

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APRIL 6, 2026

As per Resolution 26-03, the Board of Washington Township Trustees met in regular session at the Washington Township Hall on Wednesday, April 6, 2026 at 6:30 PM with all members present.

Also, present were: Jim Haas, Lisa Haas, Robin Brewer, Paul Brewer, Adam Bird, Bill Dehass, Phil Turner, Curt Henderson, Barbara Kleinwatcher, Bruce Nutley, Neda Nutley, Cyn Macke, Tony Macke, Melissa Cooper, Julie Hawkins and Deputy Pike.

Mr. Cooper, Chairman, called the meeting to order; opened with a 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: March 11, 2026 and March 25, 2026. There being none, the minutes were approved as presented.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Mrs. Dufau reported receipt of the 2026 first half property tax settlement with the net receipts received being as follows:

General Fund	\$ 19,810.78
Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 49,473.28
Police Fund	\$ 11,057.43
Fire & EMS (Combined)	<u>\$ 110,848.47</u>
Total Net Receipt	\$ 191,189.96

The following amounts were received from the indicated sources:

HC Claimant	28-2026	2281-299-0000	\$507.24	EMS Soft Billing
Medicount Management	29-2026	2281-299-0000	\$3,061.37	EMS Soft Billing
Clermont County Auditor	30-2026	1000-532-0000	\$23,390.95	2026 - 1st half TPP Replacement
		2031-532-0000	\$31,532.86	2026 - 1st half TPP Replacement
		2111-532-0000	\$84,790.98	2026 - 1st half TPP Replacement
		2281-532-0000	\$52,629.16	2026 - 1st half TPP Replacement
HC Claimant	31-2026	2281-299-0000	\$581.58	EMS Soft Billing
HC Claimant	32-2026	2281-299-0000	\$569.87	EMS Soft Billing
James Cook	33-2026	1000-802-1015	\$30.00	Twp Fishing Permit
Charter Communications	34-2026	1000-302-0000	\$664.17	Cable Franchise Fees
American Tower	35-2026	1000-401-0000	\$1,020.00	Franchise Fees
Bureau of Worker's		1000-892-0000	\$352.40	Premium Rebate (2025 True-Up)
Comp		2031-892-0000	\$352.40	Premium Rebate (2025 True-Up)
		2111-892-0000	\$1,057.20	Premium Rebate (2025 True-Up)

