

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
HELD Wednesday, July 3, 2025 at 7:30 pm

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Stephen Swank. All members were present except for Mr. David Yoder. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Annette Depue, Assistant Road Superintendent, Eric Byus, and Zoning Inspector Douglas Whatman. Mr. Butler 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.

Chief Compton submitted is report via email and will be filed with the minutes.

Resident Kristen Walker of 2166 Cloverdale came to voice her opinion on the pending daycare variance. She supports the change. Mr. Whatman and Mr. Swank informed her of the zoning meeting being held on July 15, 2025 to address the issue.

Resident Robert Kreiling of 1999 Ranchwood W. attended the meeting to report that he has contacted EPA in regards to open burning. His neighbor is burning trash, using accelerant, etc. He has filed a complaint and suggests that the township investigate and monitor the open burning because it is becoming more common. He is also looking into light pollution. The Trustees took it under advisement.

Justin & Dorothy Simms of 2025 Mansfield-Washington Road attended the meeting due to a visit from Zoning Inspector Mr. Whatman in regards to their courts and pavilion being offered to the public to use for free. They have also been informed that they are required to get a pool permit and install a fence, which they are currently doing. Mr. Whatman recommended the property be re-zoned recreational. The Simms are providing the community with a free facility and shows no harm to the township. After discussion, it still needs investigated, however, Trustees feel there are other issues that should take priority at this time and it will ultimately be left up to the ZBA.

Mr. King with Trebel Energy attended the meeting to give an update on the aggregate. The new program started in June and the Township's rate is under both Ohio Edison and AEP.

Mr. Whatman reported that he issued one permit for single family dwelling. He has received several complaints about pools with no fences, therefore visiting 3 residences. He also reminded everyone of the Zoning Board meeting in regards to the Daycare variance on July 15, 2025. Notices have been posted on our website.

Mr. Byus, the assistant Road Superintendent reported that 3 roads were accidentally left out of the paving bid, therefore, he needed approval to add the 3 additional roads. Mr. Butler made a motion to approve, Mr. Swank seconded the motion, and the motion was approved with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Fiscal Officer, Mrs. Depue presented the 2026 Tax Budget to the Board of Trustees. After careful examination, Mr. Butler moved to approve the budget, Mr. Swank seconded the motion, and the Budget passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mrs. Depue distributed the Cash Summary by Fund report.

Mr. Butler reported that Mr. Gove, County Engineer, got back with a recommendation and a contractor's name to get it all of the issues fixed.

Mr. Butler moved to go into executive session at 8:30 pm.

Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:29 pm.

After no further business, Mr. Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Swank seconded the motion and the motion carried with the meeting ending at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANNETTE DEPUE, FISCAL OFFICER

DAVID YODER, CHAIR (absent)

STEVE SWANK, V-CHAIR

JACK BUTLER, TRUSTEE
