



# Washington Township News

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## Trustee News



This year the Trustees will be researching refuse (garbage) collection options for the residents. Following are a few problems we hope to bring to resolution with this endeavor: rate increases, truck traffic, multiple days of collection causing refuse and litter around the neighborhoods, and the decline of streets due to the truck traffic. We plan to meet with various refuse collection companies to gather information on options that may be available and suitable for our Township. The main objective will be to find a preferred carrier that will serve our Township more efficiently and possibly, due to a large collective base, reduce residential rates as well as decrease maintenance costs to our roads caused by excessive truck traffic. We urge you to participate in this new venture by attending either the Township meetings, giving us your opinions by email, or by dropping us a note. Visit our website at [www.washington-twp.com](http://www.washington-twp.com) Trustee Meetings are held the first and third Monday of each month, if a holiday falls on one of these Monday's, the meeting will be held on Tuesday. The first meeting each month will be held at the Fire Station, located on Shoreland Avenue; the meeting on the third Monday is held at Township Hall, located on Blessing Drive off of Stickney Avenue. The Trustees, Clerk, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Road Superintendent, and Zoning Inspector are all present to assist in answering any questions or help you in any way. We encourage you to attend, not only to see the Fire Station and the newly remodeled Township Hall, but also to meet everyone in person and find out what is happening in the Township.

A little about the renovation of Township Hall; as you can see in pictures provided on page 5, it looks quite different. New siding, drivet, roof, paint, and signs now compliment the building. A new 20 x 40 storage building for the Police and Road Departments was constructed on David Drive as well. Township Hall is not only for meetings, but it also houses the offices of the Police Dept., Roads Dept., Zoning Dept., Clerk, and Trustees.

Drive by and check out the renovations and we hope to see you at the next meeting!

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MDT's up and running (Computers in Police Cars): The Washington Township Police Department's new MDT's went on line just after New Year's Day and immediately the benefits were realized as a suspect wanted on several felony and misdemeanor warrants was taken into custody within hours of using the new system. MDT is short for Mobile Data Terminal. The terminals allow nearly instant information to officers working the street, such as vehicle information, owner's name, whether the vehicle is reported stolen or if the registered owner has outstanding warrants. Additionally, this allows the police department to communicate, gather, and receive information while maintaining radio silence. Other features with the MDT's allow all area police agencies to monitor our activity as well as allowing us to do the same; we can also "instant message" any on duty police officer within Lucas County. These terminals/computers are being paid for with your tax dollars through the Lucas County 9-1-1 levy.



A big thank you: Association President Ken Bowman along with the men and women of the Washington Township Police Department would like to extend a big THANK YOU for the generous support so many of you showed by making a donation to the Police Association's fundraising drive this past Fall. The money collected will be used to enable the officers of the police department to attend training classes that are held out of town, as well as additional equipment purchases. With the demise of the Criminal Justice Training and Education Center, we are forced to seek other avenues for on-going training. If you have not yet received your booster stickers please contact the Police Office at 419-726-0478 and leave a message. We solicited only half of the Township during the Fall campaign, we will be invading the other half of the Township this Spring. Again THANK YOU!!

Winter Wonderland: Well so far we have dodged the bullet, the snow bullet that is, but we still have a ways to go before getting out the beach balls and lawn furniture; and February and March can be a smorgasbord of weather. For safety sake please allow some extra time for your car to warm up before motoring off. Make sure the windows are de-iced and afford you a clear line of vision. When allowing the car to warm up, make sure YOU LOCK THE DOORS before going back inside to keep warm. If you plan to travel the highways and byways you may want to pack a vehicle survival kit to keep in your car. This usually consists of a blanket, working flashlight, light snacks, and a shovel or good size bag of sand or floor dry just in case old man winter decides it's time to play! Remember, we live in Northwest Ohio/Southeast Michigan!!

