

THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 20, 2022

The Washington Township Board of Trustees met this date in regular session for the purpose of transacting business of the Township. Mr. Stevenson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m, the pledge was recited, and roll call was taken: Rex Stevenson, yes; Nelson Smith, yes; Sam Parsons, yes. Also present were Phillip Shaw and Branden McDaniel.

Mr. Smith moved to waive the reading of and approve the minutes from the regular meeting on October 6, 2022. Mr. Stevenson seconded. Vote: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Stevenson, yes; Mr. Parsons, yes. Motion carried.

The following bills were examined by the Board:

44-2022	Treasurer, State of Ohio	297.43
45-2022	Ohio School Tax	132.30
46-2022	Ohio Public Employees Retirement System	1,606.88
47-2022	Electronic Federal Tax Payment System	1,413.50
6718	Bob's Tire Service	80.00
6719	AEP Ohio	72.03
6720	Branden L. McDaniel	382.47
	TOTAL	\$3,984.61

Mr. Parsons moved that the preceding bills be allowed as lawful obligations of the Township and the Fiscal Officer be directed to issue warrants of the Township in payment of the same. Mr. Smith seconded. Vote: Mr. Parsons, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Stevenson, yes. Motion carried. I certify that there are sufficient funds in the depository and checks have been issued in payment of the same.

Phillip M. Shaw, Fiscal Officer

Mr. Smith moved to approve the bank statement. Seconded by Mr. Parsons. Vote: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Parsons, yes; Mr. Stevenson, yes. Motion carried.

Public Concerns and Comments:

None.

Employee & Appointee Report & Instruction:

1. Mr. Coe not present.
2. Mr. McDaniel reported that he finished mowing back all of the Township's roads; took the F-550 in to get the clutch fan replaced; cleaned the catch basin on Stickle Rd.; and is in the process of changing the belts on the F-550.

Old Business:

1. The Board discussed the date for the 2023 Organizational meeting. After much discussion, the Board decided to hold the Organizational meeting on January 4, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township office at 10905 Mt. Vernon Rd., Utica.
2. The Board discussed and suggested having the regular meetings for 2023 on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 7:30 p.m.

New Business:

1. The Board discussed how they would pay for the new dump truck and equipment. The discussion centered on whether to pay for the truck out of the Gas Tax and Road & Bridge Funds, use the ARPA money to pay for part of the purchase, or to borrow the money from the Peoples Bank at the rate of 5.15% interest with 10% down, and a yearly payment of \$19,087.30.
2. Mr. Shaw reported that if the Board paid for the truck and the equipment out of the Gas Tax and Road & Bridge Funds, it will cut the amount available for the yearly road improvement project by \$100,000 per year for 4-5 years. If the Board borrows the money from the Peoples Bank at 5.15% interest, Mr. Shaw can lower the amount appropriated for repairs by \$20,000.00 with no reduction on funds available for future road improvement projects. If the Board does not use the ARPA money for other projects, it can be used to lower the total cost of the new dump truck and equipment.
3. Mr. Parsons moved to proceed with the financing for the purchase of the new dump truck and equipment with the Peoples Bank for 10 years at the rate of 5.15% interest. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Vote: Mr. Parsons, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Stevenson, yes. Motion carried.

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4. The Board discussed the financial shortfall of the Utica EMS due to labor and increased costs of doing business. It is estimated that the Utica EMS will be completely out of operating funds by mid 2023.
5. The Board will hold a special meeting with the Morgan Township Trustees on November 9 and 16, 2022 to discuss the future of the EMS for both Morgan and Washington Township residents.

Mr. Smith moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Parsons. Vote: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Parsons, yes; Mr. Stevenson, yes. Motion carried.

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Rex J. Stevenson, President

Nelson A. Smith, Vice President

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Sam C. Parsons, Board Member

Phillip M. Shaw, Fiscal Officer