

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

July 19, 2023

Held _____

~~6:30~~ 6:30 p.m.

The Washington Township Trustees met in regular session with Powell, Smith and Euler present. Chairman Euler presided. The guests in attendance were Chad Baranski, Kirk Shank, Erin Tytko, Bill Gase and Isaac Puffer.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

24341	Kirk Shank	\$518.11	24355	Kirk Shank	\$431.88	Voucher#132	Daniel Sheperd	\$264.53
24342	Kirk Shank	\$219.89	24356	NW Tire Service	\$153.79	Voucher#133	Jason Shirkey	\$165.64
24343	Schwind Electric	\$7,096.38	24357	AIM Media	\$20.38	Voucher#134	David Smith	\$969.20
24344	Lima Radio	\$1,301.32	24358	Mid-Wood	\$661.10	Voucher#136	Treas of State	\$762.00
24345	Steve Powell	\$134.80	24359	WC Landfill	\$39.59	Voucher#139	Chad Baranski	\$177.93
24346	Cindy Hofner	\$241.50	24360	Custar Stone	\$508.56	Voucher#140	Isaac Puffer	\$1,479.45
24347	WC Treasurer	\$812.35	24361	Charter Comm	\$99.99	Voucher#141	Daniel Sheperd	\$192.67
24348	Leslie O'Brien	\$160.00	24362	Daniel Sheperd	\$50.38	Voucher#142	Jason Shirkey	\$72.28
24349	Auto Value	\$189.74	24363	Rumpke	\$52.65	Voucher#144	Fed Tax	\$490.44
24350	Ohio Treasurer	\$660.00	24364	Ag-Pro	\$152.09	Voucher#145	School Tax	\$73.63
24351	Bill Gase	\$1,500.00	Voucher#128	Kristel Beyer	\$1,475.66	Voucher#146	State Tax	\$103.73
24352	Dustin Sautter	\$750.00	Voucher#129	Abe Euler	\$ 899.55	Voucher#147	Togany Tax	\$246.47
24353	Kirk Shank	\$375.00	Voucher#130	Steven Powell	\$ 970.29	Voucher#149	Verizon	\$51.01
24354	Premier Patching	\$39,750.50	Voucher#131	Isaac Puffer	\$ 1,656.76	Voucher#150	Huntington	\$37.25

Roll Call: Powell – yes, Euler - yes. Motion approved. The Audit Committee approved the bank statements and financial reports for June, 2023.

Isaac thinks he has caught up on durapatch but if anyone notices an area please let him know. He will start another round of mowing in a few weeks, trimming is ongoing. Isaac stated a resident lives at the end of reams rd and asked if the signs can be moved back farther. He told them he would look into it, they also shared with him that this seems to be an issue with the township snow plow as well. Trustees asked Isaac to take a look to see if we can move the signs back. Isaac had a resident ask about holes on Tuller Road he went and durapatched them. Also had a resident ask about tree's hanging over the roadway near Tuller and Rangeline so he went and took care of that. He has done a few burials since last meeting, he is getting accustomed to that. Smith said Joel Horen called and asked if we could reach farther down the ditches on Green and Robinson. Powell stated when we purchase a new mower we need to get one with a hinge arm. Powell noticed that Tontogany Creek and Robinson the new pavement needs bermed, and told Isaac if there is a crack on edge of road to durapatch them. Powell suggested using #9 stone to durapatch to fit in the smaller cracked areas. Powell stated we received a letter from Frontier about breaking a pedestal, Isaac said the pedestal is on Middleton Townships side of the road. Kristel will contact Frontier and let them know it is not in our township.

Euler asked Isaac what he has noticed on the roads and what needs the most attention. Isaac said Tyler Road and Ash road but the county will be tar and chipping those. At the cross creek curves there were several holes and a section that has been patched a bunch, Green Road between Hannah and Kellogg and also Green towards 582 and sections of Scott Road. Powell stated the intersection of Tontogany Creek and Robinson there is a washout and should be changed to concrete. Isaac stated we did put berm with bigger aggregate this may stay longer. Smith thinks we should take care of it now. Smith went out that day Isaac and Kirk were replacing stone and Smith asked the contractor for Northwest Water & Sewer District to move the dirt pile out of the right of way and not to pump water onto the roadway. Smith stated the project is a mess, Smith said they need to grade the area. Smith stated we need to invoice them for half the stone cost. Powell wondered if we should get on the county's schedule to do the side of the road mowing for the vegetation coming into the roadways. Euler asked Isaac to create a list and then we can contact the county to do the work. Euler stated we should probably start looking at cutting the canopies back off the roads. Powell mentioned there is a walnut tree in Otsego Cemetery and a dead tree in Washington Cemetery that need removed. Powell said he can meet with Abe or Travis to cut down. Erin Tytko talked with the county about her shed and since she is zoned Ag there shouldn't be an issue with her shed. Powell asked if her shed was being used for Ag use. Erin stated according to BG zoning if you're a farmer for tax purposes it has to be over 10 acres and if it is not for tax purposes it can be under 10 acres it does not need to be used for farm purposes, it just has to be zoned agricultural. Powell said that is not how the township zoning is set up, it is by the use of the building. Erin said she also has cows on her back 3 acres and asked if that is considered agricultural. Euler said the structure needs to be used for agricultural use, Erin said she keeps feed in there. Erin asked if the township has a new zoning inspector. Trustees said yes. Erin said according to state law a zoning inspector is not allowed on your property without written permission from the homeowner. Powell stated he was a zoning inspector that is not true, you do not need written permission. Powell had contacted the Sheriff's department and they told him written permission is not needed. Erin stated if the behavior continues then something needs to change. Smith stated the previous zoning inspector is gone and we now have a new zoning inspector so we do not need to discuss it anymore. Erin wants the township to follow the zoning rules. Smith asked if the building is really being used for agriculture, Erin stated yes. Smith said he has drove by and it looks like there are toys in there, Euler said there are toys in there which can be next to feed. Zoning inspector Chad Baranski said he will be following the township zoning rules. Euler said we can all agree there was an approach issue and he doesn't feel Chad would approach people with a conflict. Erin asked if the shed issue is done. Chad asked what the primary purpose of the building is, is it agricultural or for toys. Erin stated both. Powell stated where we

