

Washington Township Trustee Regular Meeting
HELD Thursday October 2, 2025 at 7:30 PM

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Dave Yoder. All Trustees were present for the meeting.

Also present were:

Andy Romoser, Road Superintendent
Douglas Whatman, Zoning Inspector

Absent were:

Annette Depue, Fiscal Officer
David Compton, Fire Chief

Mr. Dave Yoder called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Mr. Jack Butler made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and to pay the bills, approve Purchase Orders and approve reallocations as presented. Mr. Stephen Swank seconded the motion. The motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Dan Williams of 2735 Hillcrest Drive came to ask the status on the properties that were brought up in prior meetings and if there is any progress on them. Mr. Whatman stated that he is working on them. Mr. Williams brought up 2764 Lakeside Drive and it is all grown up. Mr. Williams stated that it should have went to court around when COVID happened. The process may have to start over again since it has been so long. Also, Mr. Williams has sent more pictures of the lot at 1364 Eisenhower Ave to the zoning inspector.

Al and Shinim Cutcher of 1300 Woodville Road. Mr. Cutcher wanted to compliment the road crew for a good job of ditching and mowing at his property along the road. He also brought up dumping along the roads and a discussion followed. He questioned about the township starting a recycle drop off (solid waste) and discussion followed over the positive and negatives for a drop off. He also questioned about attachments to meeting minutes and why they aren't posted on line with the minutes. Also, he brought up the ORC on calling an executive session and the six reasons that you can call for an executive sessions and zoning is not a reason to call an executive session as was done back in the spring of this year.

Mr. Doug Whatman reported on 1171 E. Hanley Road. He has had no response from the owner or the mortgage company. He has I sent an abatement letter which takes 8-10 days. Lawyer to file lean on property. Need to decide who you want to clean up property. Discussion ensued on the property and who to get to clean it up. Mr. Whatman has put a stop on a solar panel installation at 418 West Hanley Road due to not having permits from the township or the county. Mr. Whatman asked to have a special meeting on October 30th for the child care resolution. Discussion ensued over the resolutions and the public notice. Mr. Whatman will talk to lawyer about four separate resolutions before doing another public notice. No meeting will be held until new resolutions are done. Mr. Butler asked about Jackson's on State Route 13. Mr. Whatman stated new building is built and about ready to move in. Still a lot of equipment setting around and is in violation of zoning codes. Lawyers are still talking on this. No other information available.

Mr. Andy Romoser (Road Department) stated that the road department has talked to Meredith Brothers, Inc about the Terman Rd. culvert repair. They also sell soil erosion control (sample passed around). Driveway at 653 Morrison Ave. (Salli Webster) will be adding an additional 9" X 14" of concrete to the drive way apron from the street, which is part of the Smith Paving & Excavating quote. Price of about \$2268.00. The pressure washer has lost some pressure, so it is being looked at Wilcox Sales & Service. All roads have been mowed back with the arm mower. We will mow one more time with the small tractor before the end of the season. I would like to see trees trimmed after leaf season is over during the winter with arm mower. FD had a car fire on Ranchwood Drive on the south of West Hanley Road. The asphalt is a mess. We will try to get the auto insurance to pay to replace the asphalt next year. All trucks and the tractor have been serviced. We still need to do the loader, gradall, and zero turn mower. Asked about the over seeding of the lawn. We have the over seeder and plugger set for rental on October 6th. Next week we will remove the main hydraulic cylinder from the gradall and send it out to have it resealed. The leak in roof has been fixed by the contractor and they inspected the rest of the roof. Reminder of leaf pickup will start on October 20th and will run until the Wednesday before Thanksgiving (November 26th).

Motion was made by Mr. Butler and seconded by Mr. Swank to fix driveway at 653 Morrison Ave. as part of the quote by Smith Paving & Excavating. The motion carried with all ayes.

Mr. Stephen Swank gave the report from fire department tonight since Chief Dave Compton could not attend tonight. Ordered large diameter hose due to four sections failing hose test. Confirmed with fiscal officer that monies were available. Approximately \$4000.00 including shipping. Applied for MARCS radio grant through Ohio Fire Marshal. Approximately \$26,300.00 requested for user fees, new radios and pagers. There is no match requirement for the township if we are awarded the grant. In the past few years we have only received the grant for user fees. State wide burn ban in place until November 30th. No open burning between 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM. Pancake breakfast this Saturday from 7:00 AM until 11:00 AM. Personnel have been busy prepping and cleaning the facility. They have done a great job. Inspection of Days Inn has decreased false alarms significantly.

Mr. Stephen Swank asked about speed signs on township roads. Mr. Romoser stated it would have to be petitioned to the trustees and then there is a process it follows before a sign could be installed. There are only three township roads that have gone through the process to have speed signs installed. Mr. Swank reported that 507 Garver Road has been cleaned up (house fire). The structure is completely gone.

Mr. Jack Butler reported that he talked to Eleanor Cook on Joselyn Ave. about a down tree on her and her neighbor's property. It is on private property and will have to be worked out between her and her neighbor. Went down to old township facility because it was reported that TSC contractor was digging again and there was no communication between them and the township on this. They asked the wrong entity for permission to dig. They are moving dirt from silt pound (to township property) and replacing it with dirt from township property. Trustees agree that this is ok.

Mr. Dave Yoder presented the Fiscal Officers paperwork, including Cash by Fund Report and checks to be signed by trustees, since she could not attend the meeting tonight. Read a letter from the county commissioners on HB 96 (property tax relief). There will be a

meeting on October 9th at 10:00 AM at the county building on this with county officials. Lead a discussion with other trustees about vacation time for road workers and will discuss further another trustee meeting.

With no further action, Mr. Jack Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Stephen Swank seconded the motion and the motion carried with the meeting ending at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette Depue, **Fiscal Officer**

Dave Yoder, Chair

Stephen Swank, V-Chair

Jack Butler, Trustee