Welcome Aboard: We would like to extend a warm welcome to, and introduce you to the newest Police Officer of the Washington Township Police Department: Paul Brady. Paul was sworn in January 22<sup>nd</sup> after completing the basic police academy last Spring. Paul will be suiting up sometime in early March. We will be bringing on board more new police officers in the next several months, as we have three candidates attending the basic police academy at the time of printing.

New Police Cars: The Police Department will be receiving two new police cars sometime in early March, the cars will be from the Ford Motor Company, and will be replacing two aging units that were put into service in 1998.





## FIRE and RESCUE NEWS

### Announcing new members:

Roger Compton  
Jim Francis  
Heather Sebring  
Ray Wolfe  
Dawn McLennan

### Honor Guard

The Fire Department is proud to announce the formation of the department's first Honor Guard. The Honor Guard will represent the department at funerals, ceremonies, parades, and other special events. The Honor Guard is made up of the following members of the Fire Department: Captains Bill Dawn and Mike Motter along with Firefighters Tory Stange, Jackie Smith, Fred Riggs, and Bob Green.

### Fire/Rescue Training

Over the past several months the Fire Department has provided its firefighters with extensive training on several winter tactical skills. Some of the residents of the Township may have seen the hovercrafts out on the river performing training and maneuverability exercises. These hovercraft exercises are used to keep up skills for ice and cold-weather rescues. Remember that the ice is never considered safe!!

Over the next few months our firefighter/EMT's will be taking part in continuing education drills for emergency medical situations and incidents. This training is required per the state of Ohio to keep EMT certifications current, keep updated on new emergency techniques and new medical protocols to better serve the Township and its residents.

### Run Totals for 2002

Fire: 8  
Rescue: 42

### Winter Weather Tips

Watch out for ice on the sidewalks and roads. Ice poses slip and slide hazards while driving and walking.

When outside in inclement weather be sure to dress appropriately. Dressing appropriately will reduce your risk of hypothermia and frostbite. Dressing in layers is the most effective method to

prevent the loss of body heat. Hypothermia is an important concern especially with children and the elderly.

Never leave your fireplace burning or space heaters/kerosene heaters unattended. Leaving these items unattended could lead to an unwanted loss of property or life.

### Mutual Aid with Morin Point

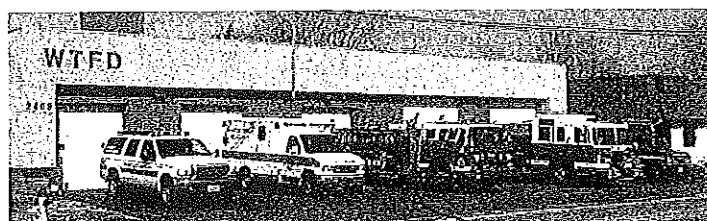
Effective January 14, 2002, the Washington Township Fire Department will be automatically dispatched to assist the Morin Point Fire Department Monday – Friday from 6:00 am – 4:30 pm. The automatic dispatch will encompass calls for all major incidents. This agreement for automatic mutual aid is due to low manpower levels during normal work hours. Morin Point will also be automatically dispatched to assist us on our major incidents during the same hours. The automatic mutual aid agreement will better serve the needs of the Township and Morin Point residents.

### Notice to Residents

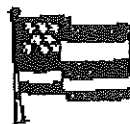
As a courtesy to the Township residents, the fire department will be experimenting with the outside siren. Residents will not be hearing the siren between the hours of 10:30 pm through 6:30 am.

### Issue 20

The Washington Township Fire Department would like to thank the residents for answering our call and voting yes on Issue 20. Thank you for your support.



