

Washington Township Trustee Regular Meeting
HELD Thursday July 16, 2026 at 7:30 PM

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

Also present were:

Andy Romoser, Road Superintendent
Brett Pauley, Zoning Inspector
David Compton, Fire Chief

Absent were:

Annette Depue, Fiscal Officer

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Stephen Swank made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and to pay the bills, approve Purchase Orders and approve reallocations as presented. Mr. Dave Yoder seconded the motion. The motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Mr. Swank opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were made from the audience.

Mr. Brett Pauley presented the report from zoning office. Trustees asked questions and discussed zoning permits and several nuisance complaints on the list. Report will be filed with the minutes.

Chief Dave Compton reported that Hanley Road West and Route 42 South (intersection) will be closed on July 27, 2026 for approximately thirty days for a culvert replacement. Mr. Adam Gove (County Engineer) opposed closing and requested it not be closed until Lexington Springmill Road is reopened. ODOT responded that they are going to continue with the project at this time. Chief Compton stated it will greatly impact our response to that area (district) and that Troy Township has agreed on automatic aid for fire and EMS until the project is completed. Springfield Township Fire Department has also agreed to respond to that area on automatic aid.

Chief Compton also requested approval to buy four new computers for the fire department. Two of the computers will go in the dispatch room and the other two will go into the officers' area. The ones we have in these areas now are old and outdated. They will be Dell computers and bought through a state term schedule. Total cost for the four computers will be \$4,583.64 and once they are received, they will be installed by our IT provider (Net2). The expenditure has been cleared through the fiscal officer. Mr. Hurlow made a motion to purchase the four computers at said price. Mr. Swank seconded the motion. The motion passed with all ayes.

Chief Compton reported that we are switching back to Schmidt Security for fire alarm system monitoring and service for both the fire and road department buildings. They can also do back flow servicing and maintenance.

Mr. Andy Romoser (Road Department) reported that the road department has been catching up on road side mowing and they are finishing up on patching. They have spent a lot on patching materials this year.

Mr. Romoser also that he has been in contact with a company about an electronic sign for out front. The sign would cost between \$25,000 to \$44,000 depending on size. The sign would have a fee of between \$510 - \$745 per month. We would get a new sign every seven years. The road department and fire department would pay for half of the sign cost from their budgets.

Mr. Romoser is working on this year's budget and next years to save enough money to build a cold storage building to house all the equipment being stored at the old road department and A-frame building. He is hoping it will meet what he can budget.

Mr. Stephen 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. John Hurlow reported that he talked to Attorney Studenmund about the township accepting donation. Mr. Studenmund said in his correspondence can be accepted for any township permitted use under ORC 505.10. May need policy to accept donation. See attached correspondence (Email).

Mr. Dave Yoder reported that he talked to Mr. Jack Butler about storing the Matthew 25 food truck at the old fire station. Trustees see no problem with this until property is sold. Mr. Yoder will get back with Mr. Butler. Mr. Yoder has a young lady interested in getting into the medical field and asked Chief Compton for his advice. Chief Compton suggested talking to the on duty crew, Central Ohio EMS training or just go on Google and look up information.

Mr. Stephen Swank reported that he got a call from a resident that is having a dispute with a neighbor over an established easement between their properties. Mr. Romoser will get Mr. Swank the map and information to pass on to the resident.

With no further action from executive session or any further township business, Mr. John Hurlow made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Stephen Swank seconded the motion and the motion carried with the meeting ending at

8:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette Depue, **Fiscal Officer**

Stephen Swank, Chair

John Hurlow, V-Chair

Dave Yoder, Trustee