

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING HELD

Thursday, August 20, 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, and Road Superintendent, Andy Romoser. 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's report was distributed in his absence, which will be filed with the minutes. Mr. Hurlow reported in addition to the report, 2 solar permits were awarded to Ray Parker of Pleasant Valley Road and Sheila Tupps at 795 W. Hanley. He also stated that 3522 German Church Road will be an AirBNB.

In the absence of the Chief, the Fire Department report for August 20, 2026 was also distributed and reviewed. HVAC repairs still in process. All units will have the condensation filter media changed out also. That is a consumable item that apparently contributed to the 2 units that broke. Studer-Obringer repaired the gear room/tornado shelter door and straightened the flush valve on the urinal. The fire alarm monitoring contract with Cline Fire was for 36 months, with the first 24 months included with the building construction. Mr. Butler signed the agreement in April of 2023. However, the contract states that the 36-month period starts with the date of system activation, which was May of 2024. We are obligated to pay the \$1320 amount, which covers the last 12 months, thru April of 2027. Brian Schmidt agreed to hold off on the monitoring contract that was signed at the last meeting until we were able to confirm the length of the contract with Cline Fire. Schmidt Security has offered to issue a \$1320 credit to effectively "buy out" our current contract with Cline Fire. With the board's approval, I will contact him and tell him to proceed with getting our alarm monitoring switched over to Schmidt Security. Mr. Swank moved to approve the transition, Mr. Yoder seconded, and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mr. Romoser presented the estimates from Cummins for maintenance of both generators. We had 2 years of coverage that was included in the installation. It will cost annually \$1,100.33 for the Fire Department and \$889.82 for the Road. Mr. Hurlow made a motion to sign a 5-year contract in order to lock in the annual rate, Mr. Swank seconded, and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes. The software for the Knox Key Secure systems in the engines is no longer supported. These units are 15+ years old and will need to be replaced. I have requested a quote from the Knox Company on replacement cost. The last unit I purchased was approx. \$1000 in 2024. Total calls to date: 786 compared to 697 last year.

Mr. Romoser, Road Superintendent reported an alternative recommendation for the lawn maintenance that is relatively lower than the last quote. Mr. Dean Daugherty is licensed to purchase and apply chemicals. He is willing to apply the necessary weed killer and fertilizer to maintain the lawn, therefore reducing maintenance for the road department at \$600 an application. Mr. Yoder made a motion to contract Mr. Daugherty, Mr. Hurlow seconded, and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mr. Romoser reported the starter was replaced on the Gradall and all is good. The mowers have had no issues unlike last year.

Fiscal Officer, Mrs. Depue presented a quote from Net2 Services to redesign our Website, making the back end more user friendly, and also ADA compliant. The total cost is \$400. Mr. Swank made a motion to move forward with the change, Mr. Yoder seconded, and the motion passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mrs. Depue distributed the cash summary by fund report.

Mr. Yoder reported that he contacted a prospective buyer for the former Fire Station and hasn't heard back yet. He has also contacted a commercial Realtor/Developer.

Mr. Swank reported that he looked into the agricultural land that is owned by the township and there are no changes to report, we will opt out.

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 8:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANNETTE DEPUE, FISCAL OFFICER

STEPHEN SWANK, CHAIR

JOHN K. HURLLOW, V-CHAIR

DAVID YODER, TRUSTEE