

Minutes of August 11, 2026

Record of Proceedings

The Washington Township Board of Trustees regularly scheduled meeting held at Washington Township Administration Building, 6200 Eiterman Road, Dublin, Ohio, on August 11, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., with Mr. Charles Kranstuber, Chairman, calling the meeting to order, and it opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call – Mr. Charles Kranstuber, Chair – Present

Mr. Stu Harris, Vice Chair – Absent

Mr. Jan Rozanski, Trustee – Present

Mr. Scott Melody, Fiscal Officer – Absent

Franklin County Deputy Sheriff's Report:

Deputy Burton Haren with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) submitted a written report to the Trustees for the period of July 14 through August 11, 2026, including the following updates:

- During this period, there were seventeen (17) Total Calls for Service / Self-Initiated Activity, four (4) Total Reports Taken, and three (3) Total Arrests / Citations:
 - The report outlined an August 7 arrest for domestic violence at the Hayden Heights mobile home community.
- Deputy Haren's temporary assignment will conclude at the end of August, and he anticipates returning to Township meetings in September.

Append #001

Proclamation Recognizing One Dublin:

Mr. Kranstuber welcomed One Dublin Executive Director Brian Carr and Founder Julie Fletcher and praised the organization's work in the community, particularly its assistance to residents affected by the Asherton apartment complex fire. Mr. Carr expressed his appreciation to the Washington Township Fire Department and community residents who support One Dublin. He provided background on the organization, which began as Welcome Warehouse, and outlined some of the services it provides. In addition to annual events such as Back to School Backpacks and Adopt-a-Family, One Dublin also offers a monthly Community Free Shop that provides free, gently used clothing, personal care items, and small household essentials to families in need within the Dublin City School District.

Mr. Kranstuber recited the Proclamation presented to One Dublin in recognition of its immediate response to the Asherton apartment fire by coordinating resources and providing nearly \$19,000 in financial assistance, housing support, furnishings, clothing, personal care items, hotel accommodations, and protective equipment to families impacted by the disaster. Chief Donahue again thanked Mr. Carr and Ms. Fletcher for their assistance and outstanding coordination with Washington Township Community Safety Liaison Megan Schiff, who played an integral role in connecting with One Dublin to assist the affected residents.

Mrs. Schiff expressed her appreciation to Mr. Carr for his immediate response and coordinated efforts. She explained she has served as Community Safety Liaison for just over a year and that one component of her interview process included developing an "After the Fire" program. She noted that she did not anticipate implementing the program so early in her tenure and was grateful to have had a plan in place.

Dublin Education Foundation Presentation – Updates for the Board of Trustees:

Mr. Kranstuber welcomed Dublin Education Foundation (DEF) Vice President Deb Papesch and Board Member Maddy Horvath. He noted that the organization is an important part of what makes Dublin City Schools great.

Ms. Papesch expressed her appreciation for the partnership with Washington Township. In response to the stipulation that funds provided through the Washington Township grant be used for drug and alcohol awareness and prevention, the Dublin Education Foundation initiated a "Designated Donor

Funds” program to allow for the tracking of funds donated toward a specific subject area. The program began with drug awareness programs and has since expanded to five additional areas of focus. Ms. Papesh explained that drug awareness and prevention has evolved to include mental health awareness and an emphasis on resilient thinking to prevent or manage stressors that may lead to drug or alcohol abuse.

Mrs. Horvath detailed several of the forty-three projects awarded funding during the 2025-26 school year, and Ms. Papesh highlighted the projects that received Township grant funds. Mrs. Horvath noted that following the 25th Anniversary during the 2025-26 school year, the Dublin Education Foundation will continue focusing on the grant program while also beginning strategic planning for the organization. She provided a QR code to a partner survey and emphasized the importance of receiving partner input. Responding to Mr. Kranstuber’s question, Mr. Richter confirmed that this year’s \$5,000 contribution is the final of three annual installments of the \$15,000 grant provided to DEF using Opioid Settlement Funds. Mr. Kranstuber confirmed an extension of the grant will be discussed at a future meeting when Mr. Harris is present.

