

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### REGULAR SESSION

Held: August 27, 2024, 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 19 visitors present.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Paula Snoke stated that Stepath Mound Lane has improved, but there are safety issues that need addressed. At the curve there is approximately a 10” drop off and wanted to know if berm would be applied. Trustee Ellinger stated she would look into this. Paula Snoke also advised that there is approximately a 42” drop off. Trustee Ellinger stated she would look into this issue as well.

Ernie Mock asked about the driveway permit he submitted for and to see if was approved or not. Trustee Ellinger stated the contractor fixed the driveway and is good. Trustee Ellinger stated that the piping from the downspouts needs removed from the ditch and that this practice is not allowed. Ernie Mock acknowledged that the piping needs removed. Ernie Mock also stated about the Stepath Mound Lane had some safety issues with it. Ernie Mock also stated that the minutes are not accurate or sufficient that are being taken during the meetings. When asked, he said full names were not being included.

Tim Brown and Cheryl Summers both brought up that their neighbors have dogs that bark all day and night. They said the dog warden was contacted as well. Trustee Ellinger stated that this would be a Fairfield County Sheriff issue and not a township issue. Trustee Ellinger stated she

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would have the zoning inspector stop at the residence as well to see if there are any other zoning issues.

### **REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT:**

No Hocking Township issues.

### **ZONING:**

Zoning Inspector Rich Hogle was absent from the meeting. Trustee Ellinger stated there were no permits written for the month of August as of 8-27-24.

### **CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER:**

Minutes from the July 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. Fiscal Officer Ressler asked for a resolution to approve FY25 tax budget. Trustee Hurley motioned to approve the FY25 tax budget. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe -Yes, Hurley – Yes. Motion approved. Working with Kingston Bank on another certificate of deposit. Scott Brown's tax lien was submitted to the Fairfield County Auditors office and was acknowledged and received. Another reminder to have the new fraud training completed by 9-28-24.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Fire Chief Golden reported monthly runs so far have been 37 fire and 47 EMS for a total of 754 runs YTD. Mutual aid was provided to Amanda, Berne, and Greenfield townships. There were several major incidents dispatched from auto accidents to grass fires. We received another EMS grant for \$4,220.98.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. The fire levy is on the ballot for November.

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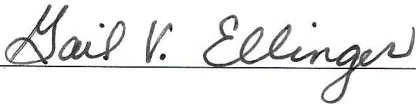
2. The township will be placing a lien on Scott Brown's property for repayment of the cleanup project.
3. Shelly Paving completed the paving and motor paving and looks good.

### NEW BUSINESS:

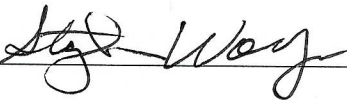
1. The next county OTA meeting will be in December.
2. Trustee Hurley stated he has worked 1.5 years now and has learned the issues we face as a township. He wants to learn more and be better at his position and for the township residents. He has ideas such as community outreach within the township for items such as a community garden and holiday involvements. Trustee Hurley encouraged the residents to submit ideas to the board.

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

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

  
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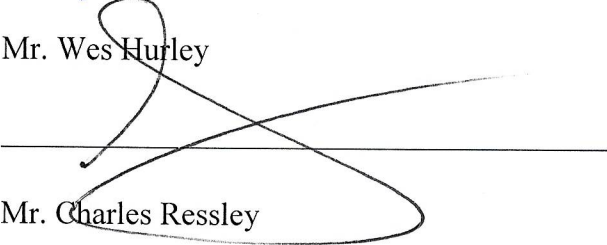
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All formal actions of the Board of Hocking Township concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code