Zoning Inspector, Tim Boggs, Chief Compton, and Road Superintendent, Andy Romoser. Mr. Jack Butler made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and to pay the bills, approve Purchase Orders, & approve reallocations as presented. Mr. Bob Entenmann seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Mr. Boggs, Zoning Inspector, updated everyone in regards to the chickens on Hanley Road. He has submitted the information and the rule to Attorney Burton to review and advise on the next step. The public meeting to change 2670 Lexington Avenue to B-2 is scheduled for 7:00 pm 12/7/2023. Three new addresses will be added to Washington Township. Mr. Wurley wants to build a 2 car garage but he doesn't have enough clearance. It is only 8' instead of 10'. He will be appealing.

Chief Compton asked for approval for a class for Volunteer Firefighter Matt Lyon in which the Trustees agreed to. He also has 2 more employees that want to take the classes in Knox County. The cost will be covered by the Ohio Fire Marshall Training Grant. The Chief also applied for a \$25,000 Marc's grant. This will cover radios and user fees or pagers that do not have user fees. There was a leaf fire on Orchard Park, the Fire department extinguished the fire, the home owner became irate, and notice has been sent to the EPA. Mr. Turner on Washington South was burning debris and Ohio EPA cited him.

Mr. Romoser, Road Superintendent, reported that leaf pick up is going well and they were able to get to places that they typically can't. He received a second bid for the plow, bed and frame from Gledhill for \$45,165.01, however, he found a used wrecked truck to buy. He can salvage the parts from the truck to equip the new truck ultimately saving money. Mr. Yoder made a motion to purchase the 2002 International Truck for \$12,639, Mr. Butler seconded, and it passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mr. Romoser also reported that Vanderbilt Road is now open.

Fiscal Officer, Annette Depue presented A Resolution to Adopt the 2nd Amendment to Washington Township's Revenue and Appropriations for 2023 & Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Jack Butler made a motion to adopt the 2nd Amended Certificate, Mr. Dave Yoder seconded, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mrs. Depue presented the trustees with a permit for Cumberland Gas to bore across Andrews Road. Permission was granted. Mrs. Depue then distributed a copy of the cash summary by fund report.

Mr. Jack Butler reported that the next construction meeting will be on December 6, 2023. He then opened the discussion of the new zoning law for Solar Panels. His recommendation is that solar panels should not be allowed in backyards. The trustees also suggested that 2 acres be required for ground panels. The fee was also discussed. Mr. Tim Boggs gathered all of these suggestions and will meet with Attorney Burton to be sure these changes are explained within the zoning rule documents. Mr. Butler presented Change Order #16 for the septic cost of \$51,035. Mr. Entenmann moved to accept, Mr. Butler seconded, and it passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mr. Butler also reported that the concrete aprons have been poured in front of the road garage.

Mr. Entenmann shared the EMA flyer warning Richland County residents of the issues that may occur during the eclipse on April 8, 2024 and suggested that it be posted to our website. He also shared a flyer that included safety tips during the eclipse. Mr. Entenmann also announced that there will be a Richland County Zoning/Township Meeting that should be attended on February 1, 2024.

Mr. Dave Yoder reported that Attorney Brandon Absac will be taking care of the Bellville lawsuit. We will be responsible for the deductible part of the insurance claim.

After no further business, Mr. Dave Yoder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jack Butler seconded the motion and the motion carried with the meeting ending at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANNETTE DEPUE, FISCAL OFFICER

DAVID YODER, CHAIR

BOB ENTENMANN, V-CHAIR

JACK BUTLER, TRUSTEE