WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JUNE 3, 2026

As per Resolution 26-03, the Board of Washington Township Trustees met in regular session at the Washington Township Hall on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 6:30 PM with all members present.

Also, present were: Melissa Cooper, Tim Suter, Curtis Henderson, Chris Padgett, Phil Turner, David Painter, Jim Haas, Don Jones, Carla Benjamin, Kristin Baird, Mark Baird, Rhonda Brittain, Brian Brittain and Lisa Haas.

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 called for additions or corrections to the minutes of: May 6, 2026, May 20, 2026 and May 21, 2026. There being none, the minutes were approved as presented.

Fiscal Officer's Report

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

Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund	293-2026	2111-220-190-0000	$773.77
		2111-220-215-0000	$1,515.96
		2281-230-190-0000	$773.78
		2281-230-215-0000	$1,515.96
OPERS	294-2026	1000-110-111-0000	$399.24
		1000-110-121-0000	$223.99
		1000-110-132-0000	$434.58
		1000-110-211-0000	$1,480.93
		2031-330-190-0000	$636.51
		2031-330-211-0000	$891.12
Mark D Baird	295-2026	2111-220-190-0000	$324.65
		2281-230-190-0000	$324.66
Kyle A Baylor	296-2026	2031-330-190-0000	$1,052.10
		2111-220-190-0000	$433.26
Kyle A Baylor	296-2026	2281-230-190-0000	$433.26
Gregory Beasley	297-2026	2111-220-190-0000	$144.36
Ian Bocciarelli	298-2026	2111-220-190-0000	$246.47
		2281-230-190-0000	$246.49
Paul Brewer	299-2026	2111-220-190-0000	$694.80
		2281-230-190-0000	$694.63
Robin Brewer	300-2026	1000-110-132-0000	$1,616.72
Dennis R. Cooper	301-2026	1000-110-111-0000	$1,139.29
Alan Dodson	302-2026	2031-330-190-0000	$1,321.12
Sheila G Dufau	303-2026	1000-110-121-0000	$1,855.27
Donald Gates	304-2026	2111-220-190-0000	$562.68
		2281-230-190-0000	$562.51
James Haas	305-2026	2111-220-190-0000	$882.53
		2281-230-190-0000	$882.55
Curtis Henderson	306-2026	2111-220-190-0000	$726.84
		2281-230-190-0000	$726.85
Travis Hull	307-2026	2111-220-190-0000	$547.62
		2281-230-190-0000	$547.65
Robert Laubach III	308-2026	1000-110-111-0000	$1,167.79
Richard A. Maus	309-2026	1000-110-111-0000	$1,106.26
Robert D Mercer II	310-2026	2111-220-190-0000	$562.49
		2281-230-190-0000	$562.51
Justin Pendergrass	311-2026	2111-220-190-0000	$429.29

