HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: September 27, 2022, 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 Ressley Present

Mr. Doug Shaw Present Mr. Steve Wolfe Present

VISITORS:

See Sign in Sheet with a total of 9 visitors present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Doris asked what the status was on the Scott Brown property was. The trustees advised that the property issues have been turned over to the Fairfield County Prosecutors office. Ryan from Becks Knob Road was asking about a permit for a pole barn. Trustee Ellinger advised to contact the zoning inspector.

REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT:

No meeting was held.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Rich Hogle was absent from the meeting. There were two zoning permits for the month. One for a new build on Westfall Road and one for new pole barn storage units on Lifer Lane.

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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 Wolfe and seconded by Trustee Shaw. All were in favor with 3 ayes and no negative votes, motion passed. Audit will be scheduled for January 2023.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Curtis Golden reported monthly runs so far have been 15 fire and 50 EMS for a total of 625 runs YTD. Mutual aid was provided to Amanda, Berne, Clearcreek, and Lancaster.

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.
- 4. Durapatching has been completed for the year. The road maintenance staff did a great job.
- 5. Meister Road widening project is complete. There are only a few small details to be signed off on.
- 6. Shelly paved and the job is complete. We will start berming.
- 7. Trustees have found an excavator willing to do the road work on Stepath Mound.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. A meeting with Laura Comek and David Sheffler has been set for October 4, 2022 at 11:00am. Gail Ellinger, Charles Ressley, and Troy Schurtz will be attending.
- 2. The annual county trustee meeting will be held October 5, 2022 at 2:00pm at the county engineer's office.

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3. Trustee Wolfe motioned to add a supplemental budget of \$75,000 to fund 2031 for FY22 budget to pay for contracted services. Trustee Ellinger seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Shaw – Yes, Wolfe – Yes. Motion approved.

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

Trustee Wolfe motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss fire department personnel issues. Trustee Shaw seconded the motion. All were in favor with 3 ayes and no negative votes, motion passed.

Trustee Wolfe motioned to go back into regular meeting session. Trustee Shaw seconded the motion. All were in favor with 3 ayes and no negative votes, motion passed. Trustee Wolfe motioned to accept the ARPA grant that has been awarded for two years to employee four fulltime personnel. Trustee Shaw seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Shaw – Yes, Wolfe – Yes. Motion approved.

Trustee Doug Shaw submitted his resignation effective September 27, 2022 after the regular meeting. Trustee Ellinger accepted the resignation and thanked Mr. Shaw for his time while serving as a trustee.

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

Hail V. Ellinger

Mrs. Gail V. Ellinger

Horry Shaw

Mr. Doug Shaw

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Mr. Steve Wolfe

Mr. Charles Ressley

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