

Washington Township Board of Trustees Record of Proceedings

ENTITY NAME: Washington Township / Logan County

MINUTES TITLE: Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 14, 2022

BOARD NAME: Washington Township Board of Trustees

TYPE OF MEETING: Regular

VOTING SESSION: Yes

DATE: 2/14/2022

START TIME: 6:30 PM

END TIME: 8:00 PM

MEETING LOCATION: Washington Township Hall, Lewistown, OH

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS: Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller

CALLED TO ORDER BY: Chairman Faulder

BOARD MEMBERS / FISCAL OFFICER / DEPT HEADS ROLL CALL

NAME	PRESENT
Trustee Lewis	Present
Trustee Faulder	Present
Trustee Berg	Not Present
Fiscal Officer Miller	Present
Chief Rick Core	Present
John Newland, Road Supervisor	Present
Gary Bias, Zoning Inspector	Present

MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF	1/10/2022 Regular Meeting and the 1/25/2022 Special Meeting
MOTION TO APPROVE BY	Trustee Faulder
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED BY	Trustee Lewis
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE
Trustee Lewis	Yes
Trustee Faulder	Yes
VOTING RESULTS - Approved	YES:2 NO: 0

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS	
MOTION TO APPROVE BY	Trustee Lewis
MOTION SECONDED BY	Trustee Faulder
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE
Trustee Lewis	Yes
Trustee Faulder	Yes
VOTING RESULTS - Approved	YES: 2 NO: 0

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REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME	Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller
FINANCIAL REPORT 1/1/2022-1/31/2022	Financial Report - Starting fund balance on January 1, 2022 was \$1,264,649.75. Total Revenue deposited in January, 2022 was \$18,609.11 and month ending balance on January 31, 2022 was \$1,283,258.86. Our Unencumbered Fund Balance is \$1,228,828.86 (reserve encumbrance in 2021 for \$54,430.00).
MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORT	Trustee Lewis
MOTION TO APPROVE SECONDED	Trustee Faulder
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE
Trustee Lewis	Yes
Trustee Faulder	Yes
VOTING RESULTS - Approved	YES: 2 NO: 0

DEPARTMENT	ADMINISTRATION / FINANCES
REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME	Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller
BRIC State and Local Grant Agreement	I have the BRIC State and Local Grant Agreement sent by the State of Ohio EMA for your consideration of approval. This is for the Curtis and Cheryl Brandt grant that we applied for in 2020 for acquisition of their property that floods. Trustees Faulder/Lewis: Approved and signed the BRIC Agreement. FO Miller will send to State of Ohio EMA office and then a meeting will be scheduled by them.
Logan County Sewer District Sanitary Sewer Easement Agreement	Received an agreement from Logan County Sewer District on 2/8/22 and they wanted it signed by the Trustees and returned to them on 2/9/22; they also have an open house tomorrow 2/15/22. It has something to do with an easement belonging to Washington Township and LCSD wants it for the Orchard Island sewer repairs. But, after reading it I found two paragraphs stating we would be taking care of the grinders and other maintenance. Gary Bias: You don't want to do that - they made me take care of our grinder and I'm on my third grinder pump at \$1,000 each. FO Miller: It's up to the Trustees to sign or not but before you do we might want our legal counsel to take a look at the agreement before making a decision. If you want to vote / sign now you can. If not, I'll give the original to Trustee Faulder. The LCSD is not good at communicating anything ahead of time with Government entities. We've had this same problem with them in the past. Trustee Faulder: I'll talk to Bryan at LCSD and tell him we're not signing until we know more from our legal counsel. Trustee Lewis: I agree, we don't sign it until they make changes and then we may reconsider.

LEGISLATION

NUMBER	Resolution 2022-005
TITLE	in the matter of Electing the Standard Allowance to Receive ARPA Funds
STATUS	Passage
MOTION TO	Approve
DISCUSSION	This is to approve using the standard allowance and its presumption of revenue loss due to the public health emergency and to use the amount authorized herein to fund government services.
VOTING ROLL CALL	Trustee Lewis made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-005 and Trustee Faulder seconded. A vote was taken and the results were:
Trustee Lewis	Yes
Trustee Faulder	Yes
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 2 NO: 0; Resolution 2022-005 was Passed