HC Claimant	37-2026	2281-299-0000	\$420.91	EMS Soft Billing
Bureau of Worker's Comp	38-2026	2111-805-0000	\$3,795.00	Fire/EMS Grant
HC Claimant	39-2026	2281-299-0000	\$145.38	EMS Soft Billing
HC Claimant	40-2026	2281-299-0000	\$1,185.10	EMS Soft Billing
Clermont County Auditor	41-2026	1000-532-0000	\$2,859.73	Permissive M.V., M.V. License & Local Government
		2011-536-0000	\$855.21	Permissive M.V., M.V. License & Local Government
		2231-103-0000	\$730.50	Permissive M.V., M.V. License & Local Government
Judy Beresford	42-2026	1000-802-1011	\$40.00	Picnic Shelter Rental
April Travis	43-2026	2111-892-0000	\$15.00	Reimbursement for ACLS cards
David Stigler	44-2026	2111-892-0000	\$15.00	Reimbursement for ACLS Card
Cincinnati Bell	45-2026	1000-302-0000	\$457.76	Franchise Fees
HC Claimant	46-2026	2281-299-0000	\$566.95	EMS Soft Billing
Clermont County Auditor	47-2026	2011-536-0000	\$214.68	Annual IRP & Gas Tax
		2021-537-0000	\$12,216.44	Annual IRP & Gas Tax
HC Claimant	48-2026	2281-299-0000	\$817.35	EMS Soft Billing
Medicount Management	49-2026	2281-299-0000	\$3,542.98	EMS Soft Billing
Clermont Co. Treasurer	50-2026	1000-101-0000	\$25,639.18	2026 - 1st half real estate tax settlement
		2031-101-0000	\$50,282.56	2026 - 1st half real estate tax settlement
		2081-101-0000	\$11,223.75	2026 - 1st half real estate tax settlement
		2111-101-0000	\$87,092.05	2026 - 1st half real estate tax settlement
		2281-101-0000	\$25,514.89	2026 - 1st half real estate tax settlement
Riverhills Bank	51-2026	1000-701-0000	\$32.65	Interest - March 2026
		2011-701-0000	\$0.64	Interest - March 2026
		2021-701-0000	\$8.56	Interest - March 2026
		2231-701-0000	\$2.27	Interest - March 2026
Star Ohio	52-2026	1000-701-0000	\$6,162.06	Interest - March 2026
		2011-701-0000	\$121.39	Interest - March 2026
		2021-701-0000	\$1,616.69	Interest - March 2026
		2231-701-0000	\$429.99	Interest - March 2026
Clermont County Auditor	53-2026	1000-532-0000	\$578.83	Local Government
HC Claimant	54-2026	2281-299-0000	\$368.20	EMS Soft Billing
Clermont County Auditor	55-2026	1000-532-0000	\$3,155.31	Local Government
Clermont Co. Treasurer	56-2026	1000-101-0000	\$195.46	M.V. L., Permissive M.V., Gas Tax & M.H. Tax
		2011-536-0000	\$871.99	M.V. L., Permissive M.V., Gas Tax & M.H. Tax
		2021-537-0000	\$10,707.84	M.V. L., Permissive M.V., Gas Tax & M.H. Tax
		2031-101-0000	\$387.86	M.V. L., Permissive M.V., Gas Tax & M.H. Tax
		2081-101-0000	\$87.12	M.V. L., Permissive M.V., Gas Tax & M.H. Tax
		2111-101-0000	\$715.48	M.V. L., Permissive M.V., Gas Tax & M.H. Tax
		2231-103-0000	\$876.06	M.V. L., Permissive M.V., Gas Tax & M.H. Tax
		2281-101-0000	\$225.12	M.V. L., Permissive M.V., Gas Tax & M.H. Tax

Jim Cook	57-2026	1000-802-1011	\$40.00	Picnic Shelter Rental
Candence Cotes	58-2026	1000-802-1011	\$20.00	Picnic Shelter Rental
Alisha Hibbs	59-2026	1000-802-1011	\$10.00	Picnic Shelter Rental
Cecil Peters	60-2026	1000-802-1011	\$80.00	Picnic Shelter Rental
American Tower	61-2026	1000-302-0000	\$1,040.40	Franchise Fees
HC Claimant	62-2026	2281-299-0000	\$330.44	EMS Soft Billing
Treasurer State of Ohio	63-2026	1000-101-0000	\$2,685.86	2026 - 1st Half Rollback/Homestead
		2031-101-0000	\$5,122.56	2026 - 1st Half Rollback/Homestead
		2081-101-0000	\$165.01	2026 - 1st Half Rollback/Homestead
		2111-101-0000	\$3,368.00	2026 - 1st Half Rollback/Homestead
		2281-101-0000	\$1,592.56	2026 - 1st Half Rollback/Homestead
Renee Crawford	64-2026	1000-802-1011	\$20.00	Picnic Shelter Rental
HC Claimant	65-2026	2281-299-0000	\$356.91	EMS Soft Billing
Medicount Management	66-2026	2281-299-0000	\$2,460.82	EMS Soft Billing
National Opioid Settlement	67-2026	2274-891-0000	\$789.84	National Opioid Settlement
National Opioid Settlement				
Riverhills Bank	69-2026	1000-701-0000	\$39.54	Interest - April 2026
		2011-701-0000	\$0.82	Interest - April 2026
		2021-701-0000	\$10.95	Interest - April 2026
		2231-701-0000	\$2.88	Interest - April 2026
Star Ohio		70-2026	1000-701-0000	\$5,918.23
	2011-701-0000		\$123.55	Interest - April 2026
	2021-701-0000		\$1,640.27	Interest - April 2026
	2231-701-0000		\$431.32	Interest - April 2026

