Minutes of October 13, 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 October 13, 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

Franklin County Deputy Sheriff's Report:

Deputy Burton Haren with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) submitted a written and verbal report to the Trustees for the period of September 22 through October 13, 2026, including the following updates:

- During this period, there were twelve (12) Total Calls for Service / Self-Initiated Activity, five (5) Total Reports Taken, and two (2) Total Arrests / Citations:
    - The two citations resulted from car crashes.
    - The FCSO Crash Investigation Unit is investigating a hit-skip crash that occurred on I-270 over Hayden Run Road on October 5. The FCSO is looking for a black Honda CR-V with heavy front-end damage.
    - The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Append #001

Presentation – Mr. Jamie Greene, Principal at Planning NEXT, will provide an update on the SR 161 Corridor Planning Committee:

Mr. Richter introduced Jamie Greene, Principal at Planning NEXT, and Holly Mattei of Crossroads Community Planning, who provided a presentation summarizing the work of the State Route 161 Corridor Group.

Study Overview and Key Outcomes. Mr. Greene explained that the study area encompasses approximately 3,200 acres along five miles of the State Route 161 corridor, spanning three counties, three townships, one village, one city, and multiple utility providers. The group's work focused on four areas: land use, transportation, utilities, and economics. The goal is to develop a shared understanding of community needs, align future land uses, identify infrastructure requirements, understand economic development implications, and strengthen collaboration among the jurisdictions.

Land Use: Ms. Mattei explained that the participating communities had recently adopted or were developing land use plans, but their plans were not fully aligned and differences in terminology and intended uses required further discussion. The group also examined differences between Dublin and Darby Township and noted that Plain City's recently newly-adopted plan more closely aligns with the other communities.

The group compared the planned land uses across the study area and found that the combined planning areas represented approximately 6,000 acres, despite the actual study area encompassing only 3,200 acres. The analysis also compared preferred future land uses with existing zoning to identify areas where additional coordination and alignment are needed. Mr. Greene noted that the group agreed on preferred land uses at its September meeting. Definitions of uses, including flex employment and light industrial development, will help clarify the intended character of the corridor and guide future zoning decisions.

Transportation: Mr. Greene reviewed the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) State Route 161 study, published in January 2026. The study found that the U.S. Route 33/State Route 161 interchange is

expected to experience significant congestion and delays by 2030 regardless of whether additional improvements are made. While some improvements would enhance traffic flow in certain areas, widening State Route 161 alone will not resolve the corridor's capacity issues.

The study identified the need for additional connections, including new collector roads and arterial routes linking State Route 161, 33, and 42 to provide alternatives to the existing network. The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is proposing a regional thoroughfare plan to further evaluate these connections. The planning process is expected to take approximately one year, with implementation and funding requiring additional time. Mr. Greene emphasized the importance of planning for and preserving necessary right-of-way before future development limits these opportunities.

Utilities: The group reviewed existing and anticipated utility service areas for Marysville, Dublin, and Mid-Ohio, a new provider anticipated to provide services by mid-2028. Plans also include an above-ground water storage facility along State Route 161.

Economics: Mr. Greene explained that the corridor is attractive to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)-related industries and is located within the region's largest concentration of these industries. The group considered the corridor's economic development potential and the importance of coordinating future land uses with available infrastructure and services.

Interjurisdictional Coordination: Mr. Greene noted that the study area presents unique challenges because it crosses county and jurisdictional boundaries, including parcels and ownership that extend across county lines. These complexities can create challenges when land use decisions do not align with the provision of services such as fire, police, and utilities. The group discussed establishing protocols and expectations for communication and coordination before and after development applications are submitted. Although protocols cannot guarantee agreement, both presenters emphasized that building relationships and maintaining a culture of collaboration among neighboring jurisdictions are essential.

Discussion: Mr. Rozanski inquired how the group defines flex employment and whether all participating communities agreed on the intended uses. Mr. Greene noted that the Ms. Mattei displayed definitions the group developed on the preferred land uses slide to clarify the intended uses uniformly.

