

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING HELD

Thursday, September 3, 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, Chief Compton, 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. Yoder seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of all ayes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited..

Mr. Pauley presented his report. Mr. Hurlow indicated there should be a consideration to track AirBNB type businesses. There are more entering the market and collecting a bed tax should be discussed. It is something the Convention and Visitors Bureau is considering as well. Mr. Pauley reported that paperwork was received from the owner of Haywood Drive requesting he be grandfathered into the development. It has been forwarded to the attorney.

The Chief reported that Schmidt Security will be installing the new alarm systems September 8, 2026 and that all of the waterproof covers have been installed. ESO, our current reporting system, has a software that has the ability to assist the inspectors and keep precise records. It is a \$414 annual fee that is well worth the investment. The Trustees agreed. Nearly all of the annual testing has been completed. Chief Compton reported there are 821 calls so far for 2026 up from 744 calls in 2025.

Mr. Romoser, Road Superintendent reported that the Gradall had to be towed in on Monday, the 31st. It was taken to OTC where a new fly wheel needs installed and some additional repairs which leaves the cost undeterminable at this point. It is a 1995 and on average they need replace about every 20 years or so. The sign grant paperwork has been filled out and processed, therefore the signs should be arriving soon. The phone system has had issues that are still being figured out. Mr. Romoser also wanted to publicly thank Mr. Daugherty for his time and money spent to donate to the township for the lawn. He has been a tremendous help!

Fiscal Officer, Mrs. Depue presented Resolution #12-2026 Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies & Certifying Them to the County Auditor. Mr. Hurlow moved to adopt the Resolution, Mr. Swank seconded, and the Resolution passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. Mrs. Depue also presented Resolution #13-2026 Recognizing Stormwater Waste Week, Mr. Swank moved to pass the Resolution, Mr. Hurlow seconded, and the Resolution passed with a roll call vote of all ayes. The new website was reviewed and the recommended changes were submitted to Mrs. Depue to send to the designer. Mrs. Depue distributed the cash summary by fund report.

Mr. Yoder had nothing new to report.

Mr. Hurlow reported that he contacted our attorney in regard to Spruce Hill.

Mr. Swank reported he attended the Regional Planning Meeting and there is nothing new to report.

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 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

ANNETTE DEPUE, FISCAL OFFICER

STEPHEN SWANK, CHAIR

JOHN K. HURLLOW, V-CHAIR

DAVID YODER, TRUSTEE