Visit our web site: [www.wtfd.com](http://www.wtfd.com)



## Annual Financial Report 2001

### REVENUE RECEIPTS

Taxes	482,356.07
Charges for Services	0.00
Licenses, Permits and Fees	1,900.00
Fines and Forfeitures	9,314.63
Intergovernmental Receipts	255,953.80
Special Assessments	23,160.54
Interest	33,306.64
Other Revenue	25,693.42
<b>TOTAL REVENUE RECEIPTS</b>	<b>831,685.10</b>

### EXPENDITURE DISBURSEMENTS

General Government	128,806.69
Public Safety	451,069.29
Public Works	251,865.64
Health	8,916.92
Human Services	0.00
Conservation – Recreation	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00
Capital Outlay	82,331.46
Bond Principal Payment	0.00
Note Principal Payment	0.00
Interest	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE DISBURSE:</b>	<b>922,990.00</b>

Total Receipts Over(Under) Disbursements: 91,304.90

### OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)

Proceeds of Bonds	0.00
Proceeds of Notes	0.00
Operating Transfers In	50,786.73
Operating Transfers Out	50,786.73
Advances In	0.00
Advances Out	0.00
Other Financing Uses	0.00
Contingencies	0.00
Sale of Assets	0.00
Other Financing Sources	9,984.01
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>9,984.01</b>

Total of Rec. and Other Sources Over (Under) Disbursements and Other Uses	81,320.89
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Fund Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 2001	870,420.67
Fund Balance Adjustments	0.00
Fund Balance After Adjust.	870,420.67
Fund Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 2001	789,099.78

Reserve for Encumb., Dec. 31, 2001	0.00
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The Road Department extends a thank you to the Township residents for your cooperation with recent leaf pick up. The Road Department will again be making rounds for leaf pick up in early spring. As a reminder, please remember leaves only, sticks and other debris plug up equipment and cause unnecessary damage and expense. If any residents would like ground up leaves for gardening or compost purposes, please contact the Road Department.

A proposed street resurfacing project is pending for the 1.29 miles of pavement within the Raintree Subdivision. The proposed roads are Rounding River, Shallowford, Raintree, Waterpointe Ct, Coveview, Woodfox, Redfox, and Point Pleasant Way. The project will consist of milling the existing pavement, replacing failed base, repairing catch basins, and placing an asphalt overlay. The estimated construction cost is \$247,000.