		2281-230-190-0000	$429.15
Douglas Price	312-2026	2111-220-190-0000	$380.41
		2281-230-190-0000	$380.42
Trevor Riley	313-2026	2111-220-190-0000	$190.86
		2281-230-190-0000	$190.87
Michael Tolin	314-2026	2111-220-190-0000	$228.97
		2281-230-190-0000	$229.00
Steven W Troutman	315-2026	2111-220-190-0000	$126.32
		2281-230-190-0000	$126.31
Makenna N Weaver	316-2026	2111-220-190-0000	$100.31
		2281-230-190-0000	$100.29
Dustin M White	317-2026	2111-220-190-0000	$648.40
		2281-230-190-0000	$648.27
James Michael Wilson	318-2026	2111-220-190-0000	$295.92
		2281-230-190-0000	$295.94
Theresa Ann Wright	319-2026	2111-220-190-0000	$677.31
		2281-230-190-0000	$677.34
Aaron Young	320-2026	2111-220-190-0000	$492.69
		2281-230-190-0000	$492.70
Voided	322-2026	XXXX-XXX-XXX-XXXX	$0.00
Robin Brewer	324-2026	1000-110-132-0000	$9,186.47
RiverHills Bank	326-2026	1000-110-111-0000	$82.89
		1000-110-121-0000	$95.64
		1000-110-132-0000	$3,206.65
		1000-110-213-0000	$302.96
		2031-330-190-0000	$298.93
		2031-330-213-0000	$45.60
		2111-220-190-0000	$1,455.68
		2111-220-212-0000	$484.19
		2111-220-213-0000	$161.90
		2281-230-190-0000	$1,420.76
		2281-230-212-0000	$484.15
		2281-230-213-0000	$161.84
Treasurer State of Ohio	327-2026	1000-110-132-0000	$65.70
		2031-330-190-0000	$88.65
		2111-220-190-0000	$237.19
		2281-230-190-0000	$237.17
Ohio Public Employees	328-2026	2111-220-190-0000	$279.98
		2281-230-190-0000	$280.02
Standard Insurance Company	68111	1000-110-111-0000	$27.92
		1000-110-121-0000	$24.42
		1000-110-132-0000	$27.32
		2031-330-190-0000	$41.86
		2111-220-190-0000	$32.19
		2281-230-190-0000	$32.21
Washington National Ins. Co.	68112	1000-110-132-0000	$121.50
		2111-220-190-0000	$34.86
		2281-230-190-0000	$34.84
Ace Hardware of Bethel	68113	1000-610-323-1011	$26.95
Ag-Pro	68114	2021-330-323-1018	$129.14
Charter Communications	68115	2111-220-341-0000	$280.03
Charter Communications	68116	2111-220-341-0000	$137.72
COSE Health and Wellness Trust	68117	1000-110-389-6001	$9,598.41
		2031-330-389-6001	$4,141.17
		2111-220-389-6001	$6,987.52
Delta Dental	68118	1000-110-389-6002	$372.87
		2031-330-389-6002	$169.11
		2111-220-389-6002	$293.40
Duke Energy	68119	1000-310-360-0000	$554.16
Duke Energy	68120	2111-220-351-0000	$668.23

Flex TG Financial Services	68121	1000-110-360-0000	$136.00
		2111-220-360-3011	$136.00
Henry Schein, Inc.	68122	2281-230-420-0000	$808.59
Standard Insurance Company	68123	1000-110-389-6006	$35.47
		2031-330-389-6006	$45.34
		2111-220-389-6006	$68.15
Verizon Wireless	68124	2281-230-341-3014	$20.16
Vogelpohl Fire Equipment	68125	2111-760-740-0000	$5,510.00

Public Participation

Mr. Cooper addressed those in attendance expressing that the Ohio Sunshine Law does not require the township to allow public participation during the township board meeting however the trustees did not want to eliminate public participation. He expressed that everyone's entitled to their opinion regarding matters however there is on only one true fact and the Board would be considering adopting a public participation policy.

Mr. Cooper further expressed that when first becoming a township trustee in 1984 all township roads were gravel, the fire department was fully staffed by volunteers and the township contracted with the Moscow Life Squad for EMS coverage in the township. There was no money to improve anything in the township. He expressed that previous township trustees, including Mr. David Jarman had worked very hard to make improvements in and for the township.

Mr. Cooper then opened the floor for public participation for all in attendance.

Mrs. Rhonda Brittain expressed her appreciation to Mr. Cooper for his assistance with addressing the landfill odor. Mr. Cooper stated it was going to take citizen involvement for the issue to be resolved.

Mr. Chris Padgett addressed the Board regarding the landfill odor and expressed that Vistra had been fined by the Ohio EPA and inquired where that money had gone. Mr. Padgett stated he had been attracted to the area due to the lack of zoning of the township however he was not opposed to some form of zoning if it would address some of the issues in the township. Mr. Cooper expressed that even if zoning was passed all the issue spots would be grandfathered in and it would not help correct the issues.

Ms. Carla Benjamin reported that a gentleman with Earth Justice was going to be contacting her regarding the actions that could possibly taken to address the landfill odor.

