

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: April 1, 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 7 visitors present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No public participation.

REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT:

No Hocking Township issues.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Rich Hogle was absent for the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER:

Minutes from the February 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 scheduled for April 11th.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Golden was absent for the meeting. Trustee Gail Ellinger reported out that there were a total of 88 runs for the month. There were 56 EMS runs and 32 fire runs. Mutual aid was provided to Amanda, Berne, Lancaster, Clear creek, and Greenfield townships. There were several major incidents dispatched from auto accidents, overdose, fire structure, cardiac arrests, chest pains, traumatic injuries, 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. In order to get a low volume study done that would decrease the speed limit, the count has to be under 400. The county will place another tabulator out on the road for another count. There has been no update on this matter.
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. The playground equipment has been installed and is completed. Working with contractors on removing the old fencing and a tree. Will be looking at some grants to purchase new items for the park. Residents had suggestions for the park such as a fence and walkway.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Weight restrictions will need removed in the month of April. Trustee Steve Wolfe motioned to remove the weight restrictions on April 18, 2025. Trustee Wes Hurley seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe -Yes, Hurley – Yes. Motion approved.

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2. Trustee Steve Wolfe motioned to pass the new E911 resolution for the updated system for Fairfield County. Trustee Wes Hurley seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe -Yes, Hurley – Yes. Motion approved.
3. The board of trustee will hold a public meeting at 7:00pm to go over the fire levy that is on the ballot for the May 6, 2025 election.
4. The board of trustees will hold an open house for the fire levy on April 26, 2025 from 11:00am – 5:00pm. There will be chicken and noodles, salad, desserts, and drinks.
5. Trustee Gail Ellinger stated she will be get a walking list from the Board of Elections for the door to door campaign for the fire levy.
6. Trustee Steve Wolfe motioned to proceed with the textgov software to be able to text residents within the township at a cost of \$3,500 per year for a 3-year contract. Trustee Wes 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.

Gail V. Ellinger

Mrs. Gail V. Ellinger

Steve Wolfe

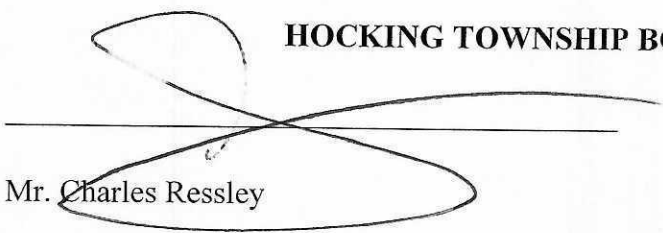
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Mr. Charles Ressler

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