NUMBER	Resolution 2022-006
TITLE	in the matter of Authorizing Unvoted Levy Redistribution
STATUS	Passage
MOTION TO	Approve
DISCUSSION	Requesting the Logan County Budget Commission redistribute the unvoted inside millage of 2.5 mills; with 1.0 mill for the General Fund (Washington Township), 0.5 mill for the General Fund (Washington Township EXC Russells Point), and 1.0 mill allocated to the Road and Bridge Fund. The Washington Township Trustees would request that this change take place in Tax Year 2022.
VOTING ROLL CALL	Trustee Lewis made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-006 and Trustee Faulder seconded. A vote was taken and the results were:
Trustee Lewis	Yes
Trustee Faulder	Yes
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 2 NO: 0; Resolution 2022-006 was Passed

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NUMBER	Resolution 2022-007
TITLE	in the matter of Approving BRIC Grant's Designation of Applicant's Agent
STATUS	Passage
MOTION TO	Approve
DISCUSSION	Authorizing Fiscal Officer, Lisa Miller, to act as the authorized designated agent for Washington Township to provide to the State and to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for all matters pertaining to such Federal disaster assistance the assurances and agreements as listed in the Grant Agreement.
VOTING ROLL CALL	Trustee Lewis made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-007 and Trustee Faulder seconded. A vote was taken and the results were:
Trustee Lewis	Yes
Trustee Faulder	Yes
VOTING RESULTS	YES: 2 NO: 0; Resolution 2022-007 was Passed
DEPARTMENT	POLICE DEPARTMENT
REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME	Police Chief, Rick Core
Report / Discussion	Good evening. Our Calls for Service (CFS) were 220.
Phishing, Robo-calls and Spam	When I investigate a complaint and find they bought gift cards, are taking pictures and sent from cell phone, I know it's a scam. If you are asked to purchase gift cards, give personal information such as passwords, social security number, etc...hang up. Peak of Ohio has a complete list of these scams. These requests could come from robo-calls through your phone or phishing by using your email. If you don't recognize the phone number do not answer it. If you've already answered it and then realize something is wrong, say nothing and hang up. Same with your email, if you don't know who sent it, don't open it, just delete it. If you have already opened it and realize it's probably a scam, don't click on anything, delete it. Please call us if you need our help.
Criminal Activity with Catalytic Converters	You may or may not know this. There are some very precious metals in catalytic converters. Four incidents in our area. Public doesn't know. At ILHS a young man gets out of truck and slid under a smaller bus and vehicle cut out the catalytic converters. When he got under the first vehicle it took only 90 seconds. I can't emphasize enough - watch and call. I would rather get a phone call and be nothing opposed to people trying to start their vehicle and find the exhaust is gone. This is a big deal right now. On Thursday Honda in Marysville, East Liberty and HTM got hit. Churches have been hit. At Indian Lake School their cameras had good pictures but the truck's license plate was covered and the guy had a hat, hood, dark clothing. We had his vehicle type and color so kept looking. We checked gas station at Midway Marathon and sure enough found him on their video and we caught him. The one that happened at Honda we think is a group out of Michigan we are still investigating that case. Put your vehicle where they are not easily accessible. If your dog barks, get up and check.
Thank you during snow storm	John to Chief Core: Thank you for keeping us moving on the south end. A lot of people think they know about plowing but by the time Jeff was done with one area, we went thru right after him. We worked thru two full shifts of our guys. Police Dept. also kept someone out while we were.
Dogs Being Left Outside in the Cold	A lot of calls about neighbors leaving dogs outside. We leave and then I get nastygrams. If the dog has water, food and some sort of shelter then there's nothing I can do about it

DEPARTMENT	ROAD DEPARTMENT
REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME	John Newland, Road Supervisor
Report/Discussion Truck Repair	Big truck (last snow) blew end cap out of hydraulic cylinder and even though it came from there they didn't know what it was. Was going to take it to them but more snow was coming. I took it off myself and they had it in stock so I picked it up and fixed it. Saved \$110/hour and was fixed before the next big snow.
Mower	Mower is ready for spring. About \$500 in it total and it's in top shape. Would cost \$8,000 or more for a new one and we'll probably get another 4-5 years out of it.
Maintenance Building Damage	You may have saw the front eave of the building come off. Apparently, I never noticed it, but they never put ice guards on it. Snow and ice took the gutter off at least half the length of the building. Dawson Construction did come out to take a look at it. \$1700 is the bid. Not counting the ice guards. He will give me written quote on that but thought it would be about \$1000 more.
Salt Spreader	Controls for salt spreader are on - we went through 15 ton of grit.
Snow Plowing	Snow plowing - Jeff came in and worked 5.5 hours went home and slept and came back and worked 15.5 hours. I worked 14 on the 3rd, 14 on the 4th came in Sunday and ran 3 hours. Tucker came in on Saturday for awhile A grand total of over 51 hours just plowing. Thursday/Friday I probably ran all the Islands 2-3 times one day, south end twice. There's no doubt some people get upset about how it was plowed or whatever I guess but we did the best we could do. We're not going to make everyone happy.

