

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: March 29, 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 – Called out for tree removal

VISITORS:

See Sign in Sheet with a total of 8 visitors present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public participation.

REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT:

No Hocking Township issues addressed.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Rich Hogle reported several calls about permits and 4 permits written for the month. One for Trevor Coffman for an addition at Barr Drive, a pole barn for James Doss at Hamburg Road, a new build for Todd Kehrner on Hamburg Road, and a new build for Larry King on Delmont Road. The gentlemen on Hamburg Road is still removing the junk vehicles from the property.

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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 Ellinger. All were in favor with 2 ayes and no negative votes, motion passed. Audit is scheduled for April 3, 2023.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Curtis Golden reported monthly runs so far have been 24 fire and 63 EMS for a total of 232 runs YTD. Mutual aid was provided to Amanda, Berne, Clearcreek, Greenfield, and Lancaster. Just a reminder on the non-burn months are in effect between 6:00am and 6:00pm. No burning is permitted. New employee Jacob Shepard was sworn in for the 4th fulltime firefighter position. We are currently onboarding 3 part time positions and 2 volunteers to replace resignations.

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. This is not funding from the township to be used. 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. He did make contact and said they were behind schedule, but should be next in line.
4. Discussion about the mulch at the Hamburg playground and its safety. Trustees looking into a grant for a new material to be used that could be ADA assessible, less maintenance, and cheaper in the long run.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. The trustees had more public discussion about the Hamburg playground and the safety of the mulch. Wanting to look at another material that could be used for ADA accessibility as well as a maintenance free cheaper option. Public liked the idea of a new material to be used, especially the cost.
2. The trustees will be looking at ways if possible to regulate solar farms.
3. Trustee Wolfe motioned to order 200 tons of road salt for FY23 and FY24 winter season. Trustee Ellinger seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe – Yes. Motion approved.
4. Trustee Wolfe motioned to pay Mid Ohio Tree \$3600.00 for tree removal around the township for safety. Trustee Ellinger seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe – Yes. Motion approved.
5. The maintenance crew received the new snow plow and will list the other old snow plow on the Govdeals website for sell.
6. Trustee Wolfe motioned to place a noise resolution for the use of “Jake brakes” for State Route 188 near the Loves fuel station. Trustee Ellinger seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe – Yes. Motion approved.

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.

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Gail V. Ellinger

Mrs. Gail V. Ellinger

Steve Wolfe

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