

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: June 24, 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 16 visitors present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Trustee Gail Ellinger acknowledged Fire Chief Golden for all of his years of service with the Hocking Township Fire Department. His last day will be June 28, 2025 with the department. The board of trustees have appointed Steve Kilbarger as interim fire chief effective June 29, 2025. The board will be posting this vacancy and will conduct interviews.

Mike stated the property at State Route 22 and Crumley Road hasn't been mowed and is very hard to see pulling out onto State Route 22. Trustee Gail Ellinger stated she would contact ODOT for the mowing of the right of way.

Tim Bush updated the board on the Sifford property. A next of kin was contacted and the cousin has stepped up changed the locks on the house and cleaned up the property.

Margie Snoke inquired about the text.gov app for messaging. Fiscal Officer Ressler stated it was for the trustees to use to communicate to the public for announcements within Hocking Township. Margie Snoke also inquired what the Hocking Township bank balances and investment balances were. Fiscal Officer Ressler stated as of May 31, 2025 the following

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balances were available: checking \$430,271.88, CD's \$2,262, 509.13, and money market account \$447,916.84.

REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT:

No Hocking Township issues.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Rich Hogle reported five permits for the month. Noah Hahn at 3555 Stoney Hill Road for a new build home, Logan Kretmann at 3655 Chillicothe Lancaster Road for a garage, Josh Bromberg at 4155 Delmont Road for a new build, John Darfus at 2585 Stonewall Cemetery Road for a new build, and Robert Parsley at 2015 Crumley Road for a garage. Windy Hills Road has been torn up by the contractor building houses in the area. The contractor has been contacted for making the repairs. The Windy Hills property that was brought up at the last meeting has been addressed with the owner and neighbor. The property at 2711 Hamburg Road had a fire over a year ago. That property still needs cleaned up. Will need to speak with Scott Brown at State Route 22 and Crumley Road. The grass hasn't been mowed and junk is accumulating again.

Executive Session:

Trustee Gail Ellinger asked for a motion to go into executive session per ORC 121.22 (G) to discuss personnel matters with the fire department. Trustee Steve Wolfe seconded the motion. All were in favor with 2 ayes and no negative votes, motion passed. Trustee Ellinger asked for a motion to move out of executive session and back in the regular scheduled meeting. Trustee Steve Wolfe seconded the motion. All were in favor with 2 ayes and no negative votes, motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER:

Minutes from the May 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 complete and has been submitted to the audit manager for final review. FY26 budget will be submitted to the county commission for their review and approval.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Assistant Fire Chief Kilbarger reported there were a total of 67 runs for the month. There were 49 EMS runs and 18 fire runs. Total runs YTD are 519. Mutual aid was provided to Amanda, Greenfield, 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. William Snyder was hired as an EMT/Fire Fighter II at an hourly rate of \$16.00 per hour. Isaac Kennedy will be on an 18-month military leave starting 6-24-25. He will be placed on inactive duty until his return.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The speed limit for Country Club Road is officially 35 mph. The signs have been ordered and when we receive them, they will be posted.
2. We won't be notified of any award until after July 1st for the Hamburg Park. We will be ordering stop blocks for the parking lot soon.
3. The Airbnb on Stonewall Cemetery Road has withdrawn their application for a conditional use. Mr. Keys has cancelled all reservations for the property.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 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.
2. Trustee Steve Wolfe motioned to bid out the 2025 paving with a due date of July 22, 2025. Trustee Gail Ellinger seconded the motion. All were in favor with 2 ayes and no negative votes, motion passed.

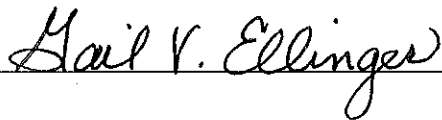
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3. Trustee Steve Wolfe motioned to bid out culverts on Pleasant Valley Road. Trustee Gail Ellinger seconded the motion. All were in favor with 2 ayes and no negative votes, motion passed.
4. There is a strange orange substance in the ditches at Boice and Jacobs Ladder Road. The health department is investigating the issue.

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