

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
HELD Thursday, September 18, 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, Road Superintendent, Andy Romoser, 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.

Mr. Guy Mack of 2981 Touby Road and Charles Carter of 55 Eller Drive attended the meeting to submit their resumes to serve on the Zoning Board. Both residents are well qualified. Mr. Yoder moved to appoint both gentlemen to the Zoning Board, Mr. Butler seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mr. Hurlow also attended the meeting and presented the Zoning Change/Amendment flow chart according to ORC 519.2 and a copy of the ORC Section 125.182 in regards to Public Notices on the website. It was discussed that it can be posted on website, however, it needs to continue to be posted at the Township and in the local papers. Mr. Whatman presented Resolution #20-25 asking the Board for approval to assemble the Zoning Board Commission and make their recommendations to update the Zoning Resolutions in regards to allow Type A and B Daycares in Residential areas, posting of the Zoning notices for meetings, fencing heights to align with Richland County, and change agricultural to align with the state requirements. Mr. Butler moved to adopt Resolution #20-25, Mr. Yoder seconded, and the motion carried with a majority of ayes from Mr. Butler and Mr. Yoder, however, Mr. Swank nayed the decision. Mr. Whatman presented Resolution #21-25 to Pursue a Civil Action to enforce Township Zoning Regulations pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 519. Mr. Yoder moved to adopt #21-25, Mr. Swank seconded the motion and the Resolution was passed with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Mr. Whatman gave his report updating the permits, received calls, and other concerns. The attached written report will be filed with the minutes. He also added that 507 Garver Road is working with attorneys to get things cleaned up from the fire.

Mr. Romoser provided a report. He submitted a quote from Dinkmar for a new liner, fan, bearings, and shaft for \$4110 in which the Trustees agreed was a fair quote and he should move forward. Mr. Romoser also presented the salt price for FY2026. The ODOT bid is \$57.44/ton. He ordered 1000 tons with options up to 110% of the order at \$63,184. The trustees agreed to move ahead with the order. He reported Soil and Water inspected the job site with no problems reported. The FCC license has been renewed for another 10 years and he is waiting for the license to arrive by mail. He awarded an excavation permit to AEP Ohio for moving a pole at 2730 Lakeside Dr. to the north side of the driveway. He completed the applications with the City of Mansfield/Ohio EPA for a NPDES permit so we can continue to haul our truck bay water from both buildings to the City of Mansfield for treatment. A sample of water has also been sent to Alloway for the semiannual required test. He spoke with Mr. Obringer about the HVAC systems at the fire station. Mr. Obringer stated that Alpine tested all systems and they are within 5% of what the specs indicated in the contract and will not do more without a "Change Order". Mr. Obringer will send that back to the Joe Weithman for review with the Engineers. Studer Obringer will return to paint the Handicap parking spaces and repair all man door seals within the next few weeks. The plumbing has been taken care of, but he is still waiting on the rest of the check list to be completed. Sarvers Paving will be starting at 645 Orchard Drive E., the catch basins have been ordered and should be installed next week. The dead end at Lucas Drive is not eye appealing, Mr. Romoser spoke with Sarver Paving, they agreed, and will be offering free cold patch in exchange for the mess which was left by trying to fix the first mess. There have been no complaints by nearby residents. The salt shed roof started today. Leaf pick-up will be October 20, 2025 – November 26, 2025.

Fiscal Officer, Mrs. Depue updated the Trustees in regards to a delay with Park National and the Cash Summary by Fund report.

Mr. Butler wanted to remind everyone that he is still working on getting quotes for the Terman Road pipe that needs maintenance and/or fixed. He got names of contractors from the County Engineer however, he is having trouble getting quotes and does not want it forgotten in case it does not get taken care of until the following year.

Mr. Swank reported the Walnut Hills Water Board asked to utilize conference room for annual meeting and also that Mansfield Fire Museum ask if they could temporarily store a truck in our former garage. Trustees approved.

Mr. Yoder announced that Mr. Whatman has submitted his resignation as Zoning Inspector, but is willing to help until a replacement is hired.

Mr. Butler moved to go into executive session at 8:50 pm.

Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:08 pm.

Mr. Yoder stated he received a complaint of noise on Mansfield Washington and noise ordinances are not regulated by the township.

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 9:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANNETTE DEPUE, FISCAL OFFICER

DAVID YODER, CHAIR

STEVE SWANK, V-CHAIR

JACK BUTLER, TRUSTEE
