RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: August 22, 2023, 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 Ressley Present

Mr. Steve Wolfe – Present Mr. Wes Hurley – Present

VISITORS:

See Sign in Sheet with a total of 18 visitors present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ernie Mock wanted an update on Stepath Mound Lane. He stated there were large potholes in the road. Trustees advised that the motor paving was delayed and will be completed before the end of the year. This project will be done in two phases. The back half will be completed this year and the front half will be done next year due to cost.

John Weaver from the Windy Hills Circle had a concern at 1083 Mt. Zion Road. He feels there are traffic nuisances, building without a permit, and installed a driveway without a permit and culvert. There is a large track hoe with keys in the machine left on the property. There has been a large hole dug that has filled in with water. Mr. Wesverr and his neighbors are concerned about the safety of this property. The trustees stated there was a right of way permit issued for the property and the culvert was supposed to be installed. They will contact the land owner about having a culvert installed and the hole filled in.

REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT:

No Hocking Township issues addressed.

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ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Rich Hogle reported36 permits written for the month. One for Craiglow at 1995 Snoke Road for a car port, a second one for Dodds at 2750 Meister Road for a new build, and the third one for Stokes at 3339 Stepath Mound Lane for a pole building. The gentlemen on Hamburg Road is still removing the junk vehicles from the property. A few calls for the month.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER:

Minutes from the July Meeting being read prior by the Board were approved as read, so moved by Trustee Hurley and seconded by Trustee Wolfe. All were in favor with 3 ayes and no negative votes, motion passed. The fiscal officer asked for a motion to accept the rates and amounts set by the county auditor for FY24. Trustee Hurley accepted the motion and Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Hurley – Yes. Wolfe - Yes. Motion approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Golden reported monthly runs so far have been 14 fire and 34 EMS for a total of 603 runs YTD. Mutual aid was provided to Amanda, Berne, Pleasant, Clearcreek, and Lancaster. We will be receiving another ARPA grant for \$33,726.50 for employee retention during COVID. These will be issued as bonus checks for employees who are still employed with us.

OLD BUSINESS

- Demolition is done on Becks Knob Road and the Keher property at the corner of Meister Road and Hamburg Road will be next. Hamburg Road property is in review and a decision will be made for funding.
- 2. Scott Brown's property was declared, by resolution a nuisance property at the June 2023 meeting. The trustees and zoning inspector will be sending a certified letter to Mr. Brown advising he has 10 days to clean up the property or the trustees will contract the work out. Trustee Wolfe and Zoning Inspector Hogle will view the property to determine what items need cleaned and removed from the property.
- 3. Paving is completed for FY23. There are some areas on Meister Road that need redone.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. No new business for the meeting.

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

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

Mrs. Gail V. Ellinger

Mr. Steve Wolfe

Mr. Wes Hurley

Mr. Charles Ressley

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