

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
HELD Thursday, April 18 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, Interim Zoning Inspector John Hurlow, & Zoning Inspector Douglas Whatman. 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.

Jim Clark, owner of Spruce Hill Inn, attended the meeting to present a written letter to argue the Trustees' decision to deny a partial reimbursement for the insurance claim on his property. Upon reading the letter to the public, the Trustees agreed to speak with Attorney Burton again and then contact him with a response.

Mr. Mike Procker, Road Department Employee, attended the meeting to inquire about pay raises. Mr. Butler said it will be immediately addressed in an Executive Meeting.

Zoning Inspector, Mr. Doug Whatman issued a permit to Chris Studer for a sun room. There have also been several complaints on 1955 SR 42 in regards to a fence being built. The TWP can only control the height of the fence & cannot control placement of the fence, it is the responsibility of the homeowner & neighbor, it is then a civil situation, not a zoning issue. 2999 Touby has been sent a letter asking them to remove the shed/chicken coop, with no response, a new letter will be re-sent. A letter will also be re-sent to Hofsaess at 2606 Touby Rd. The ZBA approved an accessory building at 2002 Lexington Ave. Mr. Hurlow received a call from the Village of Lexington in regards to Washington Twp. issuing an address at 845 W. Middle-Bellville Rd. At some point there was an error & the address should be Hanley Rd. and it is in Village limits. It has been corrected, for 911 as well. They are still investigating as to how this may have happened. Mr. Whatman asked the Trustees to clarify some terms on the Solar Panel Resolution.

Mr. Romoser reported that EMS132 is down for repair. The belt pulley disintegrated, therefore the fan belt was destroyed. Replacement parts should come within a week. Mr. Romoser also reported that he awarded a Permit to Sigma to set 4 poles on Starlight Terrace. Mr. Romoser presented Resolution 12-24 to accept the Salt Contract for 2025 committing to 500 ton. The Trustees signed the contract.

Fiscal Officer, Annette Depue presented to the Trustees, a recommendation from BWC to offer to settle with employee Deb Mount's workers compensation claim. Mr. Steve Swank made a motion to settle, Mr. Butler seconded, and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mrs. Depue also presented the Resolution from Richland County in regards to 911. Mr. Jack Butler moved to pass the motion, Mr. Yoder seconded, and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mrs. Depue distributed the Cash Summary by Fund Report.

Mr. Swank reported that he met with Mansfield Fire Inspector for the new building and everything passed that is above ceiling. He also expressed increasing pay for the Road Department.

Mr. Yoder received a call with questions about a tile issue at 721 W. Straub and Mr. Romoser has already taken care of it.

Mr. Butler brought the signed agreement from Keith Kiesling to farm the 15 acres (Parcel 053-37-053-09-000) again this year. He also updated everyone about the new building and that final full electric is ready to be turned on. We will have a date as to when Ohio Edison will turn it once as soon as our payment is processed.

Mr. Butler moved to go into executive session, Mr. Yoder seconded, and the motion was carried with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Mr. Butler moved to adjourn executive session, Mr. Swank seconded, and the motion was carried with a roll call vote of all ayes.

After no further business, Mr. Yoder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Butler seconded the motion and the motion carried with the meeting ending at 9:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANNETTE DEPUE, FISCAL OFFICER

JACK BUTLER, CHAIR

DAVE YODER, V-CHAIR

STEVE SWANK, TRUSTEE