

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: October 24, 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 Ressler Present

Mr. Steve Wolfe – Present

Mr. Wes Hurley – Absent

VISITORS:

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT:

No Hocking Township issues addressed.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Rich Hogle reported 2 permits written for the month. One for Bowen at Hopewell Church Road for a room addition and a conditional use permit for Rowland on 2332 Jacobs Ladder Road. The gentlemen on Hamburg Road has a few more junk vehicles to remove from the property.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER:

Minutes from the September 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 2 ayes and no negative votes, motion passed. The fiscal officer reviewed the upcoming renewal of the township

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insurance with the trustees. Trustee Wolfe motioned to accept and approve the insurance premiums for FY24. Trustee Ellinger seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe - Yes. Motion approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Assistant Fire Chief Kilbarger reported monthly runs so far have been 18 fire and 36 EMS for a total of 733 runs YTD. Mutual aid was provided to Amanda, Berne, Greenfield, and Lancaster. We have two part time applicants that are in the process of interviews and background checks.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The only house left for demolition is on Hamburg Road and is being scheduled by the county land bank.
2. Scott Brown's property was declared, by resolution a nuisance property at the June 2023 meeting. Mr. Hogle posted the violation on the property and date stamped with a picture. 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.
3. There are two liens on the Scott Brown property. The township must notify these two lien holders by certified mail that the property will be contracted out for the cleanup and junk removal. Once this is completed, the township can move forward with the bid and cleanup work. Another resolution will need to be passed. Trustee Wolfe motioned to notify the two lien holders and Scott Brown of the decision by certified mail. Trustee Ellinger seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe -Yes. Motion approved.
4. Windy Hills Road property nuisance issue is being addressed by the board of trustees for the property to be reclaimed by Roger Ruble. It is being scheduled for a court date. Mr. Bell was a no show for the court date due to the Bailiff not being able to locate him. There is a future court date pending.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. There will be a work session with the board of trustees, both zoning boards, Commissioner Fix, and several of our county officials to work in unison for the best plan for Hocking Township's future. It is scheduled for November 9, 2023 at 6:30pm.
2. County meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2023 at 2:00pm at the Fairfield County Engineers Office.

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

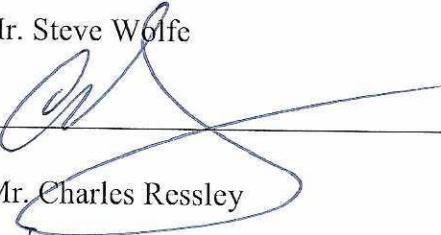
There being no further business to discuss Trustee Wolfe motioned to adjourn and Trustee Ellinger seconded the motion.



Mrs. Gail V. Ellinger



Mr. Steve Wolfe



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