Opportunity for Residents to Speak:

Mr. Gene Bostic provided an update on several cemetery-related items. Mr. Bostic has requested several quotes for fencing around the Township-maintained Rings Cemetery on Cosgray Road and will provide an update as they are received. He noted that several additional companies that perform cemetery restoration services have been identified. The Memorial Preserve proposed by St. John Lutheran Church was approved by the Dublin Planning and Zoning Commission and is expected to be presented to Dublin City Council at an upcoming meeting. He noted there has been some community opposition to the proposal. Mr. Bostic will continue communicating with City planners regarding the 0.68 acres donated to the City for cemetery expansion as part of the Monterey Square proposed development.

Mr. Bostic reported that John Brown, a retired Lieutenant from the Washington-Perry Township Fire Department, passed away on Saturday. He lived in Amlin. Mr. Kranstuber recalled that Mr. Brown was a kind person and an active voice during the Amlin infrastructure and neighborhood improvement initiative.

Resolution to Conclude Avery M. Fenton’s Employment as Part-Time Firefighter/EMT-B for the Purpose of Accepting Full-Time Employment Elsewhere:

Motion:

Mr. Kranstuber introduced and moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

A RESOLUTION CONCLUDING AVERY M. FENTON EMPLOYMENT AS PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER / EMT-B

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees of Washington Township hired Avery M. Fenton on March 6, 2025, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for Washington Township recognizes Avery M. Fenton has voluntarily resigned his position to accept full-time employment elsewhere.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Washington Township, Franklin, Delaware, and Union Counties, State of Ohio:

Section 1: The Board of Trustees hereby approves the resignation of:

Name:	Avery M. Fenton
Position / Department:	Firefighter EMT-B / Fire
Classification:	Part-Time
Effective date:	August 5, 2026

Section 2: Avery M. Fenton is eligible for rehire;

Section 3: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board and that all deliberations of the Board and any of the decision making bodies of the Board of Trustees which resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the State of Ohio.

Section 4: All prior legislation, or any parts thereof, which is/are inconsistent with this Resolution is/are hereby repealed as to the inconsistent parts thereof.

Mr. Rozanski seconded the motion, and the roll was called, and all members of the Washington Township Trustees who were present voting Aye. Resolution adopted August 11, 2026. #2026.08.11.001
Append #002

Resolution to Authorize and Direct Payment of \$5,000 to the Dublin Education Foundation as the Third of Three Annual Installments of a \$15,000 Grant in Support of Drug and Alcohol Awareness/Prevention Programs, with Biannual Reports to the Board of Trustees Regarding Uses of the Funds Contributed:

Motion:

Mr. Kranstuber introduced and moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING PAYMENT OF \$5,000 TO THE DUBLIN EDUCATION FOUNDATION AS THE THIRD OF THREE ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS OF A \$15,000 GRANT IN SUPPORT OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS/PREVENTION PROGRAMS; WITH BIANNUAL REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGARDING USES OF THE FUNDS CONTRIBUTED

WHEREAS, The Dublin Education Foundation (DEF) was created to enrich innovative learning projects in Dublin City Schools through grant funding and network collaborations; and

WHEREAS, Washington Township is a beneficiary of the OneOhio Opioid Settlement which provides funding to support drug/alcohol prevention education and activities; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of Washington Township adopted a resolution on July 9, 2024 to authorize and direct a grant of \$15,000 to the Dublin Education Foundation, payable in annual installments of \$5,000 for the years 2024, 2025 and 2026, in support of grant requests DEF has received for primary and secondary drug and alcohol awareness/prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, Washington Township supports the efforts of the Dublin Education Foundation to provide programming that actively reduces and prevents youth substance misuse; and DEF agrees to provide biannual reports to the Board of Trustees regarding uses of the funds contributed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Washington Township, Franklin, Delaware, and Union Counties, State of Ohio:

Section 1: The Board of Trustees of Washington Township hereby authorizes and directs the Fiscal Officer to provide \$5,000 from OneOhio Opioid Settlement funds to the Dublin Education Foundation to support the above causes as stated, and as the 2026 final installment of the \$15,000 grant payable in annual installments of \$5,000 for the years 2024, 2025 and 2026.

