

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: February 28, 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 Present

VISITORS:

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation.

REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT:

No Hocking Township issues addressed.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Rich Hogle reported several calls about and 0 permits written for the month.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER:

Minutes from the January 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. Preparing for the upcoming audit.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Curtis Golden reported monthly runs so far have been 16 fire and 40 EMS for a total of 73 runs YTD. Mutual aid was provided to Amanda, Berne, Greenfield, and Lancaster. Non-burn months are in effect between 6:00am and 6:00pm. No burning is permitted.

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 and have been awarded state funding for two. The other property will go through the land bank. Michale Kaper will be coordinating this venture.
4. The trustees and fiscal officer attended the winter conference. There were good sessions and learned some new things.
5. The trustees found another plow for the truck from the Dexter Company. This will work to replace the broken cracked plow. Trustee Hurley motioned to purchase the new plow from Dexter for \$10,300. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Hurley – Yes, Wolfe – Yes. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The trustees will be looking at ways if possible to regulate solar farms.
2. The trustees are looking into applying for grant money for playground bedding to replace the mulch. This would be a 75% grant and 25% match. Discussion followed with several suggestions concerning the safety of the playground and the deterioration of the mulch each year. The recommended material for the playground would be ADA assessible for wheelchairs and strollers.

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3. Trustee Hurley motioned to appoint David Lowe on the zoning commission board.

Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Hurley – Yes, Wolfe – Yes. Motion approved.

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 Hurley motioned to adjourn and Trustee Wolfe 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