

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: July 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 – Present

VISITORS:

See Sign in Sheet with a total of 9 visitors present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Fiscal Officer opened up the sealed bids for both the 2025 Paving and the Pleasant Valley Road Culvert Repair. There was only one sealed bid for both the paving and culvert repair. Trustee Steve Wolfe motioned to approve to proceed with Shelly Paving for the 2025 paving at a total cost not to exceed \$300,000. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe -Yes, Hurley – Yes. Motion approved. Trustee Steve Wolfe motioned to proceed with KDM Excavating for the Pleasant Valley Road culvert repair at a cost not to exceed \$6,000. Trustee Wes Hurley seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe -Yes, Hurley – Yes. Motion approved.

Doris inquired about the empty lot beside her on Hocking Court and that the property is grown up and needs addressed. Zoning Inspector Rich Hogle stated he would contact the owner and see about getting it mowed.

REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT:

No Hocking Township issues.

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ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Rich Hogle reported three permits for the month. One conditional use permit for Platinum Storage at 2843 Lifer Lane, Jacob Berry at 2240 Hamburg Road for a pole building, and Tim Hites at 5435 Westfall Road for a pole building. Zoning inspector visited the Scott Brown property off US22. Nobody answered the door. Will contact the health department for the next steps for his property condition.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER:

Minutes from the June 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 negative votes, motion passed. Audit with Perry and Associates is complete. Insurance premiums are going up an additional 8.3% this year. We were given two quotes to remain with Medical Mutual for the 8.3% increase or with Anthem with a 36.5% decrease and save \$17,935 a year. Trustee Wolfe motioned to change insurance providers to Anthem. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe -Yes, Hurley – Yes. Motion approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Acting Fire Chief Kilbarger reported there were a total of 73 runs for the month. There were 61 EMS runs and 12 fire runs. Total runs YTD are 592. Mutual aid was provided to Amanda, Greenfield, Clearcreek, Lancaster, and Berne townships. There were several major incidents dispatched from auto accidents, gas leak, fire structure, chest pains, structural 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. The zoll automated cpr devices are being phased out to bring in new models and won't be serviceable after December 2028. We are looking at different options of manufactures and grants to assist with covering the expenses. The cardiac monitor service agreement is up in November to be

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renewed. Ohio BWC grant was awarded for \$40,000. It is a 3-1 grant, which the township will need to cover \$13,333 for safety equipment.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Fairfield County Engineers office will be overseeing the Whiley Road Re-construction.
2. Stop blocks will be ordered for the Hamburg Park parking lot. No updates on the grant.
3. The board of trustees will be scheduling a joint zoning meeting to start the process of including short term rentals in the zoning code in order to regulate them. This will be held at 6:00pm on August 26, 2025 before the regular meeting.
4. We are working on getting quotes for a new engine for the fire truck. Trustee Wolfe motioned to approve up to \$25,000 for a new engine and labor. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe -Yes, Hurley – Yes. Motion approved.
5. Tree trimming on Duncan Road is complete.
6. Have not heard any update on the strange orange substance in the ditches at Boice and Jacobs Ladder Road. The health department is investigating the issue.
7. Fairfield County is working on a culvert replacement project for Westfall Road. This is the same culvert that they completed and emergency fix last year. This will be for a final repair.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. We received two quotes back for the fire department emergency exit for the second floor. Trustee Wolfe motioned to accept the quote from Exterior Improvements at a cost of \$24,380. Trustee Hurley seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe -Yes, Hurley – Yes. Motion approved.

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.

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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