Section 2: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board and that all deliberations of the Board and any of the decision-making bodies of the Board of Trustees which resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the State of Ohio.

Mr. Rozanski seconded the motion, and the roll was called, and all members of the Washington Township Trustees who were present voting Aye. Resolution adopted August 11, 2026. #2026.08.11.002
Append #003

Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Rozanski moved to introduce and approve the minutes from the July 14, 2026, Board of Trustees Meeting, seconded by Mr. Kranstuber. Motion passed with all members of the Washington Township Trustees who were present voting Aye.

#2026.08.11.003

Append #004

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda:

Mr. Kranstuber moved to introduce and approve the Consent Agenda as presented and as follows, seconded by Mr. Rozanski:

- Bills: July 15, 2026 \$ 429,579.06
- Bills: July 31, 2026 \$ 186,323.32
- July 2026 Electronic Payments \$1,911,095.78
- July 2026 Medical Payments \$ 388,026.35
- Payroll: July 17, 2026 \$ 595,331.15
- Payroll: July 31, 2026 \$ 591,094.49
- Payroll: Monthly August 7, 2026 \$ 9,980.84
- Appropriation Transfer: July 27, 2026 \$ 13,000.00
- Appropriation Transfer: July 30, 2026 \$ 1,000.00
- June 2026 Monthly Report
- June 2026 Year-to-Date Report

Motion passed with all members of the Washington Township Trustees who were present voting Aye.

#2026.08.11.004

Append #005

Round Table Discussions:**Township Administrator Eric Richter:**

- Mr. Richter distributed a copy of a proposal for construction of a single-family home on a vacant lot in Amlin, between the railroad crossing and Cosgray Road. He noted the rendering depicts a very nice home, but the scale of the house could present a challenge. The property records west of the tracks were evaluated, and all information has been provided to the Washington Township Zoning Commission, sitting as the Architectural Review Board, for a hearing on Monday, August 17 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Richter provided a memo regarding grave marker restoration at Rings Cemetery. He confirmed that quotes will be collected to assist with including the project in the 2027 budget.
- The Shier Rings Road Shared Use Path project will begin soon, weather permitting. Representatives from COTA, MORPC, the Franklin County Commissioners, and Dublin Mayor Groomes will participate in a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 18 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Richter will provide the details to Mr. Rozanski.
- This is the final year of the current agreement for solid waste and recycling services for Township residents. Mr. Richter provided an update on the bid process through Consortium I and noted that the Township and Dublin are likely to continue services through Rumpke, with the same scheduled pickup days, beginning January 1, 2027, under a five-year contract.
- Mr. Richter provided an update on the rezoning application for the proposed Gateway Crossing Development along State Route 161 in Washington Township, Franklin County, and extending into Jerome Township, Union County. Representing the Township, attorney Rebecca Princehorn sent a letter in response to the developer's attorney. Last week, the applicant submitted a revision to the rezoning application that included a copy of the Traffic Impact Study submitted to ODOT. The revision did not clarify provisions for water or sanitary sewer for the Washington

Township portion of the development. In response to Mr. Kranstuber, Dublin Councilmember and Liaison to Washington Township, Wendy Johnson confirmed that she was aware of the proposal through her participation in the 161 Corridor Group.