Mr. David Painter, Clermont Count Commissioner, explained the landfill odor is being caused by hydrogen sulfide and the county commissioners were working to have air quality testing of the landfill and surrounding area. He noted that the Commissioner of Health, Southwest Ohio Air Quality and the U.S. EPA have been contacted regarding the matter.

Administrator Report/Road Summary

Mr. Cooper reported on the following:

- Organization of the administration office
- Assisted Alan Dotson, Road Superintendent with cemetery issues
- Contacted several elected officials regarding landfill odor issues
- Weekly meeting with Chief Jim Haas
- Duke Energy to raise natural gas rates January 2027

Road/Bridge Activities

- Repaired side mower (In-house)
- Combs Road repairs completed
- Moscow Cemetery Road repairs to begin
- Work completed at Woods Hill Cemetery

Mr. Cooper to meet with representatives from the Clermont County Park District on Friday, June 5, 2026.

Sheriff Report

Deputy Boggs presented a verbal monthly statistical report.

Fire Department Report

Chief Haas presented a written report which included the following:

- **Emergency Detail Total for May 2026 -** EMS 23/3 mutual aid, Fire 26/6 mutual aid, for 49 monthly emergency details. (this is as of 5/29)
- **Station 66-** All the requested IT information was sent to Will on users, security levels, and hardware. We also discussed several systems we use and how to downsize and streamline them.
- **Grant**- The 2nd reimbursement was submitted to FEMA AFG. It was submitted on 5/13/26 for the amount of $126,128.57. We have 1 more to submit upon reimbursement with 2 requested amendments.
- **Vehicles**- E66 has a steering issue and is OOS. We are trying to get quotes for the repair**.**
- **Personnel/ Training-** Resolutions for R. Woodruff's status to volunteer, and to accept G. Lang's resignation from WTFR.

  Dr. Khan will be at the station on 6/10 to do hands-on training. The training will have WTFR, Felicity-Franklin, New Richmond, and Monroe personnel.

- **Equipment-** Need to replace the controlled substance vaults in the squads due to law changes with the DEA. I would request that we use monies from the opioid fund. Cost is between $2000 and $5000 each. I'm working on quotes.
- **Other-** I attended a web meeting with the DEA over the new changes to the law for controlled substances. I have changed our DEA registration from an ambulance service to an EMS agency to meet the requirements. I will also make the change to CSOS for the ordering of the medications. But I will need to look at changes to the storage of the controlled substances in the supply room and make changes to the narcotic waste forms we currently use.

New Business

Mr. Maus reported he had assisted Mr. Ed Calvert with a matter at Moscow Cemetery.

Mr. Maus recommended the Board hold public hearings for the proposed tax levy as well as obtaining some signs. Mrs. Dufau noted that the Board is not permitted by law to expend any monies promoting the proposed tax levy. Chief Haas expressed that the Department has signs from the last tax levy and that the signs could be redone.

Mr. Maus reported that there had been no update on the Big Indian Road litigation.

Mr. Cooper reported that Moscow Spur Road would be closed for three days.

Mr. Cooper commended Mr. Laubach for his completion and submission of the CDBG grant application for the Neville Boat Ramp improvements and him obtaining confirmation that the contract with ODNR would not be renewed if improvements were made.

Mr. Cooper provided the history of the hay mowing and baling on township property and reiterated that it had always been handled by verbal agreement and that he had received confirmation from the township's legal council that a written agreement was not legally required. Mr. Cooper further reported that the township's legal council had prepared a written contract for future use. Mr. Cooper also read an email from the township's legal

counsel, Brian Shrive which stated there was no issue with Chris Smith doing the hay mowing and baling for the township.

Mr. Laubach reported he had met with Jack Bedford and Mrs. Ethel Smith regarding the hay mowing and baling. He had provided them a copy of the proposed township for their insurance company to review.

Resolutions

26-38 Motion by: Mr. Cooper Seconded by: Mr. Maus

WHEREAS, Greg Lang has submitted his resignation from the Washington Township Fire & Rescue effective May 19, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Board of Trustees desires to formally acknowledge and accept said resignation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington Township Board of Trustees accept the resignation of Greg Lang from the Washington Township Fire & Rescue effective May 19, 2026.

