

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: May 24, 2022, 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. Doug Shaw Present

Mr. Steve Wolfe Present

VISITORS:

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Fiscal Officer Ressler open the sealed bids for the Fire House Building Extension. Trustee Shaw motioned to accept Eversole Builders bid of \$235,827. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Shaw – Yes, Wolfe – Yes. Motion approved.

Harry Nixon asked about the road improvements and the possibility of widening the roads, specifically at the intersections of Mt. Zion Road and 188 and Royalton Road and 188. There are always issues at these intersections. Trustee Ellinger stated there wasn't funding at the moment for widening roads due to budget restraints, but will look at these in the future.

Rocky questioned about the definition of debris removal from a property and junk vehicles at the property off Northview Court.

REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT:

No issues.

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ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Rich Hogle reported three zoning permits for the month. Permit issued for a pole barn on Christmas Rock Road, conditional use permit for Tim Gathers, and a mini warehouse on Westfall Road.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER:

Minutes from the May Meeting being read prior by the Board were approved as read, so moved by Trustee Shaw and seconded by Trustee Wolfe. All were in favor with 3 ayes and no negative votes, motion passed. Still waiting on then second round of funding from the ARP Funds.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Curtis Golden reported monthly runs so far have been 26 fire and 55 EMS for a total of 439 runs YTD. Mutual aid was provided to Amanda, Berne, Clearcreek, Pleasant, and Lancaster. Shriners grant was awarded for \$9,139.48. A \$500 grant from Walmart was awarded for a new TV for crews to use for the station board. Submitted a ARPA grant for \$403,879.20 for recruitment, retention, and wellness. Crews will be at the Lancaster parade.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Scott Brown property issue have been turned over to the Fairfield County Prosecutor's office.
2. Northview Court issues has been turned over to the Fairfield County Prosecutor's office.
3. There is state funding available for the demolition of vacant buildings on properties within the township. The board of trustees submitted for three properties. They are waiting to hear back for approval.
4. Google has paid for 5-6" of pavement on Whiley Road until construction is over.
5. We have not received the salt bid back yet.
6. A meeting was held at the Liberty Center concerning potential growth in Hocking Township. There will be more meetings on how townships can handle this.

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7. The road crew will be using the Durapatcher for Mill Road, Jacobs Ladder, Hopewell Church, Country Club, Shaw, and Mt. Zion.
8. Meister Road widening project will start July 11, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Trustee Ellinger met with Mayor Scheffler and County Commissioner Jeff Fix today to discuss an agreement between the township and the city concerning land being annexed and the share of revenue.
2. Shelly will be paving next week with weather permitting.
3. Trustee Wolfe motioned to approve the road striping where it is needed, not to exceed \$14,000. Trustee Shaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Shaw – Yes, Wolfe – Yes. Motion approved.
4. Still waiting on estimated for the road repair at Westfall Road and Duncan Road.
5. Trustee Shaw is checking on getting the end of Stepath Mound and Stonewall cemetery for tar and chip.

Trustee Shaw moved to pay the warrants for the month seconded by Trustee Wolfe. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Shaw – 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. Doug Shaw



Mr. Steve Wolfe

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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