Mr. Kranstuber expressed concern that traffic conditions are already approaching Level of Service (LOS) F and asked whether the group had discussed preserving greenspace. Mr. Greene explained that much of the greenspace is located outside the 3,200-acre study area, although preservation remains an important priority. Ms. Mattei noted that identifying appropriate locations for commercial and industrial development can help preserve surrounding agricultural areas. Mr. Greene also referenced Ms. Mattei's work with Darby Township on its zoning regulations, with an issue scheduled to appear on the fall ballot to allow Darby Township to administer its own Zoning Resolution. He added that the corridor is designated as a scenic byway and includes stream corridors close to State Route 161. The group also discussed emphasizing building design quality to reduce the need for extensive screening.

Mr. Bostic asked about discussions regarding a large sports center that had been considered by Dublin City Council. Mr. Greene explained that design work was underway to increase capacity on Cosgray Road. Dublin is also studying a Tuttle Crossing Blvd. extension into the area and evaluating additional improvements to Cosgray Road. He noted that the ODOT and MORPC studies demonstrate significant interest in the corridor. Mr. Greene stated that the group would share feedback received as the work progresses.

Mr. Richter noted that the corridor study could affect Washington Township, particularly the pending rezoning application and future development along the corridor westward into Madison County. He emphasized the value of maintaining relationships with the participating jurisdictions. The group's work will also help inform whether Washington Township should update its Comprehensive Plan. Although

much of the existing plan remains relevant, the anticipated changes along the State Route 161 corridor may warrant further consideration. Append #002

Opportunity for Residents to Speak:

Mr. Bostic provided an update on the proposed St. John Lutheran Church Memorial Garden, which is anticipated to have its second reading before Dublin City Council on November 9.

Mr. Bostic plans to request an agenda item for a future Dublin City Council meeting to discuss a Dublin-owned property located off Shier Rings Road as a potential site for a new cemetery. He has been speaking with a representative from Dublin City Planning. Mr. Kranstuber offered that the Trustees could provide a resolution in support of the initiative before the topic is added to the City Council agenda.

Resolution to Conclude Nathan C. Castle's Employment as Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedic Due to Moving Out of State:

Motion:

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

A RESOLUTION CONCLUDING NATHAN C. CASTLE EMPLOYMENT AS FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER / PARAMEDIC

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees of Washington Township rehired Nathan C. Castle on May 30, 2020, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for Washington Township recognizes Nathan C. Castle has voluntarily resigned his position as he is moving out-of-state.

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:	Nathan C. Castle
Position / Department:	Firefighter Paramedic / Fire
Classification:	Full-Time
Effective date:	October 2, 2026

Section 2: Nathan C. Castle is not 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 October 13, 2026.

#2026.10.13.001

Append #003

Resolution to Authorize and Direct the Township Administrator to Execute Agreements for the Collection, Transportation and Delivery for Disposal or Processing of Residential Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials and Yard Waste Generated within the Township of Washington, Franklin County, Ohio:

Discussion:

Mr. Richter provided a memorandum outlining the rates for the five-year contract renewal, beginning

January 1, 2027. He noted that the previous contract was for three-years, with two one-year extensions approved.

Motion:

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS FOR THE COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY FOR DISPOSAL OR PROCESSING OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE, RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND YARD WASTE GENERATED WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO.

WHEREAS, Washington Township participates as a member of Consortium I as part of a joint bid process to obtain the best price for Washington Township residents for the collection, transportation and delivery for disposal or processing of residential solid waste, recyclable materials and yard waste generated within Washington Township; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 505.27 of the Ohio Revised Code the Township may enter into written contracts with independent contractors to establish such collection systems and designate solid waste facilities as may be necessary or appropriate to provide for the safe and sanitary management of Solid Waste, including Recyclable Materials and Yard Waste, generated within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township has determined that it is in the best interests of the Township and its Residents that the Township arrange for the collection, transportation and delivery for disposal or processing of all Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials and Yard Waste generated at Residential Units, Township Facilities and during Special Events located within the Township from a single Collection Contractor on an exclusive basis; and

WHEREAS, the Collection Contractor submitted a bid to become the exclusive provider of Collection services for the benefit of the Township and its Residents.

