

Minutes of February 10, 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 February 10, 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 – Present

Mr. Jan Rozanski, Trustee – Present

Franklin County Deputy Sheriff's Report:

Deputy Burton Haren with Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) submitted a written and verbal report to the Trustees for January 14 through February 10, 2026, including an update on the following:

- During this period, there were nineteen (19) Total Calls for Service / Self-Initiated Activity, three (3) Total Reports Taken, and four (4) Total Arrests / Citations:
 - Deputy Haren indicated a January 25th domestic violence incident that occurred in the Township is still open and under investigation.
 - Deputy Haren provided a reminder to residents that the FCSO app is available to download and provides important FCSO news, including snow emergency levels.

Append #001

Swearing-In of George P. Sorge II as Training & Safety Manager for the WTFD:

Mr. Kranstuber administered the oath of office to the following:

- George P. Sorge II as Full-Time Probationary Training and Safety Manager. His badge was pinned by his son, Andrew.

Chief Donahue opened the ceremony by emphasizing the significance of the oath and the honor represented by the badge. He highlighted George's strong commitment to firefighter safety, professional development, and operational excellence.

Chief Donahue noted that George brings several decades of experience. He served over twenty (20) years with the Norwich Township Fire Department, as a Lieutenant and Paramedic. During his tenure, he was actively involved in training, supervision, emergency response, and served as Assistant Training Coordinator. Most recently, George served as Deputy Fire Chief with the City of Westerville. His leadership consistently emphasized preparation, accountability, and teamwork.

With extensive certifications, a degree in Fire Administration, and a passion for mentoring and development, Chief Donahue stated that George is well prepared to lead the Township's training and safety initiatives and proudly welcomed him into this vital role.

Opportunity for Residents to Speak:

No comments.

Resolution to Conclude James R. Ross Jr.'s Employment as Full-Time Training & Safety Manager for the Purpose of Retirement:

Motion:

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

A RESOLUTION CONCLUDING JAMES R. ROSS JR. EMPLOYMENT AS FULL-TIME TRAINING & SAFETY MANAGER

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees of Washington Township hired James R. Ross Jr. on January 1, 1993, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for Washington Township recognizes James R. Ross Jr. has voluntarily resigned from his position with the intention of retiring.

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 retirement of:

Name: James R. Ross Jr.
Position / Department: Training & Safety Manager / Fire
Classification: Full-Time
Effective date: February 13, 2026

Section 2: James R. Ross Jr. 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. Harris seconded the motion, and the roll was called, and all members of the Washington Township Trustees who were present voting Aye. Resolution adopted February 10, 2026. #2026.02.10.001
Append #002

Resolution to Promote Kasey J. Swank as Full-Time Firefighter/EMT-B:

Motion:

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

RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE KASEY J. SWANK AS FULL-TIME PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER / EMT-B

WHEREAS, Washington Township provides fire suppression and prevention and emergency medical services to its constituents, and;

WHEREAS, a need to fill a vacancy, occurring on December 30, 2025, in the position of Firefighter / Paramedic and;

WHEREAS, to adequately provide services, it is necessary to fill the vacancy in the position, and;

WHEREAS, the appointment is being recommended by the human resource manager, fire chief and township administrator;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN, DELAWARE, AND UNION COUNTIES, OHIO THAT:

Section 1: The Board approves the promotion of:

Name: Kasey J. Swank
Position: Probationary Firefighter / EMT-B
Classification: Uniformed Full-Time Non-Exempt
Base Salary: \$73,355.90
Effective date: February 14, 2026

Section 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time permitted by law.

Mr. Harris seconded the motion, and the roll was called, and all members of the Washington Township Trustees who were present voting Aye. Resolution adopted February 10, 2026. #2026.02.10.002
Append #003

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

Motion:

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

A RESOLUTION CONCLUDING BRODY M. McLAUGHLIN’S EMPLOYMENT AS PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER / EMT-B

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees for Washington Township recognizes Brody M. McLaughlin 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: Brody M. McLaughlin
Position / Department: Firefighter-EMT-B / Fire
Classification: Part-Time
Effective date: February 1, 2026

Section 2: Brody M. McLaughlin 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. Kranstuber seconded the motion, and the roll was called, and all members of the Washington Township Trustees who were present voting Aye. Resolution adopted February 10, 2026.

