

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: December 18, 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 9 visitors present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Paula Snoke asked about ORC code 4504.181, Section B and that it requires to have two public meetings and asked if we had two meetings for the passage of the Permissible Tax Levy that was submitted to the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Trustee Ellinger advised we followed the directions from the Public Safety office and would follow up with the county prosecutor for clarification.

Ernie Mock asked why Hocking Township does not feel they need to follow the ORC code and was referring to the two public meetings for the passage of the permissible tax levy. Trustee Ellinger stated the township would seek clarification from the county prosecutor's office. Ernie Mock was asked to leave the meeting from the board of trustees due to him slandering the board of trustees.

REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT:

No Hocking Township issues.

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ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Rich Hogle reported a total of 4 permits for the month. Curt Kitchen for a pavilion and car port at 4590 Hopewell Church Road and Rogelio Ontiveros for anew build at 5973 Windy Hills. Will be addressing the junk motor vehicle and trash complaints.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER:

Minutes from the November 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. Trustee Wolfe motioned to approve the Fiscal Officer to prepare Temporary Appropriations for the first quarter of 2025 so that expenditures can be paid. Motion was seconded by Trustee Wes Hurley and roll call being called upon its adoption was: Wolfe – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, Hurley – Yes. Motion carried. Trustee Wolfe motioned for a resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax outside the ten -mill limitation and further stating the intent to proceed to place an additional fire and ems services levy on the May 6, 2024 primary special election. Motion was seconded by Trustee Wes Hurley and roll call being called upon its adoption was: Wolfe – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, Hurley – Yes. Motion carried. Working on closing out FY24 and opening up FY25.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Golden was absent from the meeting. No report to share.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The next county OTA meeting will be December 30, 2024 at 6:00pm at the Ricketts Hall Ed Sands Building inside the fairgrounds.
2. Eric McCrady at the county engineer's office is overseeing the speed study on Country Club Road North.
3. The board has decided to move forward with placing a fire levy on the May 6, 2025 special election ballot.

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NEW BUSINESS:

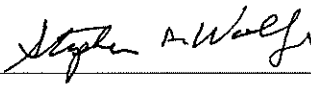
1. All trustees and fiscal officer will be attending the Ohio Township Association conference in Columbus in January.

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

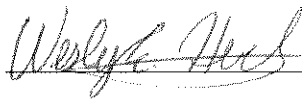
There being no further business to discuss Trustee Wolfe motioned to adjourn and Trustee Hurley seconded the motion.



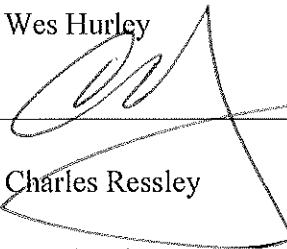
Mrs. Gail V. Ellinger



Mr. Steve Wolfe



Mr. Wes Hurley



Mr. Charles 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