

# **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

## **HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **SPECIAL SESSION**

Held: February 20, 2025, 5:30 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 7 visitors present.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Trustee Gail Ellinger opened up the special meeting to discuss the proposed tax levy of motor vehicles. The tax levied under section 4504.181 is an annual \$5.00 license tax upon the operation of motor vehicles on the public roads and highways in the unincorporated territory of the township for any authorized purpose. The purpose of this tax is to assist the township for paying for construction, reconstruction, improvements, maintenance, and repair of township roads, bridges