

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

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Dave Yoder. All members were present. 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Several residents were present including Terry Baker of 1344 Eisenhower Road, Dan Williams of 2735 Hillcrest, and several more who signed in. A copy of the signed attendance list will be filed with the minutes.

Mr. Baker attended to make a complaint about the neighbor at 1364 Eisenhower Avenue. He has several chickens that are trespassing and destroying his landscape, kids running ATV's and mini bikes up and down the streets, as well as junk laying everywhere with at least 10 cars, a boat, etc. Mr. Whatman said that he will be sending a letter that will give them 7 days to take care of the nuisance. Mr. Williams complained of the ongoing issue with Morganstern's property with cars that need removed. Zoning is already in the process of enforcing the removal and it is now at the Prosecutor's Office. Other complaints included 2764 Lakeside and 2803 Hillcrest who has asked for 3 weeks to comply. It has been 6 weeks, therefore the process to enforce will begin.

Mr. Simms attended to ask if would be able to get any fill dirt from the township, if available. Mr. Byus, assistant Road Superintendent explained they will provide fill dirt if it is being removed, is in close proximity to the property, and a signed release of liability affidavit would need to be completed. The Trustees also confirmed they have no issue with the sign that is displayed at the Simm's property located at 2025 Mansfield-Washington Road. Mr. Jon Hill inquired about the zoning inspector pulling residents temporary signs such as garage sale signs, election signs, community event signs, etc. This has not been a problem in the past. The Trustees instructed Mr. Whatman to leave all temporary signs alone unless they exceeded well past the event. The signs are allowed in the right of way. Mr. Butler and Mr. Swank enunciated that these were community activities and that these signs are not a concern, and instead zoning needs to focus on larger issues & complaints with junk, trash, chickens, high grass, etc.

Mr. Whatman gave his report updating the permits, received calls, and other concerns. The attached written report will be filed with the minutes.

Chief Compton reported that both squads need tires and will be replaced. The '98 Tanker has original brakes and will need replaced. There has been an issue with several false alarms dispatched from the Hotel at I-71 and SR 97. They have been reported to the State Fire Marshall's office to resolve the problem. The TV in the day room has been damaged by lightening and he asked if he could replace it. The Trustees agreed that it needed replaced. The Chief inquired about the walkthrough inspection of the building and no one has received a report. Trustees will follow-up with engineer.

Mr. Byus reported the Road Department has been cold patching and burning roads. The Boom mower has had some issues that have been fixed. Several culverts have been fixed including the one on Touby Road, and trees have been removed. There has been no update on the salt shed. Mr. Byus asked the Trustees to re-evaluate the employees' vacation policy. He has researched neighboring townships and they are much more attractive. The Trustees said they would look into it. Mr. Swank asked about a missing catch basin and Mr. Byus said they are already looking into it.

Fiscal Officer, Mrs. Depue presented the opportunity and advantage to pre-buying propane for the winter months. It allows the township to purchase at a lower off-season rate. The funds are available. Mr. Dave Yoder moved to approve the pre-buy, Mr. Swank seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mrs. Depue distributed the Cash Summary by Fund report.

Mr. Swank and Mr. Yoder both received a call from the EPA reporting they have found contaminated water and soil at the Hamilton Company. This was a pre-notification to the township before it is publicized.

Mr. Butler moved to go into executive session at 8:25 pm.

Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:30 pm.

After no further business, Mr. Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Yoder seconded the motion and the motion carried with the meeting ending at 9:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANNETTE DEPUE, FISCAL OFFICER

DAVID YODER, CHAIR

STEVE SWANK, V-CHAIR

JACK BUTLER, TRUSTEE
