

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: September 26, 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 12 visitors present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Patrick Cochran asked for an update on the Windy Hills Road property that had a large hole in the ground and the nuisance issue. Trustee Ellinger stated the property renter has been evicted and is communication with the property owner, Roger Ruble. Trustee Ellinger is working with Roger Ruble to have the lot mowed and the large hole filled in.

REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT:

No Hocking Township issues addressed.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Rich Hogle reported 2 permits written for the month. One for Vlack at 4937 Pleasant Valley Road for a storage building and the second permit for Shaeffer at 261 Hamburg Road for a pole building. The gentlemen on Hamburg Road is still removing the junk vehicles from the property. A few calls for the month.

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CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER:

Minutes from the August Meeting being read prior by the Board were approved as read, so moved by Trustee Hurley and seconded by Trustee Wolfe. All were in favor with 3 ayes and no negative votes, motion passed. The fiscal officer had nothing new for the board.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Golden reported monthly runs so far have been 11 fire and 50 EMS for a total of 674 runs YTD. Mutual aid was provided to Amanda, Berne, Pleasant, and Lancaster. We have received another grant for \$3,398 for the purchase of two AED's from the Aladin Shriner's. We also received a grant from them for the acquisition of an additional thermal imaging camera. We have two volunteer applications that are in the process of background checks. We had one resignation from the department.

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. Trustee Wolfe and Zoning Inspector Hogle visited the property and identified what items need cleaned and removed from the property. The township will place the cost against their property taxes.
4. Trustee Wolfe motioned to amend resolution 23-09 and to add into Resolution 23-13 per ORC 505.87, the Board of Trustees have declared Scott Brown's property a nuisance. Steps will be followed per the Fairfield County Prosecutors Office to have the property cleaned up. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Hurley – yes, Wolfe -Yes. Motion approved.

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5. 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.

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. The date and time will be advertised and both zoning boards notified.

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.

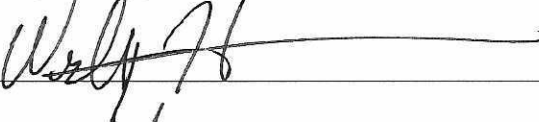
There being no further business to discuss Trustee Hurley motioned to adjourn and Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion.



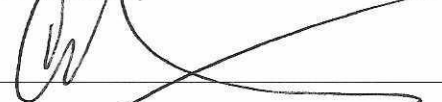
Mrs. Gail V. Ellinger



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