- Mr. Richter noted that the State has not preempted data center regulation. He will present a resolution at the next meeting to extend the moratorium on data centers within the Township, which is set to expire on September 5.
- Mr. Richter noted that the next meeting is September 8, the Tuesday following Labor Day.

Chief John Donahue:

- Chief Donahue reported that the quarterly meeting with Amazon regarding facility emergency plans is scheduled for the next morning.
- Chief Donahue detailed damage sustained from the day's storms, including several patient-room windows at Dublin Methodist Hospital that were cracked and broken. EMS Manager McDowell visited the hospital to determine whether the Fire Department could provide any assistance. Chief Donahue confirmed the deployment of Washington Township Fire Department Personnel. Training and Safety Manager George Sorge represented the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association regarding the emergency response plan at the State Emergency Operations Center, while Lt. Kristen Hunt and Firefighter Jeremy Stiver were deployed regionally with the Central Ohio Strike Team (COST).
- Chief Donahue thanked the Trustees for their participation in the Strategic Planning process on July 13. He noted that the remainder of that week was spent with internal stakeholders and representatives of the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE). He confirmed a draft of the Strategic Plan should be available in the coming weeks.
- Chief Donahue recognized the efforts of the Dublin Police Department, Washington Township Fire Department, and the Northwest Regional Emergency Communications Center (NRECC) to implement Public Safety U, a program to give participants a behind-the-scenes view of public safety. He commended Community Safety Liaison Megan Schiff for her assistance in revitalizing the program.
- Mike Hendershot from the City of Dublin has been in communication with Chief Donahue regarding upcoming sanitary sewer line testing to locate breaks, cracks, and potential storm water connections. The testing will involve the use of non-toxic smoke.
- Chief Donahue congratulated Mrs. Lindsay Hummer of Fusion Marketing Group for her video tour of Station 95 going viral through the Township's social media accounts. Mrs. Hummer develops the Township's social media marketing and communications content.
- Chief Donahue expressed his appreciation to Community Education Coordinator Kori Hurley for coordinating the landscaping cleanup and walking path restoration at the Administration Building.

Assistant Chief Adam Smith:

- Chief Smith presented the monthly report for July.
- Chief Smith provided an update on the training tower incident. The company that manufactured and installed the live-fire training prop coordinated with Training and Safety Manager George Sorge to ensure it is functioning properly.
- Chief Smith and EMS Manager Kevin McDowell are reviewing EMS coverage for high school football games.

- Chief Smith reported that a company in Cincinnati was able to repair the engine head for the historic R.E.O. fire truck. Fire department personnel will reassemble and conduct a test run of the fire truck.

Human Resources Manager Catherine Grossman:

- Background checks have been completed for thirteen part-time firefighters. Resolutions will be presented to the board in September.
- The promotional examinations for Lieutenant and Captain have concluded. Fourteen firefighters sat for and passed the Lieutenant examination, and two Lieutenants sat for and passed the Captain examination. The next step in the process is an assessment center scheduled for September.
- A meeting with CBIZ to review the sick leave project is scheduled for the following day.

Trustee Chuck Kranstuber:

- Mr. Kranstuber reported that the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) and Governor Mike DeWine have proposed a \$1 billion dividend for employers, which will be considered by the BWC Board of Directors on August 28.

Dublin City Councilmember Wendy Johnson, Liaison to Washington Township:

- Ms. Johnson reported that City Council voted to rezone a large portion of land in the West Innovation District (WID). She noted that data centers are no longer a permitted use in the WID.
- Ms. Johnson expressed her appreciation to the Washington Township Fire Department for providing coverage at recent community events, including the Memorial Tournament, Fourth of July celebrations, and the Dublin Irish Festival. She commented that firefighters were highly visible throughout the events.

Adjourn Meeting:

Mr. Kranstuber adjourned the meeting of August 11, 2026 at approximately 6:53 p.m. #2026.08.11.005

Mr. Charles Kranstuber, Chair

Mr. Scott Melody, Fiscal Officer