

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: October 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 – Absent

VISITORS:

See Sign in Sheet with a total of 14 visitors present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No public participation.

REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT:

No Hocking Township issues.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Rich Hogle reported three zoning permits for the month. A permit for Dana Gibson at 1370 Mt. Zion Road for a pole building, a permit for Billy Lambert at 4200 Delmont Road for a pole barn shed, and a permit for Chris Thornton at 4430 Hopewell Church Road for a breezeway. Zoning Inspector Hogle stated the Mary Reed property on 188 has weeds grown up and this has been addressed. The trash on the property in Windy Hills has been addressed.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER:

Minutes from the September meeting being read prior by the Board were approved as read, so moved by Trustee Wolfe and seconded by Trustee Ellinger. All were in favor with 2 ayes and no

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negative votes, motion passed. Trustee Steve Wolfe motioned to approve \$1,000 to be donated to the Fairfield County Transit. Trustee Ellinger seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe -Yes. Motion approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Acting Fire Chief Kilbarger reported there were a total of 48 runs for the month. There were 41 EMS runs and 7 fire runs. Total runs YTD are 818. Mutual aid was provided to Amanda, Greenfield, Lancaster, and Berne townships. There were several major incidents dispatched from auto accidents, grass fire, fire structure, chest pains, and structural fires. ORC 1503.18 prohibits outdoor open burning during the hours of 6:00am – 6:00pm for the months of March, April, May, October, and November. In the process of a new hire background check. BWC grant has been submitted. The donated vehicle from the Fairfield County Sheriffs office is waiting for the title to be transferred.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Stop blocks will be ordered for the Hamburg Park parking lot. Hocking Township was awarded the ODNR grant. Park sign has been replaced due to a vehicle hitting it.
2. We will continue our zoning process for short term rental with a zoning meeting at 6:00pm on November 25, 2025.
3. Fire engine replacement is underway. The correct engine was purchased from Ricart and was actually cheaper.
4. Fairfield County is working on 2 culvert replacements on Westfall Road. Both of the culverts will be done with OPWC grant money. Trustees will be reviewing and signing the paperwork for these projects.
5. Statewide road salt bid was received at \$74.37 per ton.
6. The tree work that was approved the month prior has not been completed yet.
7. The next county OTA meeting is scheduled for December 29, 2025 at Clearcreek Township.

NEW BUSINESS:

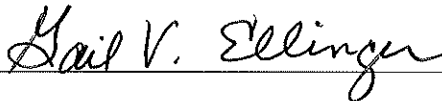
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1. Michael Kaper has informed us that there is another state grant that is going to be available soon. The trustees will work on a list of houses that qualify.
2. Trustee Gail Ellinger stated from the Hocking Township Zoning Resolution 4.7 that, whenever a violation of this resolution occurs, or is alleged to have occurred, any person including the Board of Trustees, the County Prosecutor, the Zoning Inspector, or any neighboring property owner who would be damaged by such violation, shall contact the Zoning Inspector. Such complaint stating fully the causes and basis thereof shall be recorded with the Zoning Inspector. The Zoning Inspector shall record property complaint, immediately investigate, and take action thereon as provided by this resolution.

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

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



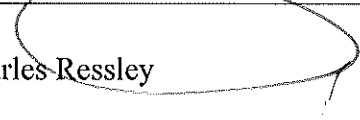
Mrs. Gail V. Ellinger



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