#2026.02.10.003

Append #004

Resolution to Rescind Adelaide H. Standley’s Offer of Employment as a Part-Time Firefighter/EMT-B Due to Accepting Full-Time Employment Elsewhere:

Motion:

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

RESOLUTION TO RESCIND ADELAIDE H. STANDLEY OFFER OF EMPLOYEMENT AS A PART-TIME PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER / PARAMEDIC

WHEREAS, Washington Township offered Adelaide H. Standley part-time employment as a Firefighter / EMT-B beginning January 15, 2026, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Washington Township adopted a resolution, on January 13, 2026, to hire Adelaide H. Standley, and;

WHEREAS, Aedelaide H. Standely contacted the Township’s Human Resource Manager on January 14, 2026, communicating her decision to decline the Township’s employment offer 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 rescinds the following offer of employment:

Name: Adelaide H. Standley

Position: Probationary Firefighter / Paramedic

Classification: Uniformed / Part-Time Non-Exempt / Fire

Section 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of the Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect and be in force at the earliest time permitted by law.

Mr. Harris seconded the motion, and the roll was called, and all members of the Washington Township Trustees who were present voting Aye. Resolution adopted February 10, 2026. #2026.02.10.004

Append #005

Resolution to Extend Data Center Development Moratorium within the Unincorporated Territory of the Township:

Discussion:

Mr. Richter explained that the resolution specifically references Tier 2-4 data centers, pursuant to comments made by Fiscal Officer Melody at the previous meeting. The moratorium will extend through September 5, during which time the Township will research updates to the Zoning Resolution to include, among other items, the prohibition of large-scale data centers within the unincorporated territory of the Township.

Motion:

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

RESOLUTION EXTENDING DATA CENTER DEVELOPMENT MORATORIUM WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY OF THE TOWNSHIP (Ohio Revised Code Section 519.02)

WHEREAS, the Board approved a comprehensive land use plan for the Township in November 2005 (the "Land Use Plan");

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that large scale data centers are inconsistent with residential land uses as outlined in the Land Use Plan by requiring heavy water and electric service, causing air and noise pollution and posing significant fire and emergency medical issues;

WHEREAS, the Board on December 9, 2025 voted to approve a 90-day moratorium on the approval or construction of large scale data centers within the Township, expiring March 9, 2026;

WHEREAS, House Bill 646 has been introduced as emergency legislation in the Ohio General Assembly to create a state-level data center study commission to examine the impacts of data centers on the environment, electrical grid, water usage, noise and light pollution, local economy and farmland use, among other issues;

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

Section 1: The Board hereby extends its large scale data center (Data Center Tiers 2-4) development moratorium six months, from March 9, 2026 to September 5, 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 taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Mr. Harris seconded the motion, and the roll was called, and all members of the Washington Township Trustees who were present voting Aye. Resolution adopted February 10, 2026. #2026.02.10.005

Append #006

Resolution to Accept a Financial Gift of \$1,000 to the Washington Township Fire Department, and Crediting This Gift to the Capital Improvements Fund:

Discussion:

Mr. Richter reported that he spoke with Ms. Wolfe and invited her to attend the Trustee meeting. Ms. Wolfe acknowledged that her taxes support Washington Township Fire Department services but emphasized that multiple crews responded to her family’s calls consistently exhibiting tremendous care and compassion.

Mr. Richter stated that he will provide Ms. Wolfe with a copy of the signed resolution and a formal letter of appreciation on behalf of the Trustees and the Fire Department. The resolution authorizes acceptance of the gift and credits the funds to the Capital Improvements Fund.

Motion:

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

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A FINANCIAL GIFT OF \$1,000 TO THE WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND CREDITING THIS GIFT TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND

WHEREAS, City of Dublin resident Claire Wolfe sent a card of gratitude to the Washington Township Fire Department expressing her gratitude to the “incredibly kind, competent EMT’s” who cared for her husband over the last 1-2 years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wolfe shared that their care and support was very much appreciated during her husband’s illness; and

WHEREAS, in memory of her husband, John, and their shared gratitude for the kindness and professionalism of the Washington Township Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Washington Township Board of Trustees accepts this financial gift from the Wolfe family to be credited to the Washington Township Capital Improvements Fund (fund 430). Contributions and transfers to this fund are utilized to provide enhanced, state-of-the art lifesaving equipment for our firefighter/paramedics to provide exceptional care and outcomes for the patients we respond to.

