

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING HELD

Thursday, July 2, 2026 at 7:30 pm

Fiscal Officer, Annette Depue held a Budget Hearing at 7:15 pm for 2027. No one from the public attended. Trustees attended and reviewed.

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Steve Swank. All members were present. Also present were Fiscal Officer, Annette Depue 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. Pauley presented the zoning report which will be filed with the minutes. A zoning permit was awarded for 1,575 SF home at 1710 Woodville Road, several zoning questions were taken care of, an address was issued at 1664 Mansfield-Lucas Road, and several nuisances and complaints were received, investigated, and followed-up on.

Mr. Swank reported in the Chief's absence. The Chief submitted a report by email to the trustees. The following items were included: Our 2 year contract with Cline Fire is up and needs to be evaluated. One of the backflow preventers stuck open on the well line and had to be repaired. The pump was pulled and both backflow preventers were replaced. A limited fire inspection of Spruce Hill was conducted and several issues were found. The main violation is the fire alarm system not functioning at all. They have been given 30 days to rectify the issue and we will be back to re-inspect. We are at over 600 calls to date with 104 mutual aid and we have requested 64 mutual aid calls.

In the absence of Mr. Romoser, Road Superintendent, Mr. Swank reported all of the mowing is complete.

Fiscal Officer, Mrs. Depue presented Resolution 11-26 to Adopt the 1st Amended Certificate for 2026. Mr. Hurlow moved to adopt, Mr. Yoder seconded, and the Resolution was adopted with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mr. Swank made a motion to pass the 2027 Proposed Budget, Mr. Hurlow seconded, and the Budget was approved with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mrs. Depue distributed the cash summary by fund report.

Mr. Hurlow reported that he received 2 more calls in regards to the gas company clearing trees in the Ranchwood area. He also received a call regarding the progress in clean up at the Procker's Farm fire. It is a process and insurance is causing delays. They are doing their best.

Mr. Yoder received a complaint about 1484 Gary Drive's overgrown grass. Mr. Pauley will investigate.

Mr. Swank reported that he is still working on cleaning out the former fire station. Mr. Swank attended the Ohio Agricultural & Rural Communities Action Plan meeting. He shared the literature with the board and a copy will be with the minutes. Mr. Swank had a resident ask about a donation for the beautification of the Complex. Mr. Hurlow will speak with our attorney to verify the rules and proper procedures.

After no further business, Mr. Hurlow made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Swank seconded the motion, and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes and the meeting ended at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANNETTE DEPUE, FISCAL OFFICER

STEPHEN SWANK, CHAIR

JOHN K. HURLLOW, V-CHAIR

DAVID YODER, TRUSTEE