

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: April 22, 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 11 visitors present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No public participation.

REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT:

No Hocking Township issues.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Rich Hogle reported one permit for Samuel Young at 2126 Hamburg Road for a garage build. The resident on Mile Hill Road is removing the vehicles from the property. Had several calls about lot splits. There is a conditional use viewing and meeting on May 1, 2025 for an Airbnb on Stonewall Cemetery Road. The conditional use viewing for Daubenmire for a gun shop was approved by the zoning appeals board.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER:

Minutes from the March 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. Audit with Perry and Associates is currently being worked on. Text My Gov will have a go live date of May 27, 2025. Been meeting with the project manager each week. We have preloaded 975 residents into the system. I will be posting on our website the flyer and QR code for residents to OPT in.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Golden reported there were a total of 51 runs for the month. There were 38 EMS runs and 13 fire runs. Mutual aid was provided to Amanda and Berne townships. There were several major incidents dispatched from auto accidents, overdose, fire structure, chest pains, grass fires, and service/fire alarm calls. 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.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The speed study on Country Club Road North showed over 400 vehicles. The residents requested another study. Eric McGrady with the Fairfield County Engineers office will be submitting a resolution to ODOT for their consideration.
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. There will be fire information meeting and open house scheduled on April 26, 2025 from 11am – 5:00pm at the fire department for the residents and will have chicken and noodles, salad, drinks and desserts. The trustees and fire department staff will be going door to door to the residents explaining the reasoning for the fire levy.
3. There was a special meeting today at 6:30pm to discuss the schoolhouse park. Residents wanted a new fence, concrete walkway to the shelter house, a new basketball court, benches to sit at, and a new swing set. There will be a fire levy open meeting on April 30, 2025 at 7:00pm to discuss the fire levy.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. The township will be purchasing a new zero turn mower at a cost of \$8,958.08 to replace the old existing one to mow the township grounds, park, and cemeteries. Ag Pro is on state contract and was awarded the purchase. We did receive another quote from CEC Turf and their price was \$12,380.00. Trustee Steve Wolfe motioned to purchase the mower from Ag Pro at the cost of \$8,958.08 with our trade in value of \$2,000. Trustee Gail Ellinger seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe -Yes. Motion approved.
2. Trustee Steve Wolfe motioned to sign the ODOT salt resolution accepting 700 tons of road salt for the FY25/FY26 winter. Trustee Gail Ellinger seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe -Yes. Motion approved.
3. M.P. Dory will be replacing guardrail on a few different roads due to damage for a cost of \$16,750.00. Trustee Steve Wolfe motioned to accept M.P. Dory's quote. Trustee Gail Ellinger seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe -Yes. Motion approved.
4. Trustee Steve Wolfe motioned by public request and their petitions that the Fairfield County Engineer's office conduct a speed study on Country Club Road North. This resolution hereby indicates that the township agrees to this Speed Study conducted by our Fairfield County Engineer's and that they will advise of ODOT's findings. Trustee Gail Ellinger seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe -Yes. Motion approved.

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.

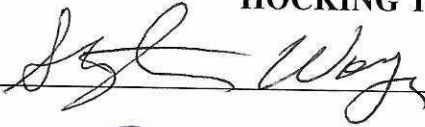
There being no further business to discuss Trustee Steve Wolfe motioned to adjourn and Trustee Gail Ellinger seconded the motion.



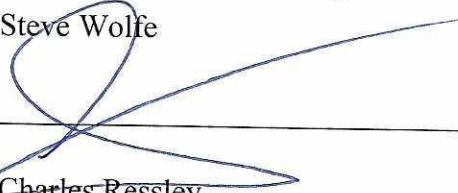
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Mr. Steve Wolfe



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