

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: January 28, 2025, 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:

Rocky Johnson wanted to update the board of trustees on Marc Harmon's place at 2711 Hamburg Road. Everything is torn down and hauled away. Not sure what else he is doing. Trustee Gail Ellinger thanked Rocky for the update.

REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT:

No Hocking Township issues.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Rich Hogle reported a total of 2 permits for the month. Brantley Blount at 4257 Delmont Road was issued two permits for a pole barn and a storage building. Mr. Hogle stated the resident on Mile Hill Road applied for grant money for cleanup of the junk.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER:

Minutes from the December 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 Steve Wolfe motioned for a resolution to approve a 50% reduction on all roads and streets in the Windy Hills Subdivision, Lifer Lane, and Stepath Mound Lane for CY2025, effective February 2, 2025. Motion was seconded by Trustee Wes Hurley and roll call being called upon its adoption was: Wolfe – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, Hurley – Yes. Motion carried. Trustee Wes Hurley motioned for a resolution to approve the 2024 Township Highway System Mileage Certification from the Fairfield County Engineers office. As of December 31, 2024, Hocking Township was responsible for 31.817 miles of public roads. Motion was seconded by Trustee Steve Wolfe and roll call being called upon its adoption was: Wolfe – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, Hurley – Yes. Motion carried. Trustee Steve Wolfe motioned for a resolution to approve the fiscal officer to move from temporary appropriations to permanent appropriations for FY25. Motion was seconded by Trustee Wes Hurley and roll call being called upon its adoption was: Wolfe – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, Hurley – Yes. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Golden reported a total of 96 runs for the month and to date. There were 63 EMS runs and 33 fire runs. Mutual aid was provided to Amanda, Berne, Lancaster, Clearcreek, Pleasant, and Greenfield townships. There were several major incidents dispatched from auto accidents, overdose, fire structure, grass fire, cardiac arrests, chest pains, and service/fire alarm calls. Fire truck E/R651 is at Atlantic for repairs due to accident. Gras truck bed repairs are completed. There was one new hire for a part time FF/EMT.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The speed study on Country Club Road North showed over 400 vehicles. In order to get a low volume study done that would decrease the speed limit, the count has to be under 400. The county will place another tabulator out on the road for another count.
2. The board has decided to move forward with placing a 4-mil fire levy on the May 6, 2025 special election ballot. This would cost \$140 per \$100,000 valuation each year.
3. All trustees and fiscal officer will be attending the annual Ohio Township Association conference at the Convention Center.

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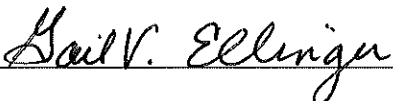
4. The board of trustees held the first of two public meetings for the proposed \$5 license tax levy that would begin in 2026. The next public hearing is scheduled for February 3, 2025 at 7:00am.
5. The playground equipment has shipped and is now in stock waiting for installation.

NEW BUSINESS:

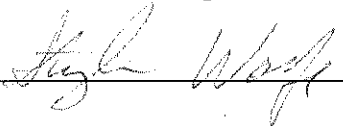
1. The board of trustees have ordered and received our contracted allotment of road salt for FY25.
2. Trustee Steve Wolfe motioned to go into executive session under Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1) for the purpose of to consider the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee. Trustee Wes Hurley seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe -Yes, Hurley – Yes. Motion approved. Trustee Steve Wolfe motioned to go back into regular session. Trustee Wes Hurley seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe -Yes, Hurley – Yes. There were no formal decisions or votes made during the executive session.

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

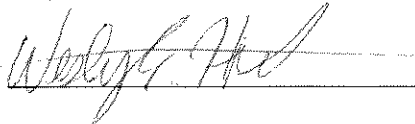
There being no further business to discuss Trustee Steve Wolfe motioned to adjourn and Trustee Wes Hurley seconded the motion.



Mrs. Gail V. Ellinger



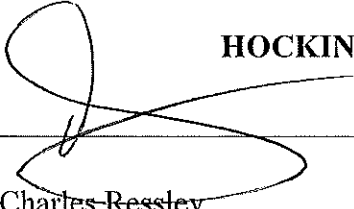
Mr. Steve Wolfe



Mr. Wes Hurley

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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