

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: September 30, 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 15 visitors present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Troy Hedges asked if the township could post a sign at the Hamburg Park that states the park closes at dark. He stated there has been activity there when dark outside. Trustee said they would look into a sign to post. Troy Hedges also asked about the grant that was applied for to tear down the dilapidated houses. Trustee Ellinger stated the grant was applied through the state of Ohio and that those monies did not come from the township.

Harry Reed stated there is house on Hamburg Road that needs cleaned up and has junk vehicles in it. Trustee Ellinger stated Zoning Inspector Hogle will be reviewing that property again.

REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT:

No Hocking Township issues.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Rich Hogle was absent for the meeting. Trustee Ellinger reported several zoning permits for the month of August and September. A permit for Robert Mathias at 4595 Delmont Road for a new house build, Justin Brungs at 3050 Meister Road for a pole building,

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Anne Cherry at 64 Hamburg Road for a garage replacement, Nathan Perry at 5869 Royalton Road for a conditional use permit, Sun Ray Farms for a conditional use permit, Chris Griffin at 2435 Hamburg Road for a building structure, Holie Poston at 3517 Stoney Hill Road for a building structure, and Michael Petras at 4601 Hopewell Church Road for a house extension. Zoning Inspector Hogle spoke with Dennis Coe about the junk property and the owner stated they were working on it. Stopped again at the Scott Brown property about the mowing and high weeds. Again, nobody answered the door. Stopped at 2571 Lancaster Circleville Road about a complaint on weeds and rodents from the property that is owned by Mary Reedy. They stated they would be taking care of it after the rain stopped. They were given 30 days to have it resolved. Lastly, received a complaint on a building being too close to their neighbor on Delmont Road. The property owner stated they would move the building.

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 Ellinger. All were in favor with 2 ayes and no negative votes, motion passed. Whereas the state of Ohio has implemented ORC9.64 enacted in HB 96 that requires all local governments to establish a cybersecurity policy by September 30th, Trustee Wolfe motioned to approve the resolution. 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 89 runs for the month. There were 64 EMS runs and 25 fire runs. Total runs YTD are 770. Mutual aid was provided to Amanda, Greenfield, Clearcreek, Pleasant, 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. New hires for the month are Hunter Lucas at a rate of \$15.50 per hour as a Fire 2 EMT Basic part time

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employee. The BWC grant was applied for and this would be to purchase new cpr devices with an extended warranty.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Stop blocks will be ordered for the Hamburg Park parking lot. No updates on the 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.
4. 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.
5. Paving is done. Berm will begin next week when mowing is completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Next county OTA meeting is scheduled for December 29, 2025 at 6:00pm and is being hosted by Clearcreek Township.
2. We received quotes for tree trimming on Country Club Road. Trustee Steve Wolfe motioned to accept Mid Ohio's at \$12,475. Trustee Gail Ellinger seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe -Yes. Motion approved.
3. Stonewall Cemetery Road dead tree will be taken down at a cost of \$1,200.
4. Country Club Road dead tree will be taken down at a cost of \$600.
5. Delmont Road dead tree taken down at a cost of \$1,075.

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.

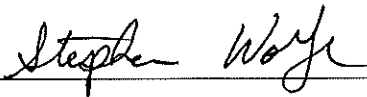
There being no further business to discuss Trustee Steve Wolfe motioned to adjourn and Trustee Gail Ellinger seconded the motion.

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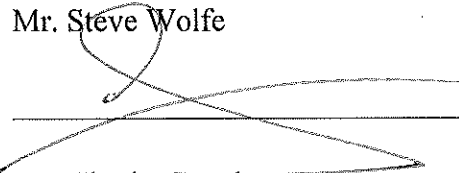
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Mrs. Gail V. Ellinger



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