

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
HELD Thursday June 5, 2025 at 7:30 pm

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

Residents David Morgenstern, John Hurlow, and Jon Hill attended the meeting to observe. Jackie and James Norton of 2110 Cloverdale Drive attended the meeting to ask the Board to consider changing a zoning law pertaining to the number of employees a business within the township is allowed to employ. She runs an at home daycare and needs 3 employees to provide proper services. Mr. Whatman explained the proper procedure and steps to take to move forward with the request. Mr. Yoder feels it is definitely worth exploring and Mr. Whatman agreed to start the process.

Mr. Whatman reported that he visited Cliffside Drive to inspect the fire damage by request of the owner. She provided all of the insurance/claim information so the township will be able to get a deposit for the cleanup if necessary. Mr. Whatman issued two zoning certificates, one for a deck and one for a single family dwelling.

Mr. Romoser reported the township mowing is complete, the footers for the salt shed have been poured, and the catch basins are moving forward. The blade & bristle broom will need to be replaced.

Fiscal Officer, Mrs. Depue reminded everyone of the Richland County Township Association picnic. Mrs. Depue presented Resolution #14-25 Declaring the Necessity to Levy a Tax in Excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation for Renewal of the Road and Bridge Levy. Mr. Stephen Swank moved to adopt the following Resolution, Mr. Yoder seconded the motion and it passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mrs. Depue informed everyone of the possible annual registration fee that may be collected for short term rentals and that Spruce Hill has not paid their bed tax since 2024, she then distributed the Cash Summary by Fund report.

Mr. Swank reported he received an email from the Fire Inspector that our new and old tanks have been cleared and the file closed. He also wanted to bring the attention to everyone about the new proposed issue to remove property taxes which would greatly affect township fire, EMS, and road services. There have not been alternative solutions presented.

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 8:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANNETTE DEPUE, FISCAL OFFICER

DAVID YODER, CHAIR (absent)

STEVE SWANK, V-CHAIR

JACK BUTLER, TRUSTEE
