

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
HELD Thursday, March 21, 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, Road Superintendent, Andy Romoser, and Chief Compton. 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.

Josh Whatman attended the meeting to inquire about the zoning inspector. Jim Clark, owner of Spruce Hill at 3230 Possum Run Road requested that he asked for a partial release of the funds that are held by the township due to damages from a fire because costs have exceeded the original expected price. He submitted a petition to the Trustees to review. Mr. Robert Crowley also attended the meeting just for observation and support. He also reiterated from attending a previous meeting that everyone should be sure to wear the appropriate glasses for the eclipse and don't allow small children to observe the eclipse if they cannot keep the glasses on by themselves for protection.

Chief Compton reported that there were 47 calls at Snow Trails this year. Also, that all trucks are back in service. He also discussed the pending litigation with the Village of Bellville and will running new statistics.

Mr. Romoser recommended that the Township accept the lowest bid for the paving project from Sarver. The bid came in at \$306,262.05 which will also include German Church Road. Mr. Butler moved to accept, Mr. Yoder seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mr. Romoser also wanted to publicly thank Tom Butler for the donation of 18-12G wire. The building of the truck is moving along, they are now working on the inside of the cab. Mr. Butler re-iterated the amount of money that we have saved the township due to buying a used truck and that we are blessed with a talented Road Department crew that could make the project possible.

Fiscal Officer, Annette Depue presented a flier that will be posted at the office with information to report concerns about negative service with cable TV. She also presented the letter from the Health Department requesting an attendee for the annual meeting and Mr. Swank volunteered. Mrs. Depue was officially sworn in as the new Fiscal Officer for 2024 by taking an oath of office. She also presented the 911 Resolution from Richland County, the trustees tabled the Resolution. Mrs. Depue distributed the Cash Summary by Fund report.

Mr. Swank received a complaint form Mrs. Ziegler in regards to a reflective sign at 225 W. Straub Road and upon investigating found nothing wrong.

Mr. Yoder spoke with John Hower, from Rinehart Insurance about making insurance changes and he plans on coming to discuss options on April 4th at 7:00 pm. There is no update on the pending Bellville Lawsuit at this time.

Mr. Jack Butler spoke with Mr. John Hurlow and Mr. Hurlow has agreed to temporarily help with zoning. Mr. Josh Whatman formally introduced himself to the trustees and then distributed a copy of his resume. Mr. Butler presented Change Order 20, Mr. Dave Yoder made a motion to approve the Change Order, Mr. Steve Swank seconded, and the motion carried with a roll call vote of ayes. Mr. Butler also presented Change Order 21 giving the Township a credit of \$15,320 for the new construction project. Mr. Swank made a motion to accept, Mr. Yoder seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a roll call vote of ayes. It was also announced that all non-essential employees for Richland County will be off April 8th for the eclipse.

After no further business, Mr. Jack Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Steve Swank seconded the motion and the motion carried with the meeting ending at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANNETTE DEPUE, FISCAL OFFICER

JACK BUTLER, CHAIR

DAVE YODER, V-CHAIR

STEVE SWANK, TRUSTEE