

Record of Proceedings – February 10, 2020

Washington Township Trustees, Warren County, Ohio

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Schaefer, with Fisher, and Hagemeyer present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the January 27, 2020 meeting were mailed to the Trustees prior to the meeting for review. Warrants 10980 through 10981 totaling \$2,107.18 were presented for approval.

Mr. Hagemeyer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fisher to approve the minutes.
Vote – Schaefer, aye; Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Fisher made a motion to pay the bills as presented seconded by Mr. Hagemeyer.
Vote - Schaefer, aye; Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye. Motion passed

FROM THE FLOOR:

Sherriff Larry Sims from the Warren County Sherriff's Office was present to give a recap of services provided in 2019. The new Jail/Sherriff's Office is well on it's way to being built. He reported that an officer was able to save the life of a 3 year old child after a head on collision that killed 2 people on I-71. He also spoke on a murder that happened on Oregonia Road near the City of Lebanon.

Attorney Ben Yoder and Mr. Ted Paarlberg attended the meeting to offer information and to answer questions from residents concerning the Kings Domain Site. Mr. Paarlberg is interested in purchasing the 121 acre site to open a substance abuse treatment center. The investors plan on running the treatment center as a "for profit" business and will pay property taxes. Additionally they do not plan to obtain any public funding. The facility would start with 22-24 beds with the possibility of a 90 bed capacity in the future. Ted and his partners have been planning a facility like this for over a year, and have been looking for a reclusive location.

The patients would be voluntary not court ordered, with an average stay of 1 month. They will be screened before being allowed to enter the program, and no one with a violent legal history will be admitted. Patients would be on a strict routine from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily. It would be a medically monitored facility with Doctors, Therapists, and Nurses, along with a full staff similar to what you would find in a hospital. Security will involve a secured front gate, security cameras and security personnel, in an effort to ensure comfort levels of the patients and surrounding property owners. Mr. Paarlberg is also open to some type of bracelet that could allow residents access to the buildings within the facility, while also allowing some monitoring opportunity. If a patient wishes to leave the facility they can, but there is a discharge process they must do that includes having transportation to leave and a place to go.

It was reported in the meeting that the next step in the process is to present the plan to the Warren County BZA and then to the Warren County Board of Commissioners before it can be approved. However further insight to the process shows that the final approval process for the conditional use is with the BZA and does not continue on to the Commissioners. There will be an open meeting and the public is welcome to attend. Washington Township will send notifications to anyone that specifically asks, in addition to posting the meeting notice on our website (as it comes available).

Mr. Paarlberg and Mr. Yoder urged residents to look up Mt. Sinai in Dhalonega Georgia as a comparison to what they would like to do here.

Residents in attendance had many concerns including:

- That residents of the facility would trespass onto the adjoining neighbor's property and maybe cause harm or robbery to get their fix.
- The property is located next door to a children's camp.
- Property value declining in the area.
- The bike path is right next to the property.
- Fort Ancient is next door and is to become a World Heritage Site in the near future.
- Does not fit in with the idea of Warren County being Ohio's Largest Playground.
- Is the onsite water treatment center capable of the water usage for the facility.
- The impact of the facility on the Townships services such as fire, EMS, and police.

Ms. Coffman will join the Nextdoor App to notify residents of meetings until the website is up and running. Also residents can ask to be added to an email list for notifications.

ROADS REPORT:

- Allen reported that the 2011 Ford will be advertised on March 28, 2020 for the Consignment Auction at The Warren County Fairgrounds, and he would also like to advertise for the old bucket truck to be added to the auction.

A motion was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Mr. Hagemeyer to add the old bucket truck to the Warren County Fairgrounds Consignment Auction.

Vote – Schaefer, aye; Hagemeyer, aye; Fisher, aye. Motion passed.

A resident voiced concern about the intersection of SR 350 and Middleboro Road as being unsafe. Mr. Fisher stated that it a ODOT intersection and they have their own guidelines.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Fisher reported that the Warren County Combined Health District will come back again this week to board the windows at 166 Clarksville Road.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The 2020 Warren County Engineers Report to Township Trustees will be held on March 5, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Ms. Coffman will notify them that we will attend.

As there was no further business, Mr. Fisher made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hagemeyer to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Paul Schaefer
Trustee President

Sharon Coffman
Fiscal Officer