

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING HELD

Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 7:30 pm

Meeting was called to order by Mr. John K. Hurlow. All members were present except Mr. Stephen Swank. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Annette Depue, Road Superintendent, Andy Romoser, Chief Compton, and Zoning Inspector, Brett Pauley. Mr. Yoder made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes, pay the bills, approve Purchase Orders, & approve reallocations as presented, Mr. Hurlow seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ryan Santa Maria from Land & Liberty Coalition attended to offer a seminar to Washington Township residents on energy issues, data centers, etc. that are affecting energy costs and demand.

Mr. Brett Pauley presented his zoning report which will be filed with the minutes.

Chief Compton reported that Engine #133's electrical issues have been repaired. The Fire Fighters Grant is set to open this month and the chief will be applying for funds to purchase breathing apparatus. He applied last year and did not receive the grant. He is requesting \$340,000 for the equipment and will keep the Trustees posted on progress. The Ohio Department of National Resources is offering a grant as well. The Chief applied for \$21,317.38 to purchase 7 Marc's Radios. We received \$10,000. Mr. Hurlow made a motion to purchase the radios and accept the \$10,000 grant, Mr. Yoder seconded the motion and the motion passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. The Chief presented a report of local pay rates and requested a raise for his employees. After consideration, Mr. Hurlow moved to approve the raises effective the next payroll period (Feb. 1, 2026), Mr. Yoder seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mr. Swank was not present, however, he would be abstaining from voting on this issue.

Mr. Romoser, Road Superintendent reminded everyone of the bid for the Tar and Chip project will be on February 19, 2026. Bids must be turned in by 6:45 pm and the opening will be at 7:00 pm. Mr. Romoser ordered more salt and we are at 100%. Troy Township contacted Mr. Romoser to ask for the roof of the old salt shed if we are not repurposing. The Trustees want to verify the purchase contract for the property to ensure there are no stipulations. Mr. Yoder will contact the buyer and will follow up.

Fiscal Officer, Annette Depue presented Resolution 6-26 passing the Permanent Appropriation Budget. After reviewing, Mr. Hurlow moved to pass the forgoing Resolution, Mr. Yoder seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mrs. Depue presented the form to be completed and signed to verify Washington Townships mileage. Mr. Hurlow and Mr. Yoder verified and signed. Mrs. Depue asked to set a date for a representative from BWC to make a visit, since the current scheduled date has conflicts, it will be determined by the next meeting. Mrs. Depue distributed the cash summary by fund report.

Mr. Hurlow shared a letter from Mansfield City in regards to a notifying an adjacent property owner per ORD 1159.05. It will be filed with the minutes.

After no further business, Mr. Hurlow made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Yoder seconded the motion, and the motion carried with the meeting ending at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANNETTE DEPUE, FISCAL OFFICER

STEPHEN SWANK, CHAIR (Absent)

JOHN K. HURLLOW, V-CHAIR

DAVID YODER, TRUSTEE