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

Kyle A Baylor	172-2026	2031-330-190-0000	\$1,034.25
		2111-220-190-0000	\$563.91
		2281-230-190-0000	\$563.90
Ian Bocciarelli	173-2026	2111-220-190-0000	\$244.74
		2281-230-190-0000	\$244.60
Paul Brewer	174-2026	2111-220-190-0000	\$686.24
		2281-230-190-0000	\$686.22
Robin Brewer	175-2026	1000-110-132-0000	\$1,477.40
Dennis R. Cooper	176-2026	1000-110-111-0000	\$1,139.29
Alan Dodson	177-2026	2031-330-190-0000	\$1,318.41
Sheila G Dufau	178-2026	1000-110-121-0000	\$1,836.94
Donald Gates	179-2026	2111-220-190-0000	\$577.28
		2281-230-190-0000	\$577.28
James Haas	180-2026	2111-220-190-0000	\$749.47
		2281-230-190-0000	\$749.41
Curtis Ray Henderson	181-2026	2111-220-190-0000	\$716.55
		2281-230-190-0000	\$716.54
Travis Hull	182-2026	2111-220-190-0000	\$173.24
		2281-230-190-0000	\$173.28

Greg Lang, Jr.	183-2026	2111-220-190-0000	\$493.90
		2281-230-190-0000	\$493.90
Robert Laubach III	184-2026	1000-110-111-0000	\$1,167.79
Richard A. Maus	185-2026	1000-110-111-0000	\$1,106.26
Robert D Mercer II	186-2026	2111-220-190-0000	\$371.48
		2281-230-190-0000	\$371.50
Garrett Mousir	187-2026	2111-220-190-0000	\$67.82
		2281-230-190-0000	\$67.84
Justin Pendergrass	188-2026	2111-220-190-0000	\$491.26
		2281-230-190-0000	\$491.26
Trevor Riley	189-2026	2111-220-190-0000	\$334.94
		2281-230-190-0000	\$334.80
Michael Tolin	190-2026	2111-220-190-0000	\$149.50
		2281-230-190-0000	\$149.52
Steven W Troutman	191-2026	2111-220-190-0000	\$40.27
		2281-230-190-0000	\$40.27
Sophia Ward	192-2026	2111-220-190-0000	\$79.59
		2281-230-190-0000	\$79.59
Makenna N Weaver	193-2026	2111-220-190-0000	\$100.31
		2281-230-190-0000	\$100.29
Dustin M White	194-2026	2111-220-190-0000	\$561.77
		2281-230-190-0000	\$561.76
James Michael Wilson	195-2026	2111-220-190-0000	\$179.99
		2281-230-190-0000	\$179.99
Theresa Ann Wright	196-2026	2111-220-190-0000	\$434.58
		2281-230-190-0000	\$434.61
Aaron Young	197-2026	2111-220-190-0000	\$392.80
		2281-230-190-0000	\$392.81
RiverHills Bank	199-2026	1000-110-111-0000	\$82.89
		1000-110-121-0000	\$113.97
		1000-110-132-0000	\$259.86
		1000-110-213-0000	\$121.59
		2031-330-190-0000	\$341.07
		2031-330-213-0000	\$45.95
		2111-220-190-0000	\$1,254.03
		2111-220-212-0000	\$408.04
		2111-220-213-0000	\$141.21
		2281-230-190-0000	\$1,253.93
Treasurer State of Ohio	200-2026	2281-230-212-0000	\$408.00
		2281-230-213-0000	\$141.22
		1000-110-111-0000	\$68.95
		1000-110-121-0000	\$40.60
		1000-110-132-0000	\$65.70
		2031-330-190-0000	\$86.08
		2111-220-190-0000	\$237.57
		2281-230-190-0000	\$237.56
		1000-110-111-0000	-\$68.95

