

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING HELD

Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 7:30 pm

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Steve Swank. All members were present. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Annette Depue, Road Superintendent, Andy Romoser, Chief Compton, and Zoning Inspector, Brett Pauley. Mr. Swank 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.

Mr. Steve Swank opened the floor to the public. Mr. Brian Burton, Greg Cole, & Steve Durbin all residents on Vanderbilt Road came to express concern for a large hole on Vanderbilt. They stated the hole is 22x35 and that it is a hazard. It cannot sustain the water and gets washed out with heavy rains, therefore continuing to cave. They are asking for a culvert to be placed to remedy the issue. The residents stated that they have been told that this would be remedied numerous times, but nothing has come to fruition. Mr. Romoser stated that it is on the list, however, time, costs, and other priorities have delayed this particular project and it is up to the trustees to determine when it should be done. The Trustees agreed that it needs to be reevaluated to see if something can be done soon.

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

Chief Compton reported that the Fire Department was awarded \$10,000 in grant money from ODNR to use towards the Marcs Radios. He asked the Trustees to sign the required paperwork to accept. The Chief reported that he purchased the required and needed filters for the Air Vac System and they will soon be replaced. There are 2 new firefighters, therefore requesting to purchase new gear at a cost of \$8,800. Mr. Hurlow made a motion to purchase the necessary gear, Mr. Swank seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. The Chief also reported there has been a total of 385 calls year to date up from 311 at this time in 2025.

Mr. Romoser, Road Superintendent reported he needs to order a new hydraulic tank for the Boom Mower. It will cost \$3,016.58 plus shipping. Mr. Hurlow made a motion to purchase the tank, Mr. Yoder seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mr. Romoser also presented the Contract to Order Salt. Mr. Swank made a motion to commit to buy 1,100 ton, Mr. Hurlow seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mr. Romoser purchased new tires with rims for the Gradall at \$490/piece. Mr. Eugen Herman of Vanderbilt Rd stopped in to request help with the trees that are not a menace and we cannot make them a priority at this point. Mr. Romoser reported that he received 26 calls about water issues. Roads are washed out everywhere. The asphalt millings did not sell on gov.deals. It is necessary to get it removed so they are tabling the issue to try to figure out some alternative methods.

Fiscal Officer, Annette Depue distributed the cash summary by fund report.

Mr. Yoder reported that he met with Mr. Keisling in regards to the leasing of the farm land. He will be meeting with him to sign a 3 year lease.

Mr. Swank has addressed the drilling issue with ODNR Gas & Oil Inspector, there is nothing that can be done in regards to the drilling 24 hours, 7 days a week. He also attended the EMA meeting in regards to the Mitigation Plan.

At 8:45 pm, Mr. Swank made a motion to go in to Executive Session to discuss the sale of the property on Possum Run Road. Mr. Hurlow seconded and the Executive Session began.

Regular session reconvened at 9:10pm.

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 9:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANNETTE DEPUE, FISCAL OFFICER

STEPHEN SWANK, CHAIR

JOHN K. HURLLOW, V-CHAIR

DAVID YODER, TRUSTEE