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 accepts a financial gift of \$1,000 from the Wolfe family to the credit of the Capital Improvements Fund.

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. Harris seconded the motion, and the roll was called, and all members of the Washington Township Trustees who were present voting Aye. Resolution adopted February 10, 2026. #2026.02.10.006

Append #007

Resolution to Authorize and Direct the Township Administrator to Execute a Landscape Service Agreement with Brightview Landscape Services for Bed Care, Flowers, and Mowing, Cost Not to Exceed \$35,100:

Discussion:

Mr. Richter stated that the BrightView contracts are consistent with prior years and reflect a 0% increase over 2025 pricing. He acknowledged that service challenges arose following the company’s post-pandemic merger; however, service performance has since improved.

Motion:

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A LANDSCAPE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BRIGHTVIEW LANDSCAPE SERVICES FOR BED CARE, FLOWERS, AND MOWING, COST NOT TO EXCEED \$35,100.00.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees understands the importance of having the landscape at the Township properties and community common areas well-maintained. This includes bed weed control, seasonal bed detailing and fertilization, pruning ornamental trees and shrubs, installing seasonal flowers/color, and mowing services; and

WHEREAS, Washington Township cannot adequately handle these services in-house; and

WHEREAS, BrightView Landscape Services previously provided the Township these services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Washington Township now wants to enter into a new one (1) year Landscape Service Agreement with BrightView Landscape Service for bed care, flowers, and mowing (beginning on January 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2026).

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 a Landscape Service Agreement with BrightView Landscape Services, for bed care, flowers, and mowing at the Township Facilities (as set forth in the scope of services), in substantially the same form and content as the Landscape Service Agreement and Scope of Services attached hereto as Exhibits A and B and incorporated herein by reference.

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.

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 February 10, 2026.

#2026.02.10.007

Append #008

Resolution to Authorize and Direct the Township Administrator to Execute a Landscape Service Agreement with Brightview Landscape Services for Turf Fertilization as well as Spring/Fall Operations, Cost Not to Exceed \$15,000:

Motion:

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A LANDSCAPE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BRIGHTVIEW LANDSCAPE SERVICES FOR TURF FERTILIZATION AS WELL AS SPRING/FALL OPERATIONS, COST NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000.00.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees understands the importance of having the turf at the Township properties well-maintained. This includes fertilizing the ±12 acres of turf at the Administrative Building, Amlin Crossing Park, the Cosgray Road Cemetery, as well as all four Fire Stations. Work also is needed in the spring to clean up the landscape beds and in the fall to pick up leaves and winterize the landscape beds ("Spring/Fall Operations"); and

WHEREAS, Washington Township cannot adequately fertilize all this turf or provide these other services in-house; and

WHEREAS, BrightView Landscape Services previously provided the Township these services, and the Township has found their services to be adequate; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Washington Township now wants to enter into a new one (1) year Landscape Service Agreement with BrightView Landscape Service for turf fertilization and Spring/Fall Operations (beginning on January 1, 2026 and ending on December 31, 2026).

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 a Landscape Service Agreement with BrightView Landscape Services, for turf fertilization and Spring/Fall Operations (as set forth in the scope of services), in substantially the same form and content as the Landscape Service Agreement and Scope of Services attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

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 February 10, 2026.

#2026.02.10.008

Append #009

Motion to Authorize the Township Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Phoenix Safety Outfitters LLC for Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment, Cost Not to Exceed \$46,500:

Discussion:

Chief Donahue explained that this is the standard semiannual purchase of fourteen (14) sets of turnout gear. Pricing continues under the NAS-T cooperative purchasing agreement.

Motion:

Mr. Rozanski moved to introduce and authorize the Township Administrator to enter into an agreement with Phoenix Safety Outfitters LLC for firefighting personal protective equipment, cost not to exceed \$46,500, seconded by Mr. Harris. Motion passed with all members of the Washington Township Trustees who were present voting Aye.

