

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: July 25, 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

Song Nicolina spoke about an issue with next door neighbor with a tree being cut. The trustees advised this is a civil matter. Doris brought up an issue with the property owner off 22 with hauling in dirt and burying concrete fill. Doris felt this was an issue with the water that runs to her property. Trustees stated to contact Fairfield County Soil and Water.

REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT:

No Hocking Township issues addressed.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Rich Hogle reported 6 permits written for the month. One McGrady at 5860 Lancaster Circleville Road for a roof, second one for Osbourne at 4235 Westfall Road for a pole building, third one for Martin at 1943 Hamburg Road for a garage, fourth one for Stoutt at 1343 Becks Knob Road for a lean-to structure, fifth one for Hinkle at 3090 Stoney Hill Road for a variance, and the last one for Liston at 1080 Mt. Zion Road for lean-too structure. The gentlemen

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on Hamburg Road is still removing the junk vehicles from the property. A few calls for the month.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER:

Minutes from the June 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. FY24 budget has been submitted to the county auditor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Golden reported monthly runs so far have been 11 fire and 32 EMS for a total of 538 runs YTD. Mutual aid was provided to Amanda, Berne, Pleasant, Greenfield, and Lancaster. Trustee Wolfe motioned to have Fire Chief Golden move forward with the two grants for the retention of 3 fulltime firefighter staff and a new grass truck. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Hurley – Yes. Wolfe - Yes. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Demolition is done on Becks Knob Road and the Keher property at the corner of Meister Road and Hamburg Road will be next. Hamburg Road property is in review and a decision will be made for funding.
2. Sifford property will be receiving a letter package from the trustees regarding the property. A copy will be sent to the Fairfield Country Prosecutor. Trustee Wolfe motioned to declare Sifford's property a nuisance property issue. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Hurley – Yes, Wolfe - Yes. Motion approved.
3. Scott Browns property was declared a nuisance property. Zoning Inspector Hogle will post the violation on the property advising Mr. Brown he has 7 days to clean up the property or the trustees will contract this out. This has been an ongoing issue and this action is the last recourse to correct the issue.
4. Paving is scheduled with Shelly and will be completed by September 1, 2023.

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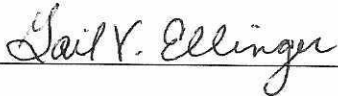
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NEW BUSINESS:

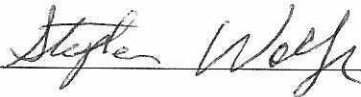
1. Trustees asked the sheriff deputy who attended the meeting to check with his supervisor about the Sheriff's office having jurisdiction on noise complaints. Trustees gave him a copy of Hocking Townships noise complaint policy.

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

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



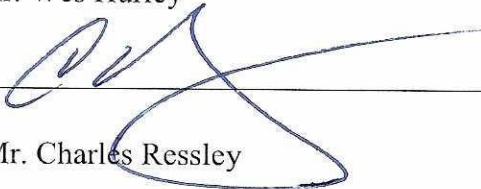
Mrs. Gail V. Ellinger



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