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	<p>Monday/Tuesday was just cleaning up and pushing back. Sit in there for 15 hours and dodge the boulders, flower beds, railroad ties, last year I had to put in a whole new flower bed. TR94 is a good example of a road we do not plow wide. Especially in the dark. I don't want to end up in the ditch losing one of our trucks when we need it. Never put one in the ditch and I don't plan to. We just go back in the daylight and push it back.</p> <p>Rear brakes put on the 2012 cruiser on 12th. I looked in my records and found where we put pads but no rotors.</p>
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DEPARTMENT	ZONING DEPARTMENT
REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME	Gary Bias, Zoning Inspector
Report/Discussion Call for Service	Handled approximately 40 calls last month. Received a setback variance application for a garage across from a house on Willow Island. The owners are in Florida right now & will not be back until 1st of March. Will try to schedule the ZAB meeting for March 21st. Got an inquiry to build a storage unit out on SR 235. Told him it would require him to apply for a conditional use at a non-refundable cost of \$350. He does not have email, so I dropped off a conditional use packet at his house.
Violation Letters	<p>Violation letter status update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sent the nuisance courtesy letter for the pile of drywall on front porch & pile of brush behind the house at Fairview & College St. - Got several calls about the house at 8968 Park St from the owner letting me know they are trying to evict the tenants & have filed the eviction notice at the court last week. - Talked to Ron Becker and told him the township could not do anymore with the issue at Colonial Mobile Home Park. If the people have not moved their stuff after I sent them a letter, then he can clean it up as he wants to. - Have not heard from the owners of the Montgomery & Marion Drives lately, but when I do, I will let them know they have until May 1, 2022, to get these parcels cleaned up, as we discussed in the last twp. meeting.
Short Term Rentals	Been talking with Dick Stewart, who is the zoning officer for Stokes Twp. concerning Short Term Rentals. He had complaints, so he sent it for review to Chelsea from the Prosecutor's office. She says their zoning for that district does not permit it. There were emails traded concerning both sides of this issue. Dick finally sent the owners a "Cease & Desist" letter and they replied. Telling him that any further correspondence needs to go to his lawyer. Dick then put it in Chelsea's hands to take care of. I told Dick to keep me in the loop as we had the same issues. We need to wait to see what comes out of this and then we'll modify our zoning resolution for the Zoning Commission Board to review.
ZCB Mike & Cassie Sherer	I will work to schedule a Zoning Commission Board organizational meeting soon. I have not heard back from Mike & Cassie Scherer at 2869 TR 247 in DeGraff about re-filing for their conditional use.
Paths/Easements/Alleys and Fire Lanes	I had mentioned in the last twp. meeting Mark Gibson & I had talked about the paths & easements back in Waterbury. There are approximately sixteen of them. Which are alleys & which are fire lanes? Who owns them? Who determines what they are used for & maintains them? Here is what it shows on the auditor's website when you find these paths. "The parcel could not be found on the map. Please contact the tax map office for assistance." I have contacted the Logan County Map room and they emailed their reply, which I forwarded to you. Please let me know if you want to pursue this any further and if so, how do suggest I do that? The only thing I can think of is to email the County Commissioners and/or Logan County Prosecutor's office, asking who is responsible for maintaining these paths and can the fire department use these paths to get water when it is needed for a fire?
Logan County Land Bank	I missed the Logan County Land Bank meeting on January 11. But have talked to Heather to see what came out of the meeting. I 'm working to update my dilapidated housing list. Once it is done, I will send copies to all of you to review it & me know if you want the list turned over to the Land Bank Committee.
Laptop	Lisa is working on zoning laptop, but I copied my Washington Township files to my personal laptop until I get it back. FO Miller: Gary's laptop is ten years old and can't be updated. Can I purchase him a new laptop not to exceed \$1300? Trustee Lewis made a motion to approve the request and Trustee Faulder seconded. A vote was taken and all answered "Aye" 2-0 for approval to purchase a laptop for Zoning Inspector, Gary Bias.
Questions Comment	<p>Questions or follow-ups for me?</p> <p>Trustee Lewis: People moved out of Council Street; If you could send him a letter to clean up the outside of that property and see if we have any luck that would be great. Gary: I can do that.</p>

BOARD REPORTS

ENTITY	EMS
PRESENTED BY	Trustee Lewis
Report/Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 117 runs - Added a 12 hour night shift not to exceed 3 days a week as it's been getting busier at night. - \$1,057,000 in money market account and \$48,963 in the checking account - Controversial water suit training

ENTITY	LUC
PRESENTED BY	Trustee Faulder
Report/Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing for Logan County - Here are the minutes from the annual and regular meeting.

