HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: February 23, 2016 6:00 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 Ressley Present

Mr. Stephen Wolfe Present

Mr. Claypool Present

EMPLOYEES:

Tom Marshall, Zoning Inspector was present

Curtis Golden, Fire Chief was present

VISITORS:

See Sign in Sheet with a total of 2 visitors present

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No public participation

ZONING:

There has been one zoning permit issued for the month to Well Christian Church for an addition. A few calls pertaining to questions about zoning and permits. Columbia Gas sent a letter requesting a meeting for March 23, 2016 at the Moose Lodge. There was discussion on zoning variances and lot splits.

REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT:

RPC wants a representative from Hocking Township to serve on the stakeholder committee for the Comprehensive plan. Trustee Ellinger will attend as many as she can.

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CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER:

Fairfield County Engineer sent a letter from ODOT to accept the 2015 mileage certificate. Fiscal Officer Ressley asked for a resolution to accept this mileage at **31.846** miles. Trustee Ellinger motioned to accept the mileage as read. Trustee Claypool seconded the motion. All were in favor with 3 ayes and no negative votes, motion passed. Fiscal Officer Ressley asked for a motion to move from temporary appropriations to permanent appropriations for the FY2016. Trustee Ellinger motioned to move from temporary to permanent appropriations. Trustee Claypool seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe – Yes, Claypool – Yes. Motion approved, motion passed. Madison Township will be hosting the next County OTA Meeting which will be held March 19, 2016 at the Amanda Fire House at 6pm. The township still has over \$22,000 in the culvert fund to use. ODOT sent a letter packet stating Hocking Township is eligible for a grant up to \$50,000 for signs, posts, and hardware. Trustee Ellinger will look into this grant. Minutes from the January Meeting being read prior by the Board were approved as read, so moved by Trustee Claypool and seconded by Trustee Ellinger. All were in favor with 3 ayes and no negative votes, motion passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Golden reported for month of February: Total of 124 runs year to date. There were 1 early morning EMS run that was over 10 minutes for out the door response time. Out the door time averages at 4 minutes and 4 seconds. Violet Township donated 22 new air packs with extra air bottles to Hocking. This was a huge cost savings of \$100,000. We will be taking them to be tested at a cost of \$48.00 each. Trustee Claypool motioned to proceed with the purchase of the service to the 22 air packs. Trustee Ellinger seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe – Yes, Claypool – Yes. Motion approved. Fire Chief is working on applying for grants. Trustee Gail Ellinger motioned to support the Hocking Township Fire Department applying for the Local Government Safety Capital Grant Program. Motion was seconded by Trustee Tim Claypool.

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Voice vote upon adoption was:

Wolfe – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, Claypool – Yes, motion carried. There were a total of 10 mutual aid responses for the month.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Stonewall Cemetery Road damage: They are still in the process of settlement.

2. Columbia Gas has completed the Road Use Maintenance Agreement and provided a bond and are working on Tarklin Road (A160 Columbia Gas Transmission of Ohio). They will resume when weather improves.

3. ODOT completed a study on the intersections of Route 22 and Delmont and Route 159. ODOT stated they did not receive any funding for the study to make these intersections safer. The Trustees encouraged the township residents to call and speak with Ty Thompspn who oversees these types of projects. His phone number is 740-323-5194.

4. The Board of Trustees will be meeting on March 8, 2016 at 7pm to discuss the fire levy for the November Election. Trustee Ellinger handed out a rough draft of the proposed tax levy language.

NEW BUSINESS:

- AEP Jeremy Krouse wants the township to release the bond on the AEP 2014 project bond #105871552. Trustee Claypool motioned to release the bond. Trustee Ellinger seconded the motion. Voice vote. All were in favor with 3 ayes and no negative votes, motion passed.
- 2. The maintenance building is requesting a hot water heater for the area. Trustees approved an on demand hot water heater to be installed.
- Trustee Ellinger motioned to approve up to \$2,000 for a tile project on Barr Drive and Thrush Drive. Trustee Claypool seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe – Yes, Claypool – Yes. Motion approved.
- 4. The Joint Zoning Re-organizational Meeting will be held March 22, 2016 at 7pm.

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

There being no further business to discuss Trustee Wolfe motioned to adjourn.

Dail V. Ellinger

Mrs. Gail V. Ellinger

and

Mr. Timothy Claypool

Mr. Steve Wolfe

Mr. Charles Ressley

All formal actions of the of 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