

# **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

## **HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **REGULAR SESSION**

Held: February 27, 2024, 7:00 PM

Location: 1175 Cincinnati Zanesville Road SW, Lancaster, Ohio 43130.

Chairperson Gail Ellinger called the meeting to order with the Pledge to the flag. The following members and visitors were present:

Mrs. Gail Ellinger Present

Mr. Charles Ressler Present

Mr. Steve Wolfe – Present

Mr. Wes Hurley – Present

### **VISITORS:**

See Sign in Sheet with a total of 10 visitors present.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Doris wanted to know the stipulations about burning fence material on property and an update on the Scott Brown property cleanup. Fire Chief Golden advised Doris that she could not burn the fencing material and that there is a no burning policy in place from 6:00am – 6:00pm. Trustee Ellinger advised that the Scott Brown property will be going out for bid for the cleanup. Rocky Johnson wanted to know if there was an update on the house on Hamburg Road that is scheduled to be torn down. Trustee Ellinger advised there has not been any updates on the home being demolished and that she would reach out to Michael Capper for an update. Mary Ann Richards has two lots they purchased from a Bill Beatty several years ago. They don't have paperwork and wanted to know what the next steps would be. Trustee Wolfe stated he would meet with them to attempt and locate these two plots at the Hamburg Cemetery.

### **REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT:**

No meeting.

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### **ZONING:**

Zoning Inspector Rich Hogle reported 2 permits for the month of February. One for Hettinger for a pole building on 1305 Hamburg Road and an addition for Conrad on 4390 Jacobs Ladder Road.

### **CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER:**

Minutes from the January Meeting being read prior by the Board were approved as read, so moved by Trustee Wolfe and seconded by Trustee Hurley. All were in favor with 3 ayes and no negative votes, motion passed. Fiscal Officer Ressler asked for resolution to move from temporary appropriations to permanent appropriations for FY24. Trustee Wolfe motioned to move from temporary appropriations to permanent appropriations for FY24. Trustee Hurley seconded. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Hurley – Yes, Wolfe -Yes. Motion approved.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Fire Chief Golden reported monthly runs so far have been 31 fire and 40 EMS for a total of 173 runs YTD. Mutual aid was provided to Amanda, Berne, and Greenfield. March – May is the burn ban from 6:00am – 6:00pm.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Scott Brown's property is making progress. We received the signed copies where the certified letters were sent. We have sent a mailed copy of the certified letter to Scott Brown on the advice from the Fairfield County Prosecutors Office. This went out to bid in the newspaper and sealed bids will be opened during the March board meeting.
2. Windy Hills Road property nuisance issue is now back under the control of Roger Ruble. He will be backfilling the holes and addressing the property.
3. Shelly will come back in the spring to place the AC bands on the driveways on Meister Road. Pictures and addresses were taken.

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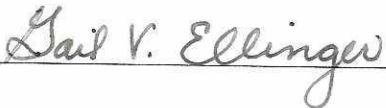
4. Trustee Wolfe motioned to adopt the comprehensive land use plan as written and planned by the county dated January 2024. Trustee Ellinger seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Hurley – No, Wolfe -Yes. Motion approved.
5. Trustee Wolfe motioned to not adopt the resolution regarding the passage of issue II. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Hurley – Yes, Wolfe - Yes. Motion approved.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. The trustees received an email from Rushereek To9wnship about solar farms and a resolution they passed asking the county commissioners to pass a resolution prohibiting construction of economically significant wind farms, large solar facilities, and large wind farms. They had asked Hocking Township to review and respond with our decision.
2. Mid Ohio Tree quoted \$2400.00 day to trim and clean up trees on Snoke Road. Trustee Wolfe motioned to accept the quote and not to exceed 2 days in their work schedules. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Hurley – Yes, Wolfe - Yes. Motion approved.

Trustee Hurley moved to pay the warrants for the month seconded by Trustee Wolfe. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Hurley – Yes, Wolfe -Yes. Motion approved.

There being no further business to discuss Trustee Ellinger motioned to adjourn and Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion.



Mrs. Gail V. Ellinger



Mr. Steve Wolfe



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Mr. Wes Hurley

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Mr. Charles Ressler

All formal actions of the Board of Hocking Township concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code