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ENTITY	FIRE BOARD
PRESENTED BY	Trustee Faulder
Report/Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6500 gallon of water used - New UTV is in and they got a plow for it - Training coming up soon to get up-to-date - Award Banquet for firefighters on Feb 26th at 6:00 PM

OLD BUSINESS	NONE
NEW BUSINESS	Trustee Faulder: Sewer Meeting Tomorrow, February 15 th @ 4:30 for Orchard or Wolf Islands Trustee Lewis: Old School in Lewistown is for sale and I've seen some cars over there looking at it. They are asking \$60,000 but you could probably get it for \$10,000.

PUBLIC COMMENTS		
NAME	VISITOR	QUESTIONS FOR TRUSTEES
Cassie and Raymond Scherer	Visitor	<p>Cassie Sherer - We heard you can't put any more mobile homes in the township. Is that true. Trustee Lewis: You can for an emergency. Raymond: I paid \$350 for a hearing and there was some confusion. We didn't show up. Trustee Lewis: You got the email and the certified letter. There was a notice in the mailbox. Gary: I called the post office and they said there was a notice put in their mailbox and I can't do any more than that. Raymond: Nobody should be able to tell me I can't put a mobile home on my property. Trustee Lewis: That's the way the zoning is. Otherwise you end up like Stokes township and they're everywhere. Gary, how far in advance did you notify everyone? Gary: I notified everyone 20 days before the meeting by certified mail and that is all I'm required to do. Post Office confirmed they got the notice and it was put in the correct box. The email was just a courtesy, not a requirement. Trustee Faulder: We didn't make a penny, never do on a Zoning Appeals Board meeting. We had to pay that money out to all of those people who did show up. I understand your situation. But, Gary has to get a court reporter, a minimum of five people from the Zoning Appeals Board, and send out certified mailings and everyone showed up but you. We have to go with the zoning resolution and the decision of the ZAB to deny it due to your absence at a meeting you requested. Raymond: What's entailed in changing the zoning? Trustee Faulder: We are zoned in Washington Township and what applies to one, applies to all. Cassie: We would be fine with a modular but that will take more work and cost more. I have enough acres and I want the rules changed. Trustees: They won't change the rules, they were put there for a reason. You can try. Gary: There is a process that was followed to get this zoning law in place. To change it you would need a proposal from an individual that wants to change it > goes to the Zoning Commission Board where they review it > ZCB makes a determination > they will either alter it, approve it or forward to LUC for review > Logan County Prosecutor has to look it over and make sure it meets current laws > comes back to ZCB where they will review it again > ZCB will make a recommendation that comes to the Trustees on how to proceed > Trustees will have to vote on it and if approved, then it is law after 30 days. Trustee Faulder: So, that's the process if you want to pursue getting it changed. Trustee Lewis: It won't be a quick process - at least 6 month to a year. Trustee Faulder: My personal opinion is it's probably not going to be successful even if you submit it. A lot of government entities are going in this direction and I don't see any of them making a recommendation asking us to allow mobile homes. Trustee Lewis: Can you get a variance to do that? Gary: They applied for a conditional use/variance. The conditional use was for the hardship and the variance was for over the 6 month period. You can appeal again to the ZAB. They can approve or deny. If voted down then you have to appeal to the common pleas court. Raymond: Do I have to pay another \$350 - I'll put a mobile home in there any way. Gary: Yes, you would have to pay another \$350 to request another ZAB meeting. Trustee Faulder: So, those are the processes and where you would need to start. Get with Gary again if you have any questions. Trustee Lewis: Just take it easy on Gary, he's trying to do the best he can.</p> <p>Chris Swygart: Letters are going out for inspections for sewer operation permits for anything after 2015; which from what I read in ORC in my personal opinion is an overreach of the law. Trustee Lewis: So, you're saying we don't have to get them inspected then? Chris: No, not according to ORC. Trustee: That's good information, thank you. Chris: Just letting you know as an FYI</p> <p>Cemetery -Lisa, I have a bunch of people that said they would help, just get in touch with us. Trustee Lewis: Help what? Lisa: Cleaning up the headstones and gathering all cemetery information we know or can find giving family members who believe they have a loved one in Lewistown or Plum Cemetery, the ability to go to the township website and easily search for that person. If they are at either cemetery it will bring up a picture of the headstone with the information we have on their loved one and a link for directions to the cemetery. Chris: How many cemeteries do you have? Lisa: Two that I know of. There may be more but I've never seen them mentioned in any records given to me. John: There is a small one on TR13 and one off of TR207. Chris: What is the yearly budget for the cemeteries and maintenance plan? It's in the ORC to maintain them. Lisa: Yes, we're aware of the ORC regarding cemeteries and I've had training on it as well. The Township has always maintained their cemeteries but have a limited budget of only \$6,000. Mowing and weed eating cost is \$7,000/year, that's for both not each. John does the tree trimming when needed and that's about it for yearly maintenance. We did spend \$25,000 on each cemetery maybe 8-10 years ago to stabilize the loose headstones as many were just sitting on gravel. Headstones were</p>
Chris Swygart		