#2026.02.10.009

Append #010

Motion to Authorize the Township Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with Turnouts LLC for the Inspection, Maintenance, and Repair of Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment, Cost Not to Exceed \$29,592:

Discussion:

Chief Donahue explained that this agreement covers the annual advanced inspection, maintenance, and repair of fire gear. Beginning this year, repair costs will be invoiced separately from the base inspection services.

Motion:

Mr. Kranstuber moved to introduce and authorize the Township Administrator to enter into an agreement with Turnouts LLC for the inspection, maintenance, and repair of firefighting personal protective equipment, cost not to exceed \$29,592, seconded by Mr. Harris. Motion passed with all members of the Washington Township Trustees who were present voting Aye.

#2026.02.10.010

Append #011

Motion to Authorize the Township Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with JD Johnson Sales and Service for the Purchase of Emergency Warning Equipment and Command Vault, Cost Not to Exceed \$19,000:

Discussion:

Chief Smith reported that this agreement will outfit the previously approved new Battalion Chief vehicle.

Motion:

Mr. Kranstuber moved to introduce and authorize the Township Administrator to enter into an agreement with JD Johnson Sales and Service for the purchase of emergency warning equipment and command vault, cost not to exceed \$19,000, seconded by Mr. Harris. Motion passed with all members of the Washington Township Trustees who were present voting Aye.

#2026.02.10.011

Append #012

Motion to Authorize the Township Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with CPSE Technical Advisory Program to Facilitate the Development of a Comprehensive Strategic Plan to Support Organizational Effectiveness and Accreditation Requirements, Cost Not to Exceed \$18,800:

Discussion:

Chief Donahue explained that the previous strategic plan was developed internally. This proposal would engage CPSE to facilitate development of a comprehensive, customer-driven strategic plan incorporating both internal and external input, ensuring alignment between departmental goals and community expectations and supporting accreditation requirements.

Responding to Mr. Kranstuber's inquiry, Chief Donahue indicated he would explore the possibility of using CPSE for the Township's broader strategic planning but noted CPSE's primary focus is fire service organizations.

Responding to Mr. Harris, Chief Donahue explained that a panel conducted a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) Analysis to develop the previous plan.

Motion:

Mr. Harris moved to introduce and authorize the Township Administrator to enter into an agreement with CPSE Technical Advisory Program to facilitate the development of a comprehensive strategic plan to support organizational effectiveness and Accreditation requirements, cost not to exceed \$18,800, seconded by Mr. Rozanski. Motion passed with all members of the Washington Township Trustees who were present voting Aye.

#2026.02.10.012

Append #013

Motion to Authorize the Township Administrator to Enter into an Agreement with VASU Communications for the Purchase of Portable Radios and Accessories, Cost Not to Exceed \$13,900:

Discussion:

Chief Smith stated that this agreement will equip the previously approved new Battalion Chief vehicle with portable radios and related accessories.

Motion:

Mr. Kranstuber moved to introduce and authorize the Township Administrator to enter into an agreement with VASU Communications for the purchase of portable radios and accessories, cost not to exceed \$13,900, seconded by Mr. Harris. Motion passed with all members of the Washington Township Trustees who were present voting Aye.

#2026.02.10.013

Append #014

Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Kranstuber moved to introduce and approve the minutes from the January 13, 2026, Board of Trustees Meeting, seconded by Mr. Rozanski. Motion passed with all members of the Washington Township Trustees who were present voting Aye.

#2026.02.10.014

Append #015

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda:

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

- Bills: December 31, 2025 \$ 55,024.18
- Bills: January 8, 2026 \$ 58,936.40
- Bills: January 29, 2026 \$ 174,421.96
- Payroll: January 16, 2026 \$ 716,169.99
- Payroll: January 30, 2026 \$ 624,057.31
- Payroll: Monthly February 6, 2026 \$ 9,980.84
- December Appropriation Transfers \$ 106,064.74
- January 2026 Medical Payments \$ 469,950.90
- January 2026 Electronic Payments \$2,150,637.80
- December 2025 Monthly Report

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

#2026.02.10.015

Append #016

Round Table Discussions:

Township Administrator Eric Richter:

