

# **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

## **HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **REGULAR SESSION**

Held: August 24, 2021 7:00 PM

Location: 1175 Cincinnati Zanesville Road SW, Lancaster, Ohio 43130.

Chairperson Doug Shaw 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. Doug Shaw Present

Mr. Steve Wolfe Present

### **VISITORS:**

See Sign in Sheet with a total of 17 visitors present.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Jon Kochis from the EMA, Lindel Jackson and Ron Burris from the Hunter Runs Conservancy District spoke about the history of the 13 dams located inside Hocking Township. They explained that the dams were older and built back in the early 1950's and required to have an economics benefit assessment study done. Lindel asked the board for a possible donation of \$25,000 to go towards funding this project.

Jim Spires inquired about the intersection of State Route 159, State Route 22, and Delmont Road. He explained how this intersection is very dangerous and asked about opening up Duncan Road to State Route 22. The trustees did state they have talked with ODOT on numerous occasions about their opinion on the intersection. The last communication was that ODOT was going to place two roundabouts at 159 and Delmont Road. Duncan couldn't be opened up due to State Route 22 being a limited access road and ODOT will not approve it.

### **REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT:**

No issues.

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### ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Rich Hogle was absent. Trustee Ellinger stated he had 2 permits for this month and several calls about building permits. One permit was for Jon and Heather Kochis at 952 Wagner Drive for a new build. The other permit was for Greg and Rhonda Ludwick at 6011 Pleasant Valley Road for a pole barn. The case for Mr. Brown on State Route 22 and Crumley has been turned over the prosecutor's office. A certified letter was delivered to the resident on Northview Court and the issue will be resolved by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Received a complaint on Mill Road about junk in front of a house. Mr. Hogle will be speaking with the owner on August 25<sup>th</sup>. OASIS is reapplying for a conditional use application for an adult day service. The property on Hamburg Road is still moving junk vehicles. He is sending pictures weekly.

### CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER:

Minutes from the July Meeting being read prior by the Board were approved as read, so moved by Trustee Ellinger and seconded by Trustee Wolfe. All were in favor with 3 ayes and no negative votes, motion passed. FY22 budget hearing went well. Trustee Ellinger motioned to accept the rates and amounts as set forth by the budget commission. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Shaw– Yes, Wolfe - Yes. Motion approved.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Golden reported monthly runs so far have been 17 fire and 60 EMS for a total of 551 runs YTD. Mutual aid was provided to Amanda, Berne, Clearcreek, Greenfield, and Lancaster. A total of 5 run to SCI. ISO rating have been updated. The township is now considered a 4/4y, which means residents could see significant insurance reductions. We will post on our website and Facebook. There has been a total of 3 staff that left over the past month. Overtime is up. Working on filling those positions. We have seen an increase in mutual aid due to staff coverages.

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### OLD BUSINESS

1. Hocking Township was awarded the OPWC project on Meister Road. Will start sometime in 2022.
2. Northview court zoning issues are being addressed. The health department stated no issues from their department. Property owners have been advised to contact Fairfield County Sheriffs office for all other issues.
3. The property at 188 and Delmont Road will have a Loves fuel station. This was a total of 25 acres taken from Hocking Township.
4. A resolution was passed to turn over the Scott Brown property issue to the Fairfield County Prosecutor's office. That packet was submitted.
5. The driveway on Country Club Road will be taken care of. With them
6. A meeting has been set up with Amy Brown at the prosecutor's officer to meet and discuss an agreement for future annexations.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Trustee Shaw contacted vendors for quotes for a culvert replacement on Mt. Zion Road prior to paving. Trustee Ellinger motioned to hold off and wait until next year to address the culvert. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Shaw– Yes, Wolfe - Yes. Motion approved.
2. Hocking Township will be applying for an ODOT grant to be used for paving.
3. Quotes were submitted from Shelly Paving. Trustee Ellinger motioned to accept the Windy Hills repair quote and move forward with scheduling the 2021 paving project. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Shaw– Yes, Wolfe - Yes. Motion approved.
4. Trustee Ellinger motioned to have Mid Ohio Tree Service remove two dead trees and debris from Hopewell Church Road. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Shaw– Yes, Wolfe - Yes. Motion approved.

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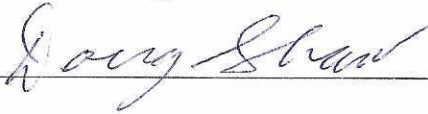
5. The trustees will be meeting with Fairfield County Assistant Prosecutor Amy Brown to discuss what Hocking Township will need to do to work out an agreement with the City of Lancaster on annexations.

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



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