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<p>Dave Rogers</p> <p>Tammy Mansfield</p> <p>Cheryl Dilbone</p> <p>Sharon DeVault</p>	<p>removed and the company dug 48” down and filled with concrete then secured the headstones on top of the new concrete base. Chris: There’s grass growing back on a road in the one cemetery and I wondered why? John: It’s been that way since we’ve been here, nothing wrong with it. Chris: I’m just bringing the cemeteries up Lisa because I kind of agree with you and want to help the township take better care. Lisa: Actually, both cemeteries are taken care of very well by the Township - we chip/seal regularly, take care of headstones and bases, have spring cleanup, take care of all grass/weeds, put flags up/down for Memorial Day, etc....so other than some tree trimming, cleaning the headstones and putting our cemeteries online I can’t think of anything else either cemetery needs. I do appreciate your offer to help finding information on both cemeteries so we can get it online. Thank you.</p> <p>Snow Plowing - Not complaining but I did drive by Orchard Island and was hammering Tucker all day. I would have got stuck if I didn’t have 4WD. I understand about the width. It seems like the blade needed to go down. Trustee Lewis: Well, that was pretty thick back there. It was coming down too fast. Trustee Faulder: The only salt spreader we have hits people’s houses and yards. The salt spreader we are getting will throw it behind. Chris: I couldn’t pass other cars. In an emergency back there, they wouldn’t make it...was too deep. Trustee Lewis to Dave Rogers: What do you think about the plowing, you live back there? Dave Rogers: It was rough but emergency vehicles could get back there. The EMS has two new trucks and I have a 4wd truck but never needed to use the 4WD. Trustee Faulder to Cheryl and Butch Dilbone: You guys live back there, what did you think? Cheryl and Butch: We didn’t have any problem at all, went to the store on Saturday. Butch: I think too we live on the bus route and John cleans that first. So, whatever he does to begin with I believe is to generally get the main roads cleared and then he comes back with the smaller truck to push it back.</p> <p>Dave Rogers: John does a terrific job of plowing the roads and getting it cleaned out. The biggest problem that we have is that the cars and boats are parked too close to the roads and right of way and if he hits one of those cars, he’s at fault. Trustee Faulder: I drove back there and noticed the same thing myself. Dave: I think one thing you should do is if we are to get 2-3” of snow or more you should require vehicles be off the road so that he can plow it. It’s tight back there any way, it’s not John’s plowing. I think what we should do is make it known that they need to get their cars and boats off the road when a big snow is expected.</p> <p>Tammy Mansfield: I had a problem with the alley onto 91; my car bottoms out and John put some rocks down. I cracked the underside. John: We’ll cut the alley out re-do the top like the sidewalk and form it up in concrete it and that will eliminate that problem.</p> <p>Cheryl Dilbone- The berm on Fairview between Auditorium & College, can it be fixed? John: Yes, that’s mudded up pretty good and been an issue for a while. I think when they put the gas line in they ran over it pretty regularly. We’ll fill it with some gravel.</p> <p>Sharon DeVault- Legislative Luncheon is Friday at 11:30 (\$18.00) Chamber of Commerce.</p>
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NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

TYPE OF MEETING	<u>Regular</u>
DATE	<u>3/14/2022</u>
TIME	6:30 PM
LOCATION	Washington Township Hall

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY	Trustee Lewis
MOTION SECONDED BY	Trustee Faulder
VOTING ROLL CALL	VOTE
Trustee Lewis	Yes
Trustee Faulder	Yes
VOTING RESULTS - Motion Passed	YES: 2 NO: 0

MINUTES PREPARED BY

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
Lisa Miller – on file	Fiscal Officer	3/14/2022

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEE CERTIFIED

SIGNATURE	TITLE	DATE
Trustee Faulder – on file	Trustee and Chairman of the Board	3/14/2022
Trustee Berg - on file	Trustee and Co-Chairman of the Board	3/14/2022
Trustee Lewis – on file	Trustee and Member of the Board	3/14/2022