		1000-110-121-0000	-\$40.60
		1000-110-132-0000	-\$65.70
		2031-330-190-0000	-\$86.08
		2111-220-190-0000	-\$237.57
		2281-230-190-0000	-\$237.56
Ohio Public Employees	201-2026	1000-110-132-0000	\$50.00
		2111-220-190-0000	\$312.50
		2281-230-190-0000	\$312.50
Regional Income Tax Agency	202-2026	2111-220-190-0000	\$74.88
		2281-230-190-0000	\$54.57
Bureau of Worker's Compensation	231-2026	1000-110-230-0000	\$122.61
		2031-330-230-0000	\$183.93
		2111-220-230-0000	\$919.64
Ace Hardware of Bethel	68038	1000-610-323-1011	\$40.24
		2021-330-420-0000	\$18.99
Brown County Asphalt, Inc.	68039	2021-330-420-0000	\$180.00
Duke Energy	68040	1000-120-351-0000	\$27.53
Duke Energy	68041	1000-310-360-0000	\$569.10
Fidelity Security Life Insurance Co.	68042	1000-110-389-6003	\$41.90
		2031-330-389-6003	\$23.94
		2111-220-389-6003	\$29.92
Koenig Equipment	68043	2021-330-323-1018	\$73.98
Rapid Signs & Sportswear	68044	2111-220-420-0000	\$28.00
Rumpke	68045	1000-610-360-1011	\$498.32
Rumpke	68046	1000-320-360-0000	\$1,064.88
Smyth Automotive	68047	2021-330-420-0000	\$44.36
Suburban Propane	68048	2031-330-353-0000	\$567.48
Suburban Propane	68049	1000-120-353-1008	\$261.69
Verizon Wireless	68050	2281-230-341-3014	\$20.14
Wex Bank	68051	2111-220-490-0000	\$774.93
FlexTG, LLC	68052	1000-110-360-0000	\$84.50
		2111-220-420-0000	\$32.25
Treasurer State of Ohio	68053	1000-110-360-0000	\$876.00

Special Presentations

Mr. Adam Bird, State Representative addressed the Board and those attendance providing updates and information on the following:

- A group is gathering signatures for a ballot issue to abolish property taxes. Three to four property tax reform bills have been passed in Columbus. One approved property tax reform bill states that property taxes will not increase above the rate of inflation unless a tax levy is passed.
- Working with Batavia Township over annexation matters.
- Introduction of a bill to forbid elected officials signing “Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDA’s).

- Introduction of a bill to establish a “Data Center Commission” to research the effects of data centers.

Mr. Bruce Nutley asked Mr. Bird the status of the proposed legislation eliminating property taxes for disabled veterans. Mr. Bird expressed that he was not on the committee addressing the matter but supported the proposed legislation.

Chief Haas inquired about federal monies that were available for reopening coal fired power plants. Mr. Bird expressed that he was fighting to get the Zimmer Power Plant reopened.

Mr. Laubach questioned why the State was funding a new sports stadium for the Cleveland Browns when local governments were struggling to fund necessary services. Mr. Bird expressed that the “unclaimed funds” utilized for the proposed new stadium were not taxpayer’s monies. Mrs. Dufau expressed her disagreement with Mr. Bird’s statement and stated that the “unclaimed fund” was taxpayers’ monies and the process for owners of the “unclaimed” monies should be made more user friendly so taxpayers could claim the monies that belong to them.

Mr. Maus expressed that if the issue of abolishing property taxes is on the election ballot that most voters will vote to eliminate them. He asked Mr. Bird if the state legislature has a plan if property taxes are eliminated. Mr. Bird expressed that no committee had been established and no plans had been made as the legislatures were waiting to see if was indeed going to be on the November 2026 election ballot.

Another person in attendance inquired as to where the marijuana tax revenue goes that is collected by the State. Mr. Bird expressed that the marijuana tax revenue goes to the village, city or township where the product is sold.

Mr. Bill Dehass, Clermont Senior Services CEO addressed the Board and those in attendance providing information regarding the services available and provided by their agency to senior citizens in Clermont County. Mr. Dehass also provided information regarding the upcoming tax levy renewal that will be on the May 2026 election ballot.

Administrator & Road Report

Mr. Cooper reported on the following road activities:

- He and Mr. Dodson (Twp. Road Supervisor) had attended a meeting regarding the two road landslides. Project on Combs Road scheduled to begin in May 2026.
- County Engineer has sent a request and recommendation for the Board to have a tech engineering study completed on the slip on Big Indian Road at a cost of \$7,000.00. If the Board applies for OPWC funding for the project the engineering cost would be included in the grant application.
- A proposed finding has been regarding the Recterra lawsuit with recommendations that the Board pass a resolution to vacate Big Indian Road.
- Road & Bridge Department has started mowing the township cemeteries.

Mr. Maus expressed that he had received an estimate from a landscaper for mowing the township cemeteries. A brief discussion ensued regarding contracting the cemetery mowing.

