

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
HELD Thursday, May 16, 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, Chief Compton, 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.

Resident Judy Yomen of 1423 Resthaven Dr. attended the meeting to inquire about the trench that is in her front yard causing washing out of her driveway and yard. She asked if the Township would take care of the issue or at least be willing to help her fix it. Mr. Butler explained that they would come look at it, possibly dig it out, and offer some advice, however, the township cannot use public funds to fix private property. It is only possible when water needs to be kept off of the roadways.

Interim Zoning Inspector, Mr. John Hurlow reported that Mr. Alexander filed for a variance for an accessory building permit and that the Zoning Board Association will be meeting May 30, 2024 to assess. The Solar Panel Resolution can be processed by ZBA, at the meeting scheduled for 6/27/2024 at 7:00 pm. Zoning Inspector, Douglas Whatman reported that Major Metals applied for rezoning. He also has received grass complaints for 1110 W. Straub Rd., 89 W. Straub, and 2195 Cloverdale (which appears to be vacant). A letter will be sent to 627 Hanley Road due to unmowed grass. 627 E. Hanley is in violation of chickens. The carport has been converted to a chicken house, however he did not see any chickens present at his visit on 5/16/24. 312 E. Hanley has chickens on ½ acre lot as well. 2274 Breezeway still needs investigating. 1171 Hanley appears vacant and needs mowed.

Chief Compton collected quotes for the appliances at the new building. Mohican Appliance can get everything for \$18,193. Farm and Home Hardware cannot get the coffee makers or the ice maker and the quote is \$14,936. Mr. Swank made a motion to go ahead with Mohican appliance, Mr. Butler seconded, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Mr. Romoser reported that he purchased a camera to monitor the water at Sid Hall's residence. It looks as though the township will need to take care of it. Mr. Romoser is in the process of getting a quote from Smith Paving to help control the water. Music's Gas Station Repair is quoting fuel tanks for the new building. Orchard Park is half way complete. The Road crew is mowing the new building and will be reimbursed by Studer-Obringer.

Fiscal Officer, Annette Depue updated that Deb Mounts will be having another hearing with Industrial Commission. Mrs. Depue also verified that the Spectrum bill is correct for the new building. Mrs. Depue has not received an updated bill for the increase in insurance coverage for the township vehicles. Mr. Yoder said that he would get in contact with John Hower. Mrs. Depue distributed the Cash Summary by Fund Report.

Mr. Butler reported that in response to a complaint letter from a resident's daughter on an issue with water in Walnut Hills, he contacted the health department and they could not find the lines that may be the problem. However, it is the responsibility of the resident and the township will take care of any part if found liable. Mr. Remy, a Forester & resident on 410 Koheiser Road will be assessing the timber at the new site. He will catalog the species & size then report the value. It will then be auctioned via gov.deals or by sealed bid. It can be sold because it is unused property. He charges 5% of the sale. Another quote was given at 10%. Mr. Swank made a motion to employ Mr. Remy's services, Mr. Dave Yoder seconded, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. Jack spoke with Mr. Clark in regards to the insurance reimbursement and explained that he will not be reimbursed early. The generator for the Road garage has arrived and the generator for Fire Station is supposed to be shipped on May 21, 2024. Mr. Butler is still working on a quote for the accessory building.

After no further business, Mr. Yoder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Swank seconded the motion and the motion carried with the meeting ending at 9:03 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