

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 26, 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 7 visitors present.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Doris asked what she needed to do to move from a property zoned residential to commercial/business. Zoning Inspector Hogle said he would meet with her after the meeting.

### REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT:

No meeting.

### ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Rich Hogle reported 1 permit for the month of March for a pole building for Dole on Mt. Zion Road.

### CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER:

Minutes from the February 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 opened up the sealed bids for the Scott Brown property clean up. Trustee Hurley motioned to move forward with Big Box for the

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cleanup project. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Hurley – Yes, Wolfe -Yes. Motion approved. Fiscal Officer stated we renewed with Kingston bank another year with a certificate of deposit. Also, signed for a new certificate of deposit with Union Savings bank. We will look at securing another certificate of deposit with Kingston Bank for a one year. Fiscal Officer met with OTARM Risk Management. There were 4 recommendations that were made. Once we receive the paperwork, we will move forward with the corrective action plan.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Fire Chief Golden reported monthly runs so far have been 32 fire and 33 EMS for a total of 239 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. Sealed bids will be opened on March 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.
4. Solar resolution passed out to the zoning inspector and trustees to review. This would be a resolution passed by us in support of prohibiting the construction of economically significant wind farms, large solar facilities, and large wind farms in Hocking Township.
5. The cemetery plots in question have been resolved by Trustee Wolfe.
6. Hocking Township has received all of the salt for the 23/24 year. We need to decide on how much for 24/25.

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### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Trustee Hurley is working on archiving Hamburg Cemetery documents by digitizing due to how old the documents are.
2. Trustees reviewed a resolution with the county taking over the maintenance and operations of the Whiley Road construction. Trustee Wolfe motioned to accept this resolution and Trustee Hurley seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Hurley – Yes, Wolfe -Yes. Motion approved.
3. Trustees talked about the upcoming fire levy and how we want to approach this with residents. Fire Chief Golden will work with his team on sending out fliers and signage.
7. Trustees discussed the park and playground equipment. Trustee Hurley motioned to remove all of the old playground equipment and to leave the swing set. Trustee Wolfe 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.

  
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Mrs. Gail V. Ellinger

  
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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