

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING IN LIEU OF REGULAR MEETING
HELD Thursday, July 3, 2024 at 12:30 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, 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. Jack Butler seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Residents Greg and Rachel Winter of 670 Vicksburg Drive attended the meeting to inquire the zoning regulations for fencing around an inground pool. It does require a fence however a hard cover could be an alternative according to Richland County Code. However, it has not been made official and the trustees explained it would be something they would consider if Richland County decided to approve.

Mr. Doug Whatman issued 2 pool permits, and 1 remodel permit July1, 2024. Mr. Whatman presented Resolution #21-24, a Resolution Finding that Roger, Douglas, Jack, & Karen Spies' property located at 1680 Main St., Mansfield, Richland County Constitutes a Nuisance. Mr. Jack Butler moved to adopt the forgoing Resolution, Mr. Steve Swank seconded, and the resolution passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mr. Whatman presented Resolution #22-24, a Resolution Finding that Terry J Barnett's property at 507 Garver Road, Mansfield, Richland County Constitutes a Nuisance. Mr. Steve Swank moved to adopt the forgoing Resolution, Mr. Dave Yoder seconded, and the resolution passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mr. Whatman also reported that he has received several trash complaints on these properties and that a tree fell at 2216 Cloverdale Drive. Mr. Hurlow reported that a B-2 business cannot store items outside, it must be zoned Industrial. Jackson Well Drilling is in violation. The recommendation from the Zoning Board for the accessory building and solar panels was presented. There will be a public special meeting on August 1, 2024 at 7:00 pm to discuss.

Mr. Romoser reported that the ditches have been cleaned and the water is running as it should be at 377 Woodruff Road per the owner request. Mr. Butler will send a letter to the resident explaining that the driveway is a culprit and how it can be resolved. The water issue at 645 Cliffside has also been resolved.

Chief Compton is working with Ritters to design office spaces in the new building that will increase efficiency and help control the budget.

Fiscal Officer, Annette Depue presented the Resolution #23-24, a Resolution to Renew the 5 Year Ohio Edison Street Lighting Contract and assign a trustee authorization to sign the contract on behalf of the Township. Mr. Dave Yoder made a motion to adopt the resolution and assign Mr. Steve Swank authorization, Mr. Steve Swank seconded, and the motion was approved upon a roll call vote of all ayes. Mrs. Depue also presented the Pavement Technology Inc. contract for asphalt rejuvenator, Mr. Jack Butler signed the contract. Mrs. Depue distributed the Cash Summary by Fund report.

Mr. Swank reported that he attended the Farm Bureau meeting and learned the Richland County Commissioners views on solar fields. He also reported that Mr. Beilstein at the Blueberry Patch has made the repairs from the fire damage. He will need to call Codes and Permits to get approved occupancy in order to receive his escrow reimbursement from the insurance company.

Mr. Butler presented the Resolution #24-24, a Resolution to Advertise for Bids for the Sale of Standing Timber. Mr. Steve Swank moved to adopt the forgoing resolution, Mr. Dave Yoder seconded, and the resolution passed with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Mr. Whatman asked the Trustees if they would be willing to allow the Zoning department to set up a Federal Express account instead of using Certified Letters with USPS for zoning violations and correspondences. He is going to research the cost , method of payment, etc. and present it at the next meeting. Mr. Butler and Mr. Whatman also discussed that the township is working on David Morganstern's lot to remove the cars due to a complete lack of respect for the neighbors.

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 2:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANNETTE DEPUE, FISCAL OFFICER

JACK BUTLER, CHAIR

DAVE YODER, V-CHAIR

STEVE SWANK, TRUSTEE