

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
HELD Thursday, September 4, 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.

Resident Terry Baker of 1344 Eisenhower attended to follow-up on the complaint made on August 7, 2025 about the chicken & junk issues at his neighbor's residence at 2764 Lakeside Drive. Mr. Whatman is still diligently working on the issue and will file a resolution to pursue further actions if they don't comply. Dan Williams of 2735 Hillcrest came to discuss and follow-up on junk at Jason Miller's residence, 2803 Hillcrest. Mr. Whatman has spoken with him and he is making effort to get it cleaned up, however, Mr. Whatman will be following up. Mr. Williams also inquired about overgrown lot at 1397 Eisenhower and Mr. Morganstern's property. Mr. Williams asked the Trustees if they support the Richland County Solar Policy that is going to ballot in November. Washington Township has their own policy already in place. Resident Martha Urig, 2628 Middle-Bellville Rd, attended the meeting to follow-up that her private lane shared by 6 homes become a road so that it can be maintained by the township. Mr. Butler inquired & provided her with all of the information to start the process. It would be up to the residents to take care of the costs. Resident/Volunteer Fire Fighter Ryan Ryder, 3475 Middle-Bellville Rd. attended to discuss the safety issues that are occurring with Semi-Trucks using Middle-Bellville Road. It is not wide enough and wires have been ripped down. He requested a "no thru truck" sign. Mr. Romoser explained it unfortunately cannot be enforced unless there is weight overage. Mr. Butler recommended contacting the State of Ohio to see if there is something more that can be done. Mr. Morganstern pointed out that he has owned his lot for 30 years. He originally cleared the lot of brush & trees, therefore he does not understand why grass is an issue.

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

Mr. Romoser provided the necessary information for the Culligan Water Filter purchase. The back flow has been rebuilt twice due to the residue and the filters will most likely remedy the issue. Mr. Butler moved to purchase the filters, Mr. Swank seconded, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mr. Romoser also presented the bid to fix the water issues at 721 & 729 Vicksburg, 653 Morrison, & 774 Walnut. It will cost \$27,736. It is an issue that needs to be remedied by the township. Mr. Butler would like to move forward with the project but still wants to consult Adam Gove about the overall Stormwater issues within the Township and Richland County. Mr. Yoder moved to fix the current issues and accept the bid, Mr. Butler seconded, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mr. Romoser reported that we received a letter from Mansfield City in regards to waste water treatment. Paperwork has been requested to ensure we are following all proper procedures, etc. Mr. Romoser is taking care of it.

Fiscal Officer, Mrs. Depue presented Resolution #17-25 to Adopt the First Amendment to Washington Township's Appropriations for 2025. Mr. Butler moved to approve, Mr. Swank seconded, and the Resolution passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mrs. Depue presented Resolution #18-25 Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission & Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies & Certifying them with the County Auditor. Mr. Butler moved to adopt, Mr. Yoder seconded, and the Resolution passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mrs. Depue presented Resolution #19-25 Recognizing Stormwater Awareness Week October 1-7 2025. Mr. Swank moved to adopt, Mr. Yoder seconded, and the Resolution was adopted with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mrs. Depue distributed documents explaining a new opportunity with Park National and the Cash Summary by Fund report.

Mr. Butler reported that Bob Simmering at 2025 Ranchwood called about 2 dead raccoons and he referred him to the Health Department. Mr. Butler suggested planting Arbovitae along the new salt shed when it is finished to improve curb appeal.

Mr. Swank attended the RTA picnic. Solar, wind, and property tax changes were discussed. He also reported the price of salt is going up. Mr. Swank announced the Pancake Breakfast is October 4 from 7:00 am-11:00 am.

Mr. Yoder acknowledged the tree removal at Taylor Road and Washington North.

Mr. Butler moved to go into executive session at 9:00 pm.

Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:20 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 9:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANNETTE DEPUE, FISCAL OFFICER

DAVID YODER, CHAIR

STEVE SWANK, V-CHAIR

JACK BUTLER, TRUSTEE