Mr. Cooper reported that the township had received the risk assessment report from the township's insurance company which included some issues at the township park and the recommendation of first amendment audit training for township elected officials and employees.

Mr. Cooper inquired what the other Board members would like to do regarding the park repairs. Mr. Maus recommended tabling until the June meeting. Mr. Laubach was in agreement.

Mr. Cooper reported he had contacted ODOT regarding the junk yard. Mrs. Macke expressed the salvage yard on U.S. 52 that has been there for years has suddenly become active. A brief discussion ensued with general consensus of the Board that nothing could be done.

Sheriff Report

Deputy Pike was in attendance in Deputy Boggs absence and presented a written statistical report.

Fire Department Report

Chief Haas presented a written report which included the following:

- **Emergency Detail Total for March 2026** - EMS 18/3 mutual aid, Fire 24/5 mutual aid, for 42 monthly emergency details.
- **Station 66-** Nothing to report
- **Grant-** FEMA grant portal is back online, hope to start getting reimbursements soon.
- **Vehicles-** The Chevy squad is getting the O2 life installed from April the BWC grant
- **Personnel/ Training-** Nothing to report
- **Equipment-** Nothing to report
- **Other** – We will be having training with Dr. Kahn on Wednesday

Chief Haas reported the 2026 Crossroads Church agreement had been finalized.

Mr. Maus expressed his appreciation to Chief Haas for working hard on the Fire/EMS budget.

New Business

Mr. Cooper reported that a question had been raised regarding the validity of the board meeting. He expressed that the April board meeting had been rescheduled on March 16, 2026. The township's electronic sign was updated at that time and an email was sent to the Citizens Committee members on March 27, 2026 notifying them of the schedule change however the township's website had not been updated with the date change.

Resolutions

26-25 Motion by: Mr. Laubach Seconded by: Mr. Maus

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Board of Trustees is dedicated to transparency in government, and

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Board of Trustees strictly adhere to the Ohio Public Records Act, and

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Board of Trustees previously adopted a “Public Records Request for Information” policy referenced as “Appendix E” in the township’s Policy and Procedure Manual, and

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Board of Trustees wishes to update and amend “Appendix E” to ensure compliance with the Ohio Public Records Act.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following update be approved to replace the current information in Appendix E:

1. All public records request can be submitted to any township official or employee in written, verbal or electronic format.
2. All public records request will be fulfilled in a timely manner.
3. The township will charge fifteen cents (\$0.15) per photocopied record page or electronic records provided on electronic media (USB drive) the requester will be charged \$15.00 per USB drive. There will be no charge for records emailed to a requestor.
4. The requester will be invoiced upon completion of the request and will be contacted regarding the cost, if any.
5. The requester agrees to pay the invoice upon receipt of the completed records requested.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Cooper, Yes Mr. Laubach, Yes Mr. Maus, Yes

26-26 Motion by: Mr. Cooper Seconded by: Mr. Laubach

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Board Trustees approved hiring by resolution (Resolution 26-20) to hire Larison Lawn Care to spray the township cemeteries, and

WHEREAS, funds need re-appropriated in the Cemetery Fund to facilitate the expenditure.

THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, the following re-appropriations be approved:

From: 2041-930-930-0000 Contingencies \$1,672.47

2041-410-490-0000	Supplies/Materials	\$2,100.00
2041-410-599-0000	Other	\$ 500.00

To; 2041-410-360-0000 Contracted Services \$4,272.47
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Cooper, Yes Mr. Laubach, Yes Mr. Maus, Yes

26-27 Motion by: Mr. Maus Seconded by: Mr. Laubach

WHEREAS, the Clermont County Engineer’s office has recommended an engineering tech study be completed for the needed repairs on Big Indian Road, and

WHEREAS, an engineering tech study will be needed if the Board of Washington Township Trustees desire to apply for OPWC grant funding for the needed repairs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Washington Township Trustees approve the completion of an engineering tech survey of Big Indian Road at a cost of \$7,000.00.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Cooper, Yes Mr. Laubach, Yes Mr. Maus, Yes

Adjournment

There being no further business the motion to adjourn was adopted.

Dennis R. Cooper, Chairman

Sheila G. Dufau, Fiscal Officer