

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
HELD Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 7:30 pm

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

Benjamin Mutti, 38 Avon Drive attended the meeting to express and discuss his concern of a cannabis facilities being allowed within the township. He requested that the township to please consider a resolution to not allow such a facility be built and also provided facts to support reasons why. Lexington and Ashland have already adopted prohibiting these facilities and his main concern is public safety.

Dan Williams at 2735 Hillcrest attended the meeting to express his concern for the junk cars on a vacant lot in his neighborhood as well as several homes that are not being maintained. The trustees stated that the problem with the lot on Josephine is being addressed, is in court, however the courts are behind.

Jeff Deeds, with Visconsi, attended the meeting to give an update on the sale and development of 2480 Possum Run Road property. He discussed the advantages of moving the soil in order to level and re-shape the landscape as well as save money on the project. An engineer will come out and go more in-depth on options. They are looking to start phase 2 by the end of March.

Mr. Boggs reported 115 King, owner Jason Wilfong, was granted a permit to build a 15x21 pavilion. Mickey Wilson of 1383 Mansfield-Washington Road received a permit to build a house. At the request of the owners of 2002 Lexington Avenue can continue their embroidery business and have a home occupancy building but there can be no signage, employees, or parking. Resolution 10-24 finding Christy and Tim Shaum at 2999 Touby Road Constitutes a Nuisance was approved. Mr. Butler moved to accept, Mr. Stephen Swank seconded, and the resolution passed with roll call vote of all ayes. Mr. Jack Butler also read an anonymous complaint letter for information purposes only.

Mr. Romoser asked Fiscal Officer, Annette Depue to publish a bid announcement for the paving project. He also reported that the new air compressor arrived for the new fire station.

Mr. Swank informed zoning that he received a request from Sage Cripps, Sigma Technologies for new utility poles.

Fiscal Officer, Annette Depue updated the trustees that the paperwork for VFFD has been submitted online. Annette Depue distributed a cash summary by fund report.

Mr. Yoder presented copies of Resolutions Prohibiting Cannabis Facilities/Dispensaries from Madison, Ashland, and Richland County Prosecutor's Office. Trustees decided to make a motion to pass Resolution 11-24 to Prohibit Use of Cannabis Operators & Medical Marijuana Cultivators, Processors, & Retail Dispensaries within Washington Township. Mr. Stephen Swank moved to accept, Mr. Jack Butler seconded, and the resolution passed with roll call vote of all ayes. This decision was also based on residents 2-1 vote against Issue 2. Mr. Yoder reported that the lawsuit from Bellville is still where it stands and there has been no further update.

Mr. Jack Butler reported that TC Energy contacted him about a permit behind Waynes Country Market, Mr. Boggs also spoke with them and directed them to water and soil. Mr. Butler has spoken to several contractors that have used millings as a base and they have had no issues.

After no further business, Mr. Dave Yoder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Steve Swank seconded the motion and the motion carried with the meeting ending at 9:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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ANNETTE DEPUE, FISCAL OFFICER

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JACK BUTLER, CHAIR

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DAVE YODER, V-CHAIR

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STEVE SWANK, TRUSTEE