

Washington Township Trustee Regular Meeting  
HELD Thursday April 2, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Stephen Swank. All Trustees were present for the meeting.

Also present were:

Eric Byus, Asst. Road Superintendent  
David Compton, Fire Chief

Absent were:

Annette Depue, Fiscal Officer  
Andy Romoser, Road Superintendent  
Brett Pauley, Zoning Inspector

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. John Hurlow 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.

Mr. Swank opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Jason Ink, 1171 East Hanley Road addressed the board on his property at said address about the township cleaning up the property and billing him for the cleanup. He stated he would not allow the cleanup or pay for it. Mr. Ink presented paper work and documentation that the property has been designated a national wildlife habitat. A discussion followed about the property and the house on the property. Mr. Ink stated that some repairs are needed to the house from passed storms and is working with insurance company to make repairs and sell the property in the next ninety days. He is not presently living at the house and there is no electric to the house.

Mr. Hurlow presented the report from zoning office tonight since Mr. Brett Pauley could not attend meeting. Report will be filed with the minutes.

Chief Dave Compton reported that EMS-131 is still waiting to go in for engine replacement. No time line has been given when it will go in for the engine replacement by truck Service Company. Chief Compton gave a report on Lexipol program. The first thing that will be done is a policy manual that will take approximately six months and then a procedure manual will follow.

Mr. Byus (Road Department) reported that the road department has been cleaning up down trees and chipping brush from the wind storm. They also have been cleaning debris from the culverts around the township. They also have been working on getting the plow trucks and equipment cleaned up for the spring/summer season for road work and repairs. Mr. Swank was contacted by a Troy Township Trustee about some trees down on Kings Corners Road that could pose a safety problem. Mr. Byus was aware of the trees and they can't do anything about them, because they are not in the right of way. Road crew did take a tree down on Kochheiser road that was in the right of way.

Mr. Swank 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.

Mr. Hurlow reported that he received a call about flooding problems on Cloverdale Drive and at 2943 Touby Road (water backing up in basement). The flooding on Cloverdale Drive is a creek approximately 150 feet back from the road way and the property owner may need to correct. The flooding problem on Touby Road is from the home owner connecting their sump pump line to the catch basin and is too low to drain letting water back up the line. Problem could be solved by owner putting back flow valve in place on sump pump line. The road crew is aware of both flooding problems.

Mr. Dave Yoder reported that he talked to Mr Keith Kisling about farming the township property this year. He would like to drop the price down from \$200.00 per acre to \$150.00 per acre. After a short discussion, Mr. Swank suggested that we meet him half way at \$175.00 per acre. Mr. Swank made a motion with an offer of \$175.00 per acre to Mr. Keith Kisling. Mr. Hurlow seconded the motion. The motion passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mr. Yoder will contact Mr. Kisling. Mr. Yoder also brought up about Joselyn Road cracking and busting up. Mr. Byus said it is on the radar to make repairs this summer.

Mr. Stephen Swank reported that he has not got a call back from Net2 about the web site and being ADA compliant. He will give them a call back before the next meeting. He also went to the township health department meeting tonight before the trustees meeting. HB 692 has been introduced on septic systems and are trying to get all eighty eight counties on the same page when it comes to septic systems. He also reported that the OTA has relieved the current director from employment and has put a temporary director in place until a new director is hired.

Mr. Stephen Swank made a motion to go into executive session to discuss pending property sale per ORC 121.22 (G) (2). Mr. Dave Yoder seconded the motion to go into executive session. Roll call vote:

Mr. Hurlow – Yes  
Mr. Yoder – Yes  
Mr. Swank – Yes

Township Trustees in executive session at 8:26 PM.

Township Trustees back in regular session at 8:40 PM

With no further action from executive session or any further township business, Mr. John Hurlow made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dave Yoder seconded the motion and the motion carried with the meeting ending at 9:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Annette DePue, **Fiscal Officer**

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Stephen Swank, Chair

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John Hurlow, V-Chair

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Dave Yoder, Trustee