

# **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

## **HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **REGULAR SESSION**

Held: August 26, 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 Ressley Present

Mr. Steve Wolfe – Present

Mr. Wes Hurley – Absent

### **VISITORS:**

See Sign in Sheet with a total of 14 visitors present.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Sue brought to the boards attention that there is a large hole in side of the road at Stonewall Cemetery Road and US 22. Trustee Ellinger stated she would contact ODOT about this since they would be responsible for the repair.

The house on Hamburg Road beside the old tire shop is a dump and has garbage laying all around the property and would like to see it addressed. Trustee Ellinger mentioned that there was a timeline given for this zoning issue. She will have the zoning inspector follow up on it.

### **REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT:**

No Hocking Township issues.

### **ZONING:**

Zoning Inspector Rich Hogle was absent for the meeting.

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### 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. We received our resolution from the county auditor accepting the rates. Trustee Wolfe motioned to approve the resolution accepting the rates and amounts from the Fairfield County Auditor's Officer. 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 62 EMS runs and 27 fire runs. Total runs YTD are 681. Mutual aid was provided to Amanda, Greenfield, Clearcreek, Pleasant, Bloom, 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 Samantha Kerr at a rate of \$15.50 per hour as a Fire 1 EMT Basic part time employee. The engine for the fire truck is still being worked out. Acting Fire Chief Kilbarger asked about increasing the uniform allowance from \$150.00 per year to \$200.00 per year for each employee. Trustee Ellinger stated we would look into this and advise at a later date. Waiting on the third quote for cpr devices.

### 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. Park sign is being replaced due to a vehicle hitting it.
3. The board of trustees held a joint zoning meeting to start the process of including short term rentals in the zoning code in order to regulate them. There will be another meeting held at 6:00pm on September 23, 2025 before the regular meeting.

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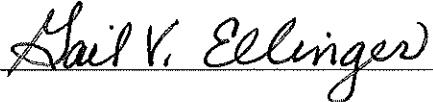
4. We are working on getting quotes for a new engine for the fire truck. Trustee Wolfe motioned to approve up to \$25,000 for a new engine and labor. Still working with the vendor on the correct engine specs.
5. Fairfield County is working on a culvert replacement project for Westfall Road. This is the same culvert that they completed and emergency fix last year. This will be for a final repair.
6. Paving is scheduled with Shelly and they will be paving Pleasant Valley Road and Mt. Zion.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. No new business.

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.

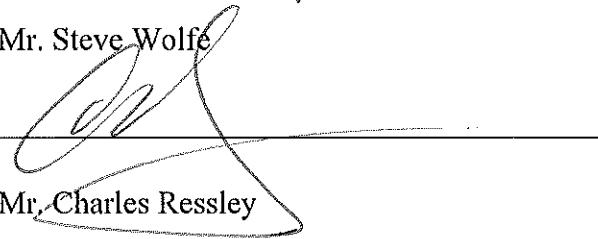
There being no further business to discuss Trustee Steve Wolfe motioned to adjourn and Trustee Gail Ellinger seconded the motion.



Mrs. Gail V. Ellinger



Mr. Steve Wolfe



Mr. Charles Ressley

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