- Mr. Richter reported that under the Township's contract with the City of Dublin for snow removal in the Amlin Alleys, service was well executed following the recent snowstorm. A resident expressed appreciation for the work completed.
- The Strategic Planning Session was confirmed for Friday, March 20, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Mr. Richter included news articles in the packet regarding Governor DeWine's creation of a state-level data center commission and Jerome Township's recent data center approvals following its moratorium.
- Mr. Richter reported on the Ohio Township Association (OTA) Winter Conference and Coalition of Large Ohio Urban Townships (CLOUT) meeting. Petitions are being circulated for a proposed constitutional amendment to eliminate property taxes. If signature thresholds are met, the issue could appear on the November ballot. Mr. Richter shared a memorandum from the Ohio Office of Budget and Management (OBM) and noted the significant potential impacts on public services, including schools, the Township, and the Fire Department.

Chief John Donahue:

- Chief Donahue expressed appreciation to the Trustees and Mr. Richter for supporting the January 29 Annual Awards Banquet at Dublin Golf Club. He recognized the efforts of the awards committee and noted key recognitions, including Firefighter and Officer of the Year. Battalion Chief Mike Riebel, Officer of the Year, was in attendance.
- Chief Donahue reported that he and George Sorge visited Tolles Career and Technical Center to recognize a student who cleared fire hydrants during the recent snowstorm. The student, who serves as Captain of the junior high program, was presented a departmental challenge coin.
- Chief Donahue recognized Jamie Ross, who will retire Friday after 34 years of service with Washington Township Fire Department. A retirement gathering will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Chief Donahue thanked him for his service and for assisting with a smooth transition in the Training and Safety Manager role. He also expressed his appreciation to the Trustees for approving George's start date to allow cross-training prior to Jamie's departure.
- Chief Donahue presented the monthly report for January. There were 587 calls for service during the month, despite the extreme cold conditions. Several sprinkler system breaks occurred, and personnel performed effectively in mitigating related damage.

- Chief Donahue highlighted the hiring of Kasey Swank as a full-time firefighter. Kasey is the son of Charles Swank, a Washington Township Fire Department firefighter who passed away during a training session with the department. Kasey's older brother serves part-time with the department, and Charles' brother is a full-time member.

Human Resources Manager Catherine Grossman:

- Ms. Grossman reminded the Trustees that the Administration Building will be closed Monday in observance of Presidents' Day.
- Ms. Grossman reported that a candidate has been identified for the Accounting Clerk position and a contingent offer has been extended. The background process is underway. A hiring resolution will likely be presented at the next meeting. A resolution regarding Barb Duhl's retirement will follow once her final date is confirmed.

Fiscal Officer Scott Melody:

- Mr. Melody reported that the fiscal office is preparing for required state reporting and the upcoming audit.

Trustee Jan Rozanski:

- Chief Smith replied to Mr. Rozanski's request for a comparison of the January call volume between 2025 and 2026. He indicated calls were approximately twenty (20) fewer than January 2025.

Trustee Stu Harris:

- Responding to Mr. Harris' question, Chief Donahue confirmed the 2025 Annual Report will be emailed upon completion and will be a topic of discussion during the Strategic Planning Session in March.

Trustee Chuck Kranstuber:

- Mr. Kranstuber approached the topic of the constitutional amendment and asked for the thoughts of Mr. Harris and Mr. Melody, as former school board members. Mr. Harris stated property tax represents the largest portion of school funding. Mr. Rozanski acknowledged property tax elimination would impact Township levies and the ability to supplement the Fire Fund with funds from the General Fund.
- Mr. Kranstuber provided an update regarding the letter he sent to members of Dublin City Council concerning cemetery expansion and alternative solutions. He has not yet received a response. Mr. Richter indicated Councilmember Wendy Johnson reached out to schedule a meeting to discuss the matter, among other topics. Councilmember Johnson noted that Mr. Kranstuber's letter was received and distributed to all Councilmembers, but has not yet appeared on the Council agenda. She added that she will provide additional information regarding the Monterey development when she attends the February 24 meeting.

Adjourn Meeting:

Mr. Kranstuber adjourned the meeting of February 10, 2026 at approximately 6:43 p.m.

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