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

26-39 Motion by: Mr. Maus Seconded by: Mr. Laubach

WHEREAS, Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Woodruff has not been able to provide part-time hours to Washington Township Fire & Rescue as required by Township policies due to conflicts with his work schedule; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Woodruff has maintained contact with the department and remains in good standing;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Woodruff be reclassified to Paid-Per-Call status effective June 3, 2026.

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

26-40 Motion by: Mr. Cooper Seconded by: Mr. Laubach

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Board of Trustees approved Resolution# 26-35 on May 21, 2026 approving contracting with Christopher Smith for mowing, baling and hay removal on township property, and

WHEREAS, the approved contract has not been executed and Christopher Smith has notified the Board that he will no longer be able to provide said services to the township.

THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, that the Washington Township Board of Trustees rescind Resolution# 26-35.

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

26-41 Motion by: Mr. Cooper Seconded by: Mr. Laubach

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code, Section 9.64 sets forth the standards and requirements for government cyber security compliance, and

WHEREAS, Mr. William Bradshaw, Bullium Consulting, the township's current information technology provider, has provided an in-depth presentation regarding the compliance requirements including a cyber policy, equipment upgrades and monitoring/reporting requirements, and

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Board of Trustees desire to retain Bullium Consulting to provide the necessary equipment and services to ensure the township's compliance with the Ohio Revised Code, Section 9.64.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Washington Township Board of Trustees request a proposal from Bullium Consulting for equipment and services for township cyber security compliance in accordance to Ohio Revised Code, Section 9.64,

Discussion: Mr. Maus expressed his concern that the township did not have a contract nor a cost. The Board discussed what would be needed to assure compliance. Mr. Maus expressed he would like to see Mr. Bradshaw's insurance coverage and recommended the Board speak to other townships to see how they were addressing the matter.

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

26-42 Motion by: Mr. Maus Seconded by: Mr. Laubach

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY FOR LEVYING AN ADDITIONAL TAX EXCEEDINGLY THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR SAFETY SERVICES AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR CERTIFY MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of Washington Township, Clermont County, Ohio,; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Washington Township, Clermont County, Ohio anticipates levying a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation as described herein; and

WHEREAS, Sections 7505.03 and 5705.191 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the submission of the tax to the electors; and

WHEREAS, a resolution declaring the necessity of levying a tax outside the ten-mil limitation must be passed and certified to the County Auditor of Clermont County, and must request that the County Auditor certify certain matters in connection with such a tax levy.

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

SECTION 1. That is necessary to levy an additional tax of five and one half (5.5) mills for a five-year period of time for the entire territory of Washington Township, which only has territory in Clermont County, Ohio.

SECTION 2. That the purpose of the levy is for police, fire, and ambulance, as set forth in Ohio Revised Code section 5705.19(JJ) being any or all of the purposes provided in Ohio Revised Code sections 5705.19 (I) or (J).

SECTION 3. That the levy be placed upon the tax lists, commencing in 2026, first due calendar year 2027, in compliance with Ohio Revised Code section 5705.34, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.

SECTION 4. That the question of such tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the entire territory of Washington Township, Clermont County, Ohio at the election to be held therein on November 3, 2026.

SECTION 5. That the Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to certify a copy of the resolution to the County Auditor.

SECTION 6. That the Board of Trustees of Washington Township hereby requests that the County Auditor certify to the Board the following : the total current tax valuation of the entire territory of Washington Township, Clermont County, Ohio; the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the number of mills specified in Section 1, hereof; the levy's estimated effective rate or levy's rate, whichever is applicable, in dollars for each

$100,000 of the Auditor's market value; and as applicable, an estimate of the levy's annual collections.

SECTION 7. That the Board finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting and that all deliberations of the Board which resulted in the passage of this resolution, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with all legal requirements including Ohio Revised Code section 121.22.

SECTION 8. That this resolution shall take effect at the earliest period allowed by law.

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

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

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Dennis Cooper, Chairman **Sheila G. Dufau, Fiscal Officer**