

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING HELD

Thursday, June 18, 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. 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. Pauley presented the zoning report which will be filed with the minutes. Mr. Pauley also asked permission to restart the process with the mowing issue at Mr. Ink's residence at 1171 Hanley Road since it began when Mr. Boggs was zoning inspector through Mr. Whatman and now Mr. Pauley. The trustees agreed the process should be restarted. There have been complaints in regards to lack of mowing on Galaxy Drive and a letter has been sent to the owner. Mr. Yoder received a complaint in regards to an enormous amount of cats at 964 Taylor Road that are a menace to the neighbor's property. Zoning will check to see if there is an ORC law that allows township to take action. He also received a complaint from a resident that 934 Taylor also has chickens that are not being controlled.

Mr. Swank reported in the Chief's absence. The Chief submitted a report by email to the trustees. The following items were included: Assistance to Firefighters Grant completed and submitted on June 17th. The request was to replace all SCBA for \$335,779. If we are awarded the grant, the township share would be approximately \$16,000. The Township Cyber Policy was integrated into Lexipol and sent to all members of the department last week. He has been working with the fire inspectors on various items including a pre-inspection letter and checklist for businesses to review prior to the official inspection. Firefighter/Inspector Deborah Mount has taken the lead in getting an inspection process going. All 4 Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2) monitors in the apparatus bays have reached their end of life, which is 2 years. These sensors monitor the NO2 levels from the exhaust of the newer diesel engines in our apparatus. He has contacted Alpine Heating for replacements. The total cost will be around \$3,300. We are at 582 calls to date compared to 494 last year for the same time period.

Mr. Romoser, Road Superintendent reported the patching is 97% complete in preparation for the tar and chip project that is supposed to begin Monday, June 22, 2026, weather permitting. Approximately 50% of the mowing is complete in spite of weather and other priorities. The lawn at 222 Vanderbilt has suffered due to time constraints. Mr. Romoser looked into the cost of treating the excessive clover and it will cost the township approximately \$1,000. The culvert at Garver and Possum Run Road failed and has created a large hole. The Road department placed a steal plate to cover it until it can be fixed. The issues on Hathaway, Norris, and Trease need to be a priority.

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

Mr. Hurlow and Mr. Yoder had nothing new to report.

Mr. Swank reported that he is still working on cleaning out the former fire station and he will be taking the outdated computer equipment for disposal. Mr. Swank went to Wade Gardens and looked at the recommended trees for the 222 Vanderbilt landscaping. It will cost \$289/tree and a planting fee of \$150/each. Mr. Hurlow made a motion to purchase the trees for the 222 Vanderbilt landscaping at an approximate total cost of \$4,000, Mr. Swank seconded, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Mr. Swank moved to go into executive session to discuss the purchase of real estate at 8:26 pm.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:53 pm.

After no further business, Mr. Hurlow 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 8:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANNETTE DEPUE, FISCAL OFFICER

STEPHEN SWANK, CHAIR

JOHN K. HURLLOW, V-CHAIR

DAVID YODER, TRUSTEE