

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING HELD

Thursday, August 6, 2026 at 7:30 pm

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Steve Swank. All members were present except Trustee Yoder. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Annette Depue, Zoning Inspector, Brett Pauley, Road Superintendent, Andy Romoser, and Fire Chief Compton. 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. Swank introduced the staff to the attendees and asked the public audience to express any concerns. Dave and Michelle Anderson of 1107 Belmar Drive expressed concern for growing holes at the end of Belmar that have been rapidly increasing in size. They brought photos of their concerns and asked the Township to address the issue. Mr. Romoser and the Trustees agreed that it should be investigated. If it is a township responsibility, they will address the problem, however, until it is determined that it is not a private resident issue such as a broken septic line or tile, the township does not have the authority to fix. Taxpayer funds cannot be used to fix issues on private property.

Mr. Pauley presented the zoning report which will be filed with the minutes.

The Chief reported that all of the computers have been replaced and updated. The old ones will be safely secured and recycled. Chief requested a quote for the alarm system for both buildings from Schmidt Security. It is a 36-month contract with a competitive price and a history of quality service. He has not been happy with our most recent vendor. Mr. Swank moved to cancel the current provider and sign a new contract with Schmidt Security, Mr. Hurlow seconded, and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes. Chief Compton requested that the malfunctioning smoke detectors be replaced by heat detectors in the repair shop in the garage which has caused several false alarms. It was quoted \$1,250.94. Mr. Hurlow moved to replace the detectors, Mr. Swank seconded, and the motion carried with a roll call votes of all ayes. The Chief reported that 2 of the 7 air conditioning units are broken. Unit 1 which controls the temperature in the medical supplies and unit 6 in the fitness area. It will cost \$2700 and \$4,435 respectively to repair. Mr. Swank made a motion to repair, Mr. Hurlow seconded, and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes. The door to the Gear Room/Tornado Shelter is broken as well as the urinal in the De-con Bathroom was installed crooked and has gotten worse. Chief contacted Studer/Obringer who was in charge of the project, and they will repair at a cost because it is out of warranty. The annual pump test is complete and passed for another year. There have been 751 calls year to date, up 75 calls from 2025.

Mr. Romoser, Road Superintendent reported his response to a public request and it was forwarded to the fiscal officer. A third bid went out for the salt contract and this time it is set. New bid is \$100/ton which increases our cost to \$130,000 instead of \$75,000. It will be delivered to Kocheiser Road and will have to be picked up. Madison Township is picking up 10 truck loads of millings on Monday, August 10th. Pro-Turf provided a quote to treat the Township lawn for clover and miscellaneous pests. The trustees tabled the decision to move forward until they had more time to review. Mrs. Lois Ridgeway called to complain of the road closure at Hanley and SR42, however, ODOT is in charge of the road closure.

Fiscal Officer, Mrs. Depue provided the Pre-Buy quotes for 2027 propane purchases for the Fire Station and Garage. Mr. Hurlow moved to Pre-Buy the equivalent number of gallons as used this year, Mr. Yoder seconded, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mrs. Depue shared the date of the RTA picnic. Mrs. Depue distributed the cash summary by fund report.

Mr. Hurlow asked about the process of changing a speed limit. Mr. Romoser was able to explain that there are numerous steps beginning with the Trustees to Regional Planning and then ODOT.

Mr. Swank asked about Chief's plan on replacing apparatus and replacement of officers. Chief is working on the both and budget constraints will dictate purchases. Mr. Swank made a motion to release the \$25,000 earnest money to Visconsi for the development of the 2480 Possum Run Road project recission, Mr. Hurlow seconded, and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Resident and Firefighter, John Hill, 175 Alexander Road, attended the meeting and graciously thanked Mr. Andy Romoser for all of his 33 years of devoted service to the Fire Department. He congratulated him on his retirement and wished him the absolute best.

Chief Compton presented Mr. Romoser with a Proclamation of His 33 Years of service signed by the Trustees. Mr. Hurlow moved to accept the Proclamation, Mr. Swank seconded, and it passed with a roll call vote of all ayes.

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 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANNETTE DEPUE, FISCAL OFFICER

STEPHEN SWANK, CHAIR

JOHN K. HURLLOW, V-CHAIR

DAVID YODER, TRUSTEE