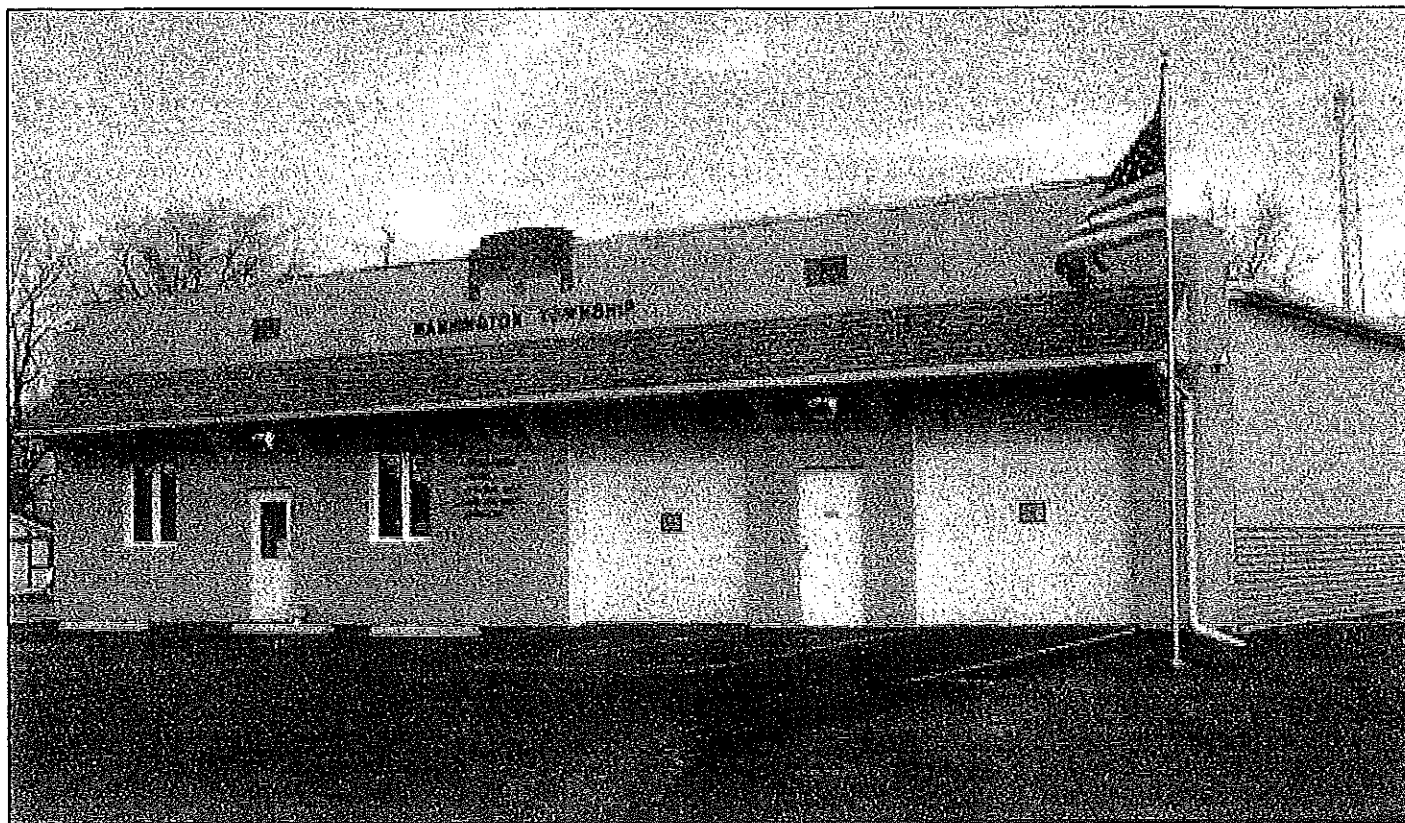
Approximately 48% of the project cost will be provided by a grant/no interest loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission. It is anticipated the bids will open in late spring of 2002, with construction underway mid to late summer.

In the old Shoreland area, a number of Hearing Impaired signs have been posted. Please keep this in mind when traveling through this area. If you or someone you know lives in the area and is hearing impaired and you wish for a sign to be installed, contact the Road Department.

The Road Department has purchased a second, used dump truck for snow removal and salting of roads. This will enable two crew members to be out at once when inclement weather hits our area.



I would like to welcome Robert Towers to the Road Department crew, which also includes Bryon McIntosh, Road Superintendent, Glen McIntosh, Tony Cochenhour, Rick Phillips, Harry Thoman, and Lucky Penn. To contact the Road Department, please call (419) 726-6908.



Newly renovated Township Hall includes new siding, drivet, roof, paint, and signs.

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**SUGGESTIONS** for the Newsletter or any Township Department:  
(Please drop off at Township Hall or send via mail.)



ZONING

We would like to welcome Howard Rudes as our new Zoning Inspector. Howard is a Township resident and member of the Township Fire Department. He is eagerly waiting to serve the Township residents with any zoning questions and assist you with permits. Welcome Howard!

With warm weather approaching, we would like to remind everyone permits are required for fences, pools, sheds, and any other buildings or additions. If you are not sure or have any questions, please give Howard a call at (419) 726-6621.

RV's, boats, trailers, and campers are not permitted in front yards. They can be parked in back or along the side of your home. You can clean, load, unload, or service your equipment in the front but only for a 72 hour period. Again if you need more information, contact Howard.

After our last issue, questions came up about road right of ways. The road right of way is measured from the centerline of the road which is not always the center of the road, it can vary a foot or so either way. Most township roads are 30' from center, with some exceptions, Stickney Avenue, Suder Avenue, Shoreland Avenue, and Summit Street all vary from parcel to parcel. We hope this clears up any confusion. Thank you and have a safe Spring.

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