

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: September 24, 2024, 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 22 visitors present.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ernie Mock stated he went back through the previous minutes and wanted an update on the tree stump that was left on the side of Stepath Mound Lane. Trustee Ellinger asked both Trustees Wolfe and Trustee Hurley what the solution should be for the tree stump. All trustees agreed that the tree stump should be cut at ground level. Trustee Ellinger asked Trustee Hurley if he would be willing to cut the stump to ground level and he agreed to. Ernie Mock also inquired about the sign being posted. Trustee Ellinger stated they have been ordered and are waiting on it to be delivered. Ernie Mock also inquired about wanting copies of the quotes, scope of work for the 2024 Paving Project as well as a list of roads that were determined to be paved.

Linda Claypool inquired about flashing lights at the stop signs of State Route 188 and Becks Knob Road. Trustee Ellinger stated she would contact ODOT District 5 and request that they install these at this location.

Jon Kochis requested to do a speed study on Country Club Road. Trustee Ellinger stated she would contact the county engineer's office and get this initiated. Trustee Ellinger stated she

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would email Jon when she heard back from the county and that he would keep the neighbors informed of the timelines.

Duane, the owner of the Da Que BBQ wanted to thank the fire department for being at their get together. He also wanted to let the community know that on October 19<sup>th</sup>, they will have fresh squeezed cider.

Paula Snoke wanted to know how we applied for a force account for years 22 and 23. Trustee Ellinger stated Fairfield County Engineers office handled that for us.

Mark Peters asked if they were widening Wiley Road at State Route 188 and placing a turning lane in. Trustee Ellinger stated she has not heard anything new on this project and that the county has been overseeing the project.

### **REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT:**

No Hocking Township issues.

### **ZONING:**

Zoning Inspector Rich Hogle was absent from the meeting. Trustee Ellinger stated there were 4 permits written for the month of September. A permit for Judd Ellinger for 5700 Westfall Road for a pole barn under CAUV, Randal Bring for 4800 Hopewell Church Road for a new house, Michael Zawislak for 60 Hamburg Road for a garage, and Hollie Arledge for 3517 Stoney Hill Road for a new house. Rich Hogle spoke to the Browns and Sommers at 4855 BIS Road about the barking dogs and the smell. A deputy sheriff did report out and sat there for approximately a half hour. They advised to contact the health department. Rich also went to the property on Hamburg Road that burnt recently and advised the resident to have the area cleaned up. The resident stated they had no insurance and they would do their best to get it done.

### **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 Hurley. All were in favor with 3 ayes and no

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negative votes, motion passed. Trustee Hurley and the fiscal officer met with OTARMA insurance and will be reviewing the property and auto insurance limits.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Fire Chief Golden reported monthly runs so far have been 47 fire and 58 EMS for a total of 863 runs YTD. Mutual aid was provided to Amanda, Berne, Clearcreek, Lancaster, and Greenfield townships. There was 1 run to Hocking County. There were several major incidents dispatched from auto accidents, overdose, fire structure, car fire, several grass fires, cardiac arrests, chest pains, and service/fire alarm calls. The fire department needs to plan to replace the bed on the grass truck and to look at replacing the borrowed service truck that pulls the UTV. The frame and bumper are in poor shape. Pictures were submitted to the board.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. The fire levy is on the ballot for November.
2. The next county OTA meeting will be December 30, 2024 at 6:00pm. Location is to be determined.
3. Exterior Improvements submitted a quote of \$3,700 to make repairs to the maintenance garage. Trustee Wolfe motioned to accept the bid. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe -Yes, Hurley – Yes. Motion approved.
4. Trunk or treat – please email Wes Hurley about any ideas and a location and time.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. There were two options submitted for a new playground equipment by GameTime. This is a 50% matching grant that the board of trustees applied for. After reviewing the quote and color choices, Trustee Wolfe motioned to accept the quote of \$97,349.30 for the new equipment installed with a rubber surface. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe -Yes, Hurley – Yes. Motion approved.

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

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

Gail V. Ellinger

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Stephen A Wolfe

Mr. Steve Wolfe

Wes Hurley

Mr. Wes Hurley

Charles Ressler

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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