

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES RESCHEDULED/SPECIAL MEETING HELD

Monday, March 23, 2026 at 10:00 am

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Steve Swank. All members were present except Dave Yoder. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Annette Depue, Road Superintendent, Andy Romoser and Zoning Inspector, Brett Pauley. Mr. Hurlow 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. Steve Swank opened the floor to the public. There was one resident present to observe and Mr. Stephen King from Trebel, the township's aggregate representative. Mr. King attended to review 2025 energy statistics and to present the new aggregate contract. He stated the Township and our residents saved \$48,559 on their electric and on natural gas he could not give a cumulative number but quoted \$3,077. Last year our contract guaranteed a 2% savings, however, this year with international issues he is working on trying to lock in a fixed rate. For years 2 & 3, it is still being evaluated and waiting on the capacity rate. Rates are expected to elevate through the decade due to demand hence data centers, lower coal/fossil fuel production etc. Mr. Hurlow moved to accept and sign the contract with Trebel as the Township's Aggregate, Mr. Swank seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mr. King also requested to have the authority to lock in a rate on behalf of the township with a 24 hour cancellation period. He would email the Trustees verifying his decision and the Township has 24 hours to approve or disapprove. Mr. Hurlow moved to give Mr. King the authority, Mr. Swank seconded, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of all ayes.

At 10:26, Mr. Swank moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of the former Fire Station. Mr. Hurlow seconded and Executive Session began.

At 10:53, the regular meeting reconvened.

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

In the absence of Chief Compton, Fiscal Officer Depue presented Resolution #7-26 Adopting Fire Code 2025. Mr. Swank made a motion to adopt Resolution #7-26, Mr. Hurlow seconded, and a roll call vote of ayes passed the Resolution.

Mr. Romoser, Road Superintendent reported there were issues with the Septic system that needed repairs. He recommended that in the future we purchase a preventative maintenance plan with Mack Industries that would be more economical than fixing these preventative issues. The plan's cost is \$420/year. Mr. Hurlow moved to sign the agreement and purchase the plan, Mr. Swank seconded, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. As appropriated for this year, Mr. Romoser brought the quote from Pavement Technologies for the Rejuvenation Program. It will take 104,622 square yards of asphalt at a cost of \$130,777. Mr. Swank made a motion to move forward, Mr. Hurlow seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Fiscal Officer, Annette Depue asked if the Trustees decided on the letter/Press Release explaining how the new tax proposals are going to affect the libraries and townships. It was decided that a copy is available for anyone interested, to pick up at the Township. Mrs. Depue distributed the cash summary by fund report.

Mr. Swank received more calls about TC Energy clearing trees for lines. They are within their 25' right of way easement. He attended the meeting in regards to the solar energy that is up for debate.

After no further business, Mr. Swank made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Hurlow seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes and the meeting ended at 11:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANNETTE DEPUE, FISCAL OFFICER

STEPHEN SWANK, CHAIR

JOHN K. HURLLOW, V-CHAIR

DAVID YODER, TRUSTEE (not present)