

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING HELD

Thursday, June 4, 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 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. Yoder seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Hurlow commended Mr. Pauley on a job well done and how smoothly things have been going. The zoning report will be filed with the minutes.

Ryan Eichar, 3940 Anderson Road, asked if there is a way for his parents to be buried on the family property. Mr. Hurlow explained that it is feasible to get permission through the Zoning Board of Appeals. There is a series of steps that the Board can explain in order to get permission.

Mr. Swank reported in the Chief's absence. The Chief reviewed a notice from ODOT in regards to a detour due to SR42 & Hanley Road signal replacement. He expressed his concerns, however, they are not changing the route. He is not aware of the official start date for the 5-day project. The SCBA cascade system was repaired this week, the fill regulator had to be rebuilt. There has been an increase in open burning within the township along with residents opposing our enforcement of the laws and regulations. The residents have been advised of the EPA regulations and how to contact the EPA office and voice their complaints to them as well. The resident at 1955 US 42 S. is one in particular that has consistently violated the code and has not been cooperative.

Mr. Romoser, Road Superintendent presented the offer from Brenstuhl Construction to buy the asphalt millings for \$1/ton. Mr. Hurlow made a motion to sell them for \$1/ton to Brenstuhl Construction, Mr. Swank seconded, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mr. Romoser presented a quote from Brenstuhl for the remainder of the concrete work including parking lot, drive, and sidewalk. The estimate is \$78,767.50 which is \$800.50 below the formal competitive bidding threshold for Ohio public entities under Ohio Revised Code Section 9.17. Mr. Hurlow made a motion to accept the bid for \$78,767.50, Mr. Swank seconded the motion and the motion passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. Ohio Township Sign Grant is \$30,250.71 covering 220 signs along with the necessary posts and hardware. Priorities for this project include the intersection of Vanderbilt & Mid-Bellville Roads due to a fatal crash a couple of years ago, installing "Stop Ahead" signs for intersections outside of allotments, and replacing damaged or faded signage. The asphalt spraying (Reclimate) for the past two years of paving is complete. Truck 3 is currently at OTC for repairs - it will not restart after being shut off. Street name signs from Kleem Inc. will cost \$9,3330.34, this also includes 5 extra brackets for mounting when and if they get damaged. Mr. Swank made a motion to purchase the street name signs, Mr. Yoder seconded, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. The CO/NO2 gas sensors are not working in the Road Department. Mr. Romoser contacted Alpine and the 2-year warranty just ended therefore it will cost \$3,443.20 to replace. Mr. Romoser is looking into alternatives. The ODOT salt bid may have an issue due to the lack of application from municipalities, they have extended the deadline and will be notifying everyone.

Fiscal Officer, Mrs. Depue reported that the Ohio Health Contract has been renewed for medical supplies and she distributed the cash summary by fund report.

Mr. Yoder received a complaint from Cheryl Schivinski at 515 Hanley Road. There are damaged signs in her yard that need to be removed or repaired. She also asked about the 35 mph sign on one side of the road and 45 mph sign across the road going the opposite direction. The speed limits are set by the county and township has no control.

Mr. Hurlow took calls about the rejuvenation project and answered questions.

Mr. Swank reported that he ordered a dumpster for the former fire station and he and several firefighters have substantially cleaned out. Mr. Swank wanted to publicly thank everyone who volunteered to help clean out.

Mr. Swank moved to go into executive session to discuss the purchase of real estate at 8:55 pm.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:16 pm.

After no further business, Mr. Swank made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Yoder seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes and the meeting ended at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANNETTE DEPUE, FISCAL OFFICER

STEPHEN SWANK, CHAIR

JOHN K. HURLLOW, V-CHAIR

DAVID YODER, TRUSTEE