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 authorizes and directs the Township Administrator to execute all necessary agreements with the Collection Contractor for the collection, transportation and delivery for disposal or processing of solid waste, recyclable materials and yard waste required by Washington Township in executing the bid award.

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. Kranstuber seconded the motion, and the roll was called, and all members of the Washington Township Trustees who were present voting Aye. Resolution adopted October 13, 2026.

#2026.10.13.002

Append #004

Resolution to Accept the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor (Board of Trustees) Ohio Revised Code, Sections 5705.34, 5705.35:

Discussion:

Mr. Melody confirmed that Mr. Richter provided the resolution as part of the Township's annual administrative requirements.

Motion:

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

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR (BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES) OHIO REVISED CODE, SECTIONS 5705.34, 5705.35

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of Washington Township, Franklin County, Ohio, in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Franklin County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill tax limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of Washington Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted: and be it further

RESOLVED, that there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said Township the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation for tax year 2026 (collection year 2027) as follows:

SCHEDULE A

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION, AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES

			County Auditor's Estimate of Full Tax Rate to Be Levied	
FUND	Amount to be Derived from Levies Outside 10 Mill Limitation	Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 Mill Limitation	Inside 10 Mill Limit	Outside 10 Mill Limit
General Fund		$1,760,877.19	0.50	
Road & Bridge Fund				
Cemetery Fund				
Police Fund				
Fire Fund	$22,327,427.29			14.95
Road District Fund				
General (Note) Bond Retirement				
TOTAL	$22,327,427.29	$1,760,877.19	0.50	14.95

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Officer of this Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

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 October 13, 2026.

#2026.10.13.003

Append #005

Motion to Authorize the Township Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Fire Safety Services, Inc. for the Annual Testing and Maintenance of SCBA's and Bottles at a Cost of $11,575:

Discussion:

Chief Smith explained that this is the annual agreement for SCBA testing and maintenance, using the same vendor as in recent years.

Motion:
Mr. Kranstuber moved to introduce and authorize the Township Administrator to enter into an agreement Fire Safety Services, Inc. for the annual testing and maintenance of SCBA's and bottles at a cost of $11,575, seconded by Mr. Rozanski. Motion passed with all members of the Washington Township Trustees who were present voting Aye. #2026.10.13.004
Append #006

Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes:
Mr. Rozanski moved to introduce and approve the minutes from the September 22, 2026, Board of Trustees Meeting, seconded by Mr. Kranstuber. Motion passed with all members of the Washington Township Trustees who were present voting Aye. #2026.10.13.005
Append #007

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: September 30, 2026 $ 134,583.95
- Payroll: September 25, 2026 $ 532,051.74
- Payroll: October 9, 2026 $ 588,028.99
- Payroll: Monthly October 2, 2026 $ 9,980.84
- September 2026 Electronic Payments $1,443,144.79
- September 2026 Medical Payments $ 299,999.56
- August 2026 Monthly Report

Motion passed with all members of the Washington Township Trustees who were present voting Aye.
#2026.10.13.006
Append #008

Round Table Discussions:
Township Administrator Eric Richter:

- Mr. Richter reminded the Trustees that the Washington Township Zoning Commission would convene at 7:00 p.m. the following day to discuss the rezoning application submitted by K2 Retail Development. He noted that attorney Rebecca Princehorn would be in attendance representing the Township. Responding to Mr. Rozanski, Mr. Richter confirmed that no additional materials had been received from the applicant and that an October 1 deadline had been established for submitting any supporting documentation for the Zoning Commission hearing. A finalized staff report and information packet were provided to the Zoning Commission members on October 5.
- Mr. Richter expressed his appreciation to Mr. Greene and Ms. Mattei for their attendance and presentation. He noted that Dublin City Manager Megan O'Callaghan prepared a helpful summary of the State Route 161 Corridor Group, which he included in the packet.
- Mr. Richter requested that the Trustees review a letter he drafted to the Dublin Education Foundation and notify him of any desired changes. He will bring a final draft to the next meeting for the Trustees' signatures.
- Mr. Richter provided an update on the Rings Cemetery restoration project. Several quotes have been received, and the project will be included in the 2027 budget for the Trustees' consideration.