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come into a problem is there is no cost for agricultural use buildings, so people will say a building is used for ag and then it really is not, this has been an ongoing issue. Euler asked if there was a permit done for the shed. Erin said no. Powell said then you are still in violation, a permit is needed whether ag use or not, the only difference is one has no cost and the other one does. Erin gave her information to Chad to contact her for a permit. Euler asked if Ag has setback rules. Powell stated according to Linda Holmes it can be right on the property line but the eaves cannot hang over to the neighbors. Euler said we ran into that on Cross Creek one time, Powell remembered having issues before, Smith said you cannot have water runoff to a neighboring property. Erin asked if the meeting was recorded and if so she would like a copy of the recording.

Chad said he has had 3 or 4 permits so far. He did one for the legion and one for a gazebo. He has a permit for a storage container it is considered a temporary structure but we do not have it in our zoning to restrict it. Powell said this is why we need to get our rules setup to start dealing with these. Powell asked Chad if he contacted Elnora Vollmar's son-in-law, Chad said yes they cannot down size the parcel since there is not enough frontage. Powell stated they asked about a variance but he would hope the zoning appeals would not approve that. Powell said there is a property with a lot of junk on Reams Rd which is in violation of our zoning. Powell read Article 14 from the zoning code: the accumulation or storage of the following items in any district for more than 30 days is prohibited; Junk, disabled or inoperative vehicles, machinery or equipment; Unused or discarded vehicles, equipment or machinery parts; Rags and other used textile items, used paper products, and used or discarded tires; Discarded building and construction materials; Scrap metal, glass, plastic, and lumber; Discarded home furnishings and appliances; and Other junk items and those now or hereafter defined as "junk" in the Ohio Revised Code. Euler received a complaint on a house between Opperman and Cross Creek they are not keeping up with their property and said there is an ORC for noxious weeds.

Bill said last month we got your approval for national diagnostic testing. He found out the company has a 10 person minimum for the day, so it is on hold to find out if there is another fire department in the area we could partner with. Rachel Buehrer turned in her resignation last week. The hose testing is scheduled for Aug. 14th with Grand Rapids and Weston departments. Bill met with Grand Rapids Township they are putting together a river rescue task force. They are trying to get more people and more boats into the water, we will be part of it for helping spot anything downstream, we would cover Grand Rapids bridge to Waterville bridge area. This includes us, Grand Rapids Township, Waterville, Providence Township and Damascus Township. Bill sent an email on Williamsburg hydrant issue that were not in service. Grand Rapids went and bagged one of the hydrants as not in service, he heard they are waiting for testing to be done on them to be placed in service. Bill stated he sent an email to Williamsburg on the fireworks concern and he heard they still fired them off while still blocking the road. Smith stated his concern is them blocking the roadway for emergency reasons. Bill stated we need to educate them on the law so they can understand. Euler said we could bring it up to the HOA. Bill created and reviewed the specs for the Grass Fire Truck and submitted to the Trustees. After trustee's review, trustees Powell and Euler decided to proceed with bidding the truck for the next meeting, trustee Smith does not agree with bidding a gas engine he feels it should be diesel. Kirk asked since we have an air conditioned cab for the tractor, how about an air conditioned cab for the mower, he stated just a suggestion. Trustees stated we could look into that for the next new mower. Kirk said a lighter string trimmer would be nice as well. Powell thinks we need to purchase a new shop vac and a pressure washer.

Powell feels the Township should put the majority of its money in the Star Ohio program through the state treasury. They have great rates and we would not be locked in for a fixed period, the money would be available to us the same day. Powell moved to open a Star Ohio account in the amount of \$850,000 and close the current Huntington MMA Business account and authorize the fiscal officer to transfer funds from the Star Ohio account to the checking as needed to pay bills seconded by Smith. Roll Call: Smith – yes, Powell – yes, Euler – yes. Motion Approved. Euler talked to Pavement Technologies and they will be starting soon. Euler asked Kristel to reach out to Grand Rapids Township for their share of Weston Road. Euler reminded the trustees of the county meeting tomorrow. Euler was looking at the right of way map and the area in Williamsburg is 60 foot, we should make sure whose portion is what. Powell stated county will survey the area for us. Smith stated the tile under the road needs taken care of. Euler will get ahold of the county on the survey and Smith asked Euler to ask about the concrete drainage for Tontogany Creek too.

Powell gave the June 2023 Financial Report.
Because of no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

[Handwritten signatures: John W. Euler, St Powell]

Approved by: *[Handwritten signature: Kristel Beyer]*