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## REGULAR MEETING MAY 12, 2026

Mr. Barto called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes. Mr. Schuster, yes

Pledge of Allegiance

### **Also Present:**

**Fiscal Officer** – Michele Nowakowski

**Township Administrator** – Leo Britton

### **Department Heads Present:**

Fire – Chief Bailey

Police – Chief Kaiser and Deputy Chief Hart

Roads and Parks Superintendent – Ryan Breininger

### **Announcements from Trustees and Department Heads:**

#### **Mr. Schuster - Trustee**

- Mr. Schuster asked resident Mrs. Kingsley to deliver the opening prayer.
- Mr. Schuster would like to extend to anyone that would be interested in doing the opening prayer at a meeting to let him know.

**Chief Kaiser announced that he will be retiring from the Washington Township Police Department. His last official day will be June 19, 2026.**

### **Fiscal Business**

**MOTION: Approve supplemental appropriations, blanket certificates, purchase orders and checks numbered 51562 to 51590 and electronic payments numbered 540 through 682, totaling \$125,996.57; \$52,542.70 for accounting, \$73,453.87 for payroll.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes. Mr. Schuster, yes

Mr. Barto asks Chief Bailey to present his presentation regarding the Levy for the Fire Department. Chief Bailey explains the needs for the fire department and staffing needs. Chief Bailey asks the Trustees to pass a Resolution for the Fire Department to be able to put a Levy on for 9.75 Mill and let the residents have the opportunity to decide. Discussion is held and Trustees ask their questions to Chief Bailey.

Mr. Schuster states he has given it a lot of thought and he feels the Trustees are one opinion each and that should not dictate what the community may want. He states that if Chief Bailey wants to go this route, then they should support him and put it to the residents to decide. He does not feel the three Trustees should make the decision if he should be able to put the Levy on the ballot. They should vote to put it on and then its Chief Baileys job to sell it. Chief Bailey states that's all he can do is put it out to the people and see what they want. He states then at least he will have clear direction what he can do with the Fire Department and staffing moving forward.

**RESOLUTION :26: Of Necessity to Levy a new 9.75 mill continuing tax in excess of the 10 mill limitations for Fire Fund #2192 and pursuant to Ohio Revised code section 5705.03(B), requesting the County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of Washington Township and other financial information.**

**Mr. Schuster moved;**

Mr. Schuster states once again he feels the public should make the decision not the three trustees. He is not saying he will vote for it when the time comes but would appreciate a second to pass the Resolution to allow the people to make that decision.

**no second.**

**Resolution dies for lack of a second.**

Assistant Fire Chief Bill Long voices his opinion and concerns of outcome of the Resolution vote for allowing a levy to be put on the ballot for the Fire Department.

**Discussion regarding HVAC replacement for Shoreland.**

Need to get three accurate quotes and make sure they actually come out and look at the job that needs to be done so it can be quoted accurately. If needed, a special meeting can be held after the three quotes are received next week.

**RESOLUTION #23:26: Street Light Assessment in the amount of \$32,004.55.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Mayfield, yes. Mr. Schuster, yes Mr. Barto, yes

**Discussion regarding police department budget and what they have done to cut back.**

**Motion: To rescind Resolution #19:26 Resolution of Necessity to Levy a tax for Police Department from the April 13, 2026 Meeting.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes.

**RESOLUTION #24:26: Resolution of Necessity to Levy a new 3.25 Mill Continuing Tax in excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation for Police Fund #2191 and, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03(B), requesting the County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of Washington Township and other financial information.**

Mr. Schuster moved; Mr. Barto seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Mayfield, no; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes.

**RESOLUTION #25:26: Revision of Policy 626 Credit Card Policy to include Auditor of State's Recommendation on Convenience fees.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Mayfield, yes Mr. Schuster, yes. Mr. Barto, yes

**Motion: To change Kim Kay, Elected Officials Assistant, PTO (paid time off) to 6.4 from 6.0 per day. Ms. Kay Works 32 hours a week when off it should be documented as 6.4 hours a day not 6.0 like they were paying her. Based on a 32-hour work week per motion passed September 17, 2020.**

**Mrs. Nowakowski to add leave balance to reflect this Motion retro back January 8, 2026.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

**Trustee Business**

**MOTION: Approve Minutes from Regular Meeting of April 14, 2026.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes. Mr. Schuster, yes

Going forward, typed Meeting Minutes will only have a summary of discussions. Recording of all meetings will be posted online on the Washington Township's Website.

**Discussion regarding using Tru Pay.**

**MOTION: to start using time clock again for bookkeeping purposes as a back up to current timesheets.**

Mr. Barto moved; no second.

**Motion died lack of a second.**

**MOTION: to do away with the entire use of Tru Pay System.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Schuster seconded.

Roll call: Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes.

**Update on acquiring 6031 Bridgeview property.**

Mr. Britton states the owner accepted the offer for \$3,618.00. The contract needs to be signed by Chairperson Mr. Barto and Fiscal Officer Michele Nowakowski. This was previously approved in the last meeting. The property is now going through a title search.

**Discussion on dump truck repairs needed.**

Both large dump trucks need bed liners. Mr. Breininger to get quotes.

**Zoning**

**Discuss ongoing blight issues at Raintree Village.**

Mr. Britton states they are making progress cleaning things up in the trailer park.

He has made weekly visits since last meeting and went over issues with the manager.

Management for the trailer park are not going to do the grass in house anymore.

They are going to hire a lawn care service to do it. By the end of June their goal is to have all solar led lighting in the park. Mr. Britton met with their regional manager as well.

**RESOLUTUION #26:26: for 2662 Coveview 1308 (D) Accumulation of Junk.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Mayfield, yes. Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

**RESOLUTION #27:26: for 6039 Windamar 1308 (H) blight cleanup.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Mayfield, yes. Mr. Schuster, yes Mr. Barto, yes

**RESOLUTION #28:26: for 2930 Jasik 1308 (H) blight cleanup.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Mayfield, yes. Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes

**RESOLUTION #29:26: for 6045 Windamar 1308 (H) blight cleanup.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Mayfield, yes. Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes

**RESOLUTION #30:26: for 6163 Bahiamar 1308 (H) blight cleanup.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Mayfield, yes: Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes

Mr. Schuster states that Mr. Brittson does a really nice job on the zoning. If there's anyone who would like to see pictures of the blight problems they vote on and send notices to there is a file on each property on file.

**RESOLUTION #31:26: for 6163 Bahiamar removal of Junk vehicle under Ohio Revised Code 505.173.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes; Mr. Barto, yes.

**DELEGATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

**MOTION: With no additional business or comments, Mr. Barto moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.**

Mr. Barto moved; Mr. Mayfield seconded.

Roll Call: Mr. Mayfield, yes; Mr. Barto, yes; Mr. Schuster, yes.


APPROVED:



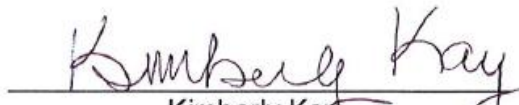
Don Barto



Mark Schuster



Jerry Mayfield



Kimberly Kay