Assistant Chief Adam Smith:

- Chief Smith noted that Chief Donahue was attending an assessment in Chicago.

- Chief Smith provided an update on the arson case involving homes under construction on Shier Rings Road and in Jerome and Pleasant Valley Townships earlier this year. The suspect changed his plea to guilty and is expected to be sentenced in early 2027.
- Chief Smith commented on the success of the new Open House format, which was hosted only at Station 91 on Shier Rings Road rather than at all four fire stations. He noted that the event had a great turnout and allowed attendees to experience several demonstrations.
- Washington Township Fire Department personnel have been participating in live burn trainings at Norwich Township's new training tower. Chief Smith noted that the facility is outstanding and highlighted the strong partnership with Norwich Township in conducting joint training.
- Chief Smith explained that a joint training session with Norwich Township has been scheduled for October 30 at the crane located at Dublin Methodist Hospital.
- Chief Smith praised Captains Brandon Bair and Evan DeGiralomo for their work assembling the annual compliance report, which was successfully reviewed the previous week.
- Responding to Mr. Kranstuber, Chief Smith noted that he was not involved in the recent meeting with Chief Donahue, Dublin Police Department Chief Paez, and Dublin City Schools Superintendent Dr. Jen Schwanke. However, Chief Donahue conveyed that it was a positive interaction and an opportunity to establish a good connection with the new superintendent. Mr. Kranstuber commented on a meeting he and Trustee Harris had attended with Dr. Schwanke, during which she praised the Township but raised concerns regarding consistent EMS coverage at high school football games. Chief Smith confirmed coverage had been provided for all home football games that season. However, Mr. Kranstuber noted that Dr. Schwanke had been under the impression that coverage had not been provided for every game. Dr. Schwanke did express appreciation for the coverage provided on Friday, October 9, when all three high schools hosted a game.

Human Resources Manager Catherine Grossman:

- Ms. Grossman noted that the Township received a Bureau of Workers' Compensation rebate check of approximately $146,000 for calendar year 2022. Responding to Mr. Kranstuber, she indicated that she did not have the amount of the original payment made in 2022.
- Ms. Grossman confirmed that the Township has begun a new round of part-time hiring, with successful candidates expected to be presented to the Trustees in early 2027.
- Ms. Grossman noted that staff have been trained on the new performance evaluation system.
- Ms. Grossman anticipates providing an update on insurance renewals for the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) and medical insurance at the next meeting.

Fiscal Officer Scott Melody:

- Mr. Melody explained that an auditing firm had been scheduled to be onsite the previous Tuesday through Thursday. However, he received an email at noon on Monday that the firm would need to reschedule due to internal staffing issues and had proposed conducting a remote audit this year. Mr. Melody is working through the details with the firm and will provide an update.

Trustee Jan Rozanski:

- Mr. Rozanski praised the efforts of the staff and volunteers during the Open House held on Sunday, October 4. He noted that the event was well attended and that the new format was successful. He estimated that approximately 140 chairs had been set up for the poster contest, with most occupied before the Open House began.

Executive Session – To Consider the Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Discipline, Promotion, Demotion or Compensation of a Public Employee or Official, or the Investigation of Charges or Complaints Against a Public Employee, Official, Licensee, or Regulated Individual, Unless the Employee, Official, Licensee, or Regulated Individual Requests a Public Hearing by Division (G)(1) of Section 121.22 of the Revised Code:

Mr. Kranstuber introduced and moved to enter into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing by division (G)(1) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code at approximately 6:47 p.m., seconded by Mr. Rozanski. Motion passed with all members of the Washington Township Trustees that were present voting Aye. #2026.10.13.007

Reconvened:

The meeting was reconvened at approximately 6:52 p.m. with no action taken.

Adjourn Meeting:

Mr. Kranstuber adjourned the meeting of October 13, 2026 at approximately 6:52 p.m. #2026.10.13.008

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Mr. Charles Kranstuber, Chair Mr. Scott Melody, Fiscal Officer