

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MARCH 12, 2025

As per Resolution 24-68, the Board of Washington Township Trustees met in regular session at the Washington Township Hall on Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 6:30 PM with all members present.

Also, present were: Steven Ossenbeck, Deputy Mitch Boggs, and Robin Brewer, Assistant Administrator.

Mr. Cooper, Chairman, called the meeting to order; opened with prayer and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Cooper asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of: February 12, 2025 or February 26, 2025. Being none, the minutes were approved as presented.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Mrs. Dufau reported on the following:

- TPP Replacement Funds have been received.
- First half property tax settlement has not yet been received.
- First half of the sheriff's contract will not be paid until the township receives its tax settlement funds.

The following amounts were received from the indicated resources:

HC Claimant	14-2025	Soft Billing	2281-299-0000	\$133.53
HC Claimant	15-2025	Soft Billing	2281-299-0000	\$490.71
HC Claimant	16-2025	Soft Billing	2281-299-0000	\$416.00
HC Claimant	17-2025	Soft Billing	2281-299-0000	\$826.95
Clermont Co. Auditor	18-2025	Loc. Gov. Dist.	1000-532-0000	\$578.83
			1000-532-0000	\$3,656.11
Cincinnati Bell	19-2025	Franchise Fees	1000-302-0000	\$543.65
BWC	20-2025	Premium Rebate	1000-892-0000	\$101.70
			2031-892-0000	\$305.10
			2111-892-0000	\$610.20
HC Claimant	21-2025	Soft Billing	2281-299-0000	\$640.52
HC Claimant	22-2025	Soft Billing	2281-299-0000	\$670.43
HC Claimant	23-2025	Soft Billing	2281-299-0000	\$566.89
Clermont Co. Auditor	24-2025	Permissive Tax	2231-103-0000	\$697.50
		MVL Tax	2011-536-0000	\$814.79
Clermont Co. Auditor	25-2025	Gas Tax	2021-537-0000	\$12,066.94
HC Claimant	26-2025	Soft Billing	2281-299-0000	\$576.81
Twp. Fishing Permits	27-2025	Fishing Permits	1000-802-1015	\$165.00
John Marshall	28-2025	Cemetery Lot	2041-804-0000	\$1,000.00
Medicount	29-2025	Soft Billing	2281-299-0000	\$4,167.24

The following bills were received, approved for payment, and warrants issued:

Voided Checks	67287-67312	Numbering Error	\$0.00
Ace Hardware of Bethel	67313	2021-330-420-0000	\$30.36
Bethel-Tate Fire Dept.	67314	2111-220-360-3001	\$300.00
Bound Tree Medical, LLC	67315	2111-220-420-0000	\$273.83
Bullium Consulting	67316	1000-110-360-0000	\$1,813.90
		2111-220-360-0000	\$813.90
		2111-220-360-3028	\$1,000.00
Cincinnati Alarm Systems	67317	1000-120-360-0000	\$105.00
Community Fuels & Lubricants	67318	2021-330-490-0000	\$1,841.54
		2111-220-490-0000	\$5.83
Duke Energy	67319	1000-310-360-0000	\$543.05

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Duke Energy	67320	1000-120-351-0000	\$6.85
ESO Solutions, Inc.	67321	2111-220-360-3020	\$3,980.94
JCM Equipment Maintenance	67322	2021-330-323-1018	\$370.00
Mastercard	67323	2021-330-323-1018	\$232.91
Mastercard	67324	2111-220-323-1005	\$25.98
Sam's Club Credit	67325	1000-120-420-0000	\$51.84
Shannon Excavating	67326	2021-330-323-1018	\$450.00
Smyth Automotive, Inc.	67327	2021-330-323-1018	\$37.24
Smyth Automotive, Inc.	67328	2031-330-420-0000	\$45.12
Standard Life Insurance	67329	1000-110-389-6006	\$106.25
		2031-330-389-6006	\$45.34
		2111-220-389-6006	\$68.15
Suburban Propane	67330	1000-120-353-1008	\$357.97
Suburban Propane	67331	2031-330-353-0000	\$648.55
Verizon Wireless	67332	2111-230-341-0000	\$20.10
WEX Bank	67333	2111-220-490-0000	\$537.07
Wright Brothers, Inc.	67334	2111-220-360-0000	\$23.72
		2031-330-360-0000	\$23.71
Mark Baird	EFT 131-2025	2111-220-190-0000	\$407.13
Gregory Beasley	EFT 132-2025	2111-220-190-0000	\$649.23
Kyle Baylor	67335	2031-330-190-0000	\$1062.12
		2111-220-190-0000	\$231.43
Paul Brewer	EFT 133-2025	2111-220-190-0000	\$1,775.98
Robin Brewer	EFT 134-2025	1000-120-190-0000	\$1,476.66
Dennis Cooper	EFT 135-2025	1000-110-111-0000	\$1,091.38
Alan Dodson	67336	2031-330-190-0000	\$1,317.67
Sheila Dufau	EFT 136-2025	1000-110-131-0000	\$1,806.25
Donald Gates	EFT 137-2025	2111-220-190-0000	\$737.34
James Haas	EFT 138-2025	2111-220-190-0000	\$1,481.32
Curtis Henderson	EFT 139-2025	2111-220-190-0000	\$1,292.96
Travis Hull	EFT 140-2025	2111-220-190-0000	\$1,227.19
Gregory Lang	EFT 141-2025	2111-220-190-0000	\$1,567.40
Richard A. Maus	EFT 142-2025	1000-110-111-0000	\$1,094.22
Robert Mercer II	EFT 143-2025	2111-220-190-0000	\$1,390.14
Justin Pendergrass	EFT 144-2025	2111-220-190-0000	\$1,068.41
David Peters	67337	1000-110-111-0000	\$1,002.84
Emily Rodriguez	EFT 145-2025	2111-220-190-0000	\$1,195.90
Craig Schoch	EFT 146-2025	2111-220-190-0000	\$767.31
Michael Tolin	67338	2111-220-190-0000	\$141.36
Steven Troutman	EFT 147-2025	2111-220-190-0000	\$91.06
Sophia Ward	EFT 148-2025	2111-220-190-0000	\$161.43
Makenna Weaver	EFT 149-2025	2111-220-190-0000	\$439.98
Dustin White	EFT 150-2025	2111-220-190-0000	\$1,300.36
James Wilson	EFT 151-2025	2111-220-190-0000	\$782.86
Theresa Wright	EFT 152-2025	2111-220-190-0000	\$1,184.10
Aaron Young	EFT 153-2025	2111-220-190-0000	\$793.55
Voided Check	67339	Numbering Error	\$0.00
Ohio Deferred Comp.	67340	1000-110-132-0000	\$50.00
		2111-220-190-0000	\$580.00
ODAC, LLC	67341	1000-110-599-0000	\$3.00
		2031-330-360-0000	\$6.00
		2111-220-599-0000	\$291.00
Voided Voucher	EFT 156-2025	Misprinted Voucher	\$0.00
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RiverHills Bank	EFT 159-2025	1000-110-111-0000	\$132.71
		1000-110-121-0000	\$109.56
		1000-110-132-0000	\$259.86
		1000-110-213-0000	\$118.85
		2031-330-190-0000	\$298.78

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	2031-330-213-0000	\$45.76
	2111-220-190-0000	\$3,489.29
	2111-220-212-0000	\$1,104.24
	2111-220-213-0000	\$358.01
Treasurer, State of Ohio	EFT 160-2025	1000-110-111-0000
		\$60.90
		1000-110-121-0000
		\$41.04
		1000-110-132-0000
		\$132.23
		2031-330-190-0000
		\$186.50
		2111-220-190-0000
		\$1,218.14

Administrative Report

Mrs. Brewer presented a written report which included the following:

- Rumpke has still not made arrangements to pick-up their dumpsters. They were to be removed Wednesday, January 29th or Monday, February 3rd. Ginger Jones, our representative has been contracted multiply times, she assured us that the order has been placed.
- The Administrative Office is expecting a call regarding the shipping of signs and post for the ODOT Sign Grant that was approved in 2024.
- Application has made to the Shine the Light on Dumpsters Program. The program is for the development of dumpster programs for communities or the cleanup of illegal dumping sites. Although our application may not perfectly fit the criteria of the grant, it does meet the vision of a cleaner and healthier Ohio for all.
- Contact was made with Amanda Beiting, Clermont County Engineers Office regarding a speed study of Collier Road. Since there have been no changes to the roadway, such as a housing development or a new business that would change the traffic patterns on the road. A new study is not warranted at this time.
- The township & fire department parking lots are slated to be crack-sealed; seal coated and re-stripped this spring. Estimated cost of \$5,624 for the Township Hall and \$6,014.00 for the Fire Station. After a brief discussion the Board decided not to do these repairs in 2025.

Road Report

Mrs. Brewer presented a written report which included the following:

- The crew dealt with snow and ice removal from February 16 – 21. As a result of the winter storm the crew spent at least two days removing down trees, limbs and debris from roadways.
- Cleared ditches and culverts.
- Graded gravel roadways.
- The Neville Boat Ramp was cleared of debris.
- Reviewed a culvert concern on Bolender Road. It was determined that the issue was not in the Township road right-of-way. Chairman Cooper was notified regarding this matter.
- The Crew worked on cleaning, sanding, and repainting the old truck bed tool box.
- Met with Bill Brown regarding the installation of a driveway culvert on Kinnett Road.
- Reviewed an issue on Myer Road with Trustee Peters. A resident has complained that the road needs to be wider so he can drive his semi-trailer back to his residence.
- The Department is readying items for auction.
- The Road crew has outfitted the new Supervisor vehicle with strobe lights.
- The Road Department would like to move forward with allowing Capt. Curtis Henderson to do the vinyl lettering for the new Road Supervisor's vehicle. The Township can purchase a forest green reflective vinyl material, that is much darker than the ODOT safety green that the Board has reviewed. Material cost \$55.75.
- The Road Department will be purchasing seat covers and floor mats for the vehicle.

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- The newest Ford F-550 Dump Truck has been taken to Shannon Excavating to have the bed welded back to the frame. Cost \$450.00.

Sheriff Report

- Deputy Boggs presented a written statistical report

Fire Department Report

Chief Haas is on medical leave until March 19, 2025 so no report was available.

New Business

Mr. Maus inquired regarding the software expenses incurred by the fire/EMS department. A discussion ensued regarding his inquiry with his recommendation that a review be completed of all vendor contracts the township currently has before renewing any of them. The discussion continued regarding the necessary budget cuts that will be needed for the fire/EMS department which include a reduction in daily staffing of the department. Mr. Cooper requested the Board determine when they would like to implement changing the daily staffing to three employees per shift. After discussion, it was consensus of the Board to implement the staffing change effective April 1, 2025.

Mr. Cooper reported that the county prosecutor is planning to come to the township to review old meeting minutes regarding the Big Indian Road matter.

Mr. Cooper inquired as to the status of the ambulance that had been sold. Mrs. Dufau confirmed that payment arrangements had been finalized with the buyer and that the buyer would be working with Chief Haas and Captain Henderson to make arrangements for picking up the ambulance.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION 25-12

The Board of Trustees of Washington Township, Clermont County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 21th day of March, 2025 with the following members present:

Dennis R. Cooper, Trustee
David Peters, Trustee
R. Aaron Maus, Trustee

Mr. Cooper moved for the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CLERMONT COUNTY 9-1-1 PLAN

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 128.01, the Clermont County Board of County Commissioners was required to re-establish the Countywide 9-1-1 Program Review Committee for the purposes of updated its Plan for implementation and operation of the county 9-1-1 system; and

WHEREAS, the Countywide 9-1-1 Program Review Committee met on February 25th, 2025 and approved the most up to date Plan for the Countywide 9-1-1 system, and provided a copy of the same to the Board of County Commissioners in compliance with Section 128.07 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Washington Township, Clermont County, Ohio with at least two-thirds of its members thereto concurring as follows:

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SECTION I

In accordance with section 128.08 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board of Trustees of Washington Township does hereby approve the Clermont County Countywide 9-1-1 Program Review Committee's Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part thereof.

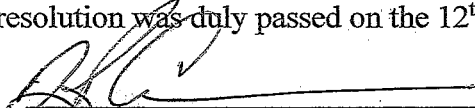
SECTION II

That the Board of Trustees of Washington Township does hereby find and determine that all formal actions relative to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and its Committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with all applicable legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Maus seconded the motion and on roll call, the vote resulted as follows:

Trustee, Dennis R. Cooper	<u>Yes</u>
Trustee, David Peters	<u>Yes</u>
Trustee, R. Aaron Maus	<u>Yes</u>

This resolution was duly passed on the 12th day of March, 2025.



 Trustee, Dennis R. Cooper



 Trustee, David Peters



 Trustee, R. Aaron Maus

ATTEST:



 Sheila G. Dufau, Fiscal Officer

This Resolution was prepared and approved as to form by the Office of Prosecuting Attorney of Clermont County, Ohio

Resolution 25-13
In Support of State Issue 2
Renewal of the State Capital Improvement Program
on the May 6, 2025 Statewide Ballot

March 12, 2025

Motion by Mr. Peters; Seconded by Mr. Maus

WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) is a state-local government partnership program that funds local infrastructure projects in communities across Ohio;

WHEREAS, the program has, for nearly 40 years, provided over \$7 billion for improvements to keep Ohio's roads and bridges safe and in good condition for residents, first responders, and all motorists traveling on Ohio roadways, and to improve local wastewater treatment, water supply, and stormwater infrastructure in all 88 Ohio counties;

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WHEREAS, the SCIP provides essential grants, loans, and loan assistance to local governments, including townships;

WHEREAS, the renewal of the SCIP will not raise taxes for Ohioans and the renewal is critical to prevent a gap in infrastructure investment, as the current authorization is set to sunset July 1, 2025;

WHEREAS, funding for the State Capital Improvement Program relies on an amendment to Ohio's Constitution about every ten years, and has been overwhelmingly approved by voters three times since its creation in 1987;

WHEREAS, infrastructure investment encourages economic development, creates and maintains business, contributes to public health and safety, creates construction jobs and helps keep Ohio competitive; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that *Washington Township joins the Strong Ohio Communities coalition in support of State Issue 2 and urges a YES vote on Issue 2 on May 6, 2025.*

Adopted this 12th day of March, 2025.

Call To Vote: Mr. Cooper, Yes; Mr. Peters. Yes; Mr. Maus, Yes

25-14 Motion by Mr. Peters; Seconded by Mr. Cooper

WHEREAS, the Board of Washington Township Trustees would like to contract for the semi-annual (twice a year) application of weed killer around cemetery headstone in Calvary (New & Old Sections), Pt. Isabel, Moscow and Neville cemeteries, and

WHEREAS, two quotes were received:

- Disciple Services & Lawn Care - \$2,400.00
- Opterra Solutions - \$2,400.00

WHEREAS, Opterra Solutions, has a reputation in the area of providing superior services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Washington Township Trustees contract with Opterra Solutions for the semi-annual (twice a year) application of weed killer to cemetery headstones in Calvary (New & Old Section, Pt. Isabel, Moscow, and Neville Cemeteries at a cost of \$2,400.00.

Discussion: Mr. Maus inquired as to the fund that the services would be paid from. Mrs. Dufau confirmed that they would be paid for out of the cemetery fund.

Vote: Mr. Cooper, Yes; Mr. Peters. Yes; Mr. Maus, Yes

25-15 Motion by Mr. Cooper; Seconded by Mr. Peters

WHEREAS, there are insufficient funds for the daily operation of the Township

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLOVED, that the following re-appropriations be made:

\$19,658.00	From:	1000-930-903-0000	Contingencies
\$1,200.00	To:	1000-120-341-1008	Telephone (Twp. Building)
\$8,298.00	To:	1000-110-389-6001	Other Insurance (Health Ins.)
\$160.00	To:	1000-110-330-0000	Travel & Meeting Expenses
\$2,000.00	To:	1000-110-591-0000	Contributions to Other Organizations
\$8,000.00	To:	1000-120-323-1004	Repairs & Main: Civil Def. Sirens

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\$9,440.00 From: 2031-930-930-0000 Contingencies
 To: 2031-330-389-6001 Other Insurance (Health Ins.)

\$18,499.00 From: 2111-930-930-0000 Contingencies
 To: 2111-2290389-6001 Other Insurance (Health Ins.)

\$2,400.00 From: 2041-930-930-0000 Contingencies
 To: 2041-410-360-0000 Contracted Services

Vote: Mr. Cooper, Yes; Mr. Peters, Yes; Mr. Maus, Yes

25-16 Motion by Mr. Cooper; Seconded by Mr. Maus

WHEREAS, Washington Township would like to attend the Salute of Leaders Banquet on April 9, 2025, at the Oasis Center, which will honor Ron & Rebecca Rudd, Washington Township's nominee for the Salute to Leaders Award, and

WHEREAS, the fee to attend the banquet is \$40.00 per person, and

WHEREAS, participation with other Trustees and County representative's facilitates communication, sharing of resources and ideals that lead to the betterment of local government of Clermont County and Washington Township and such furthers a necessary actual purpose of Washington Township.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees pay the registration fee, for any elected official who would like to attend the Salute to Leaders Banquet.

Vote: Mr. Cooper, Yes; Mr. Peters, Yes; Mr. Maus, Yes

25-17 Motion by Mr. Cooper; Seconded by Mr. Peters

WHEREAS, John D. Marshall, 2683 Laurel-Pt. Isabel Road, Moscow, Ohio 45153 has requested to purchase Lot 310-B in Pt. Isabel Cemetery and he has viewed the site and found it to be satisfactory, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marshall has requested that his daughter, Tina Ladenbuger be added as a co-owner on the cemetery deed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Washington Township Trustees sell Lot 310-B in Pt. Isabel Cemetery to John D. Marshall at the residential rate of \$1,000.00 and that Tina Ladenbuger be added as a co-owner on the deed.

Vote: Mr. Cooper, Yes; Mr. Peters, Yes; Mr. Maus, Yes

25-18 Motion by Mr. Cooper; Seconded by Mr. Maus

WHEREAS, David Peters, 1186-2 Collier Road, Moscow, Ohio 45153 has requested to purchase Lot 308-A in Pt. Isabel Cemetery and he has viewed the site and found it to be satisfactory, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Peters has requested that Jessica Peters be added as a co-owner on the cemetery deed.

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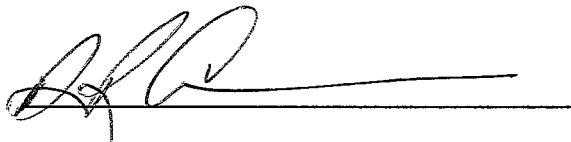
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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Washington Township Trustees sell Lot 308-A in Pt. Isabel Cemetery to David Peters the residential rate of \$1,000.00 and that Jessica Peters be added as a co-owner on the deed.

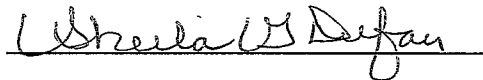
Vote: Mr. Cooper, Yes; Mr. Peters. Abstain; Mr. Maus, Yes

Adjournment

Mr. Cooper asked the Board if they had any additional business matters to discuss. Being none, the motion to adjourn was adopted.



Dennis R. Cooper, Chairman



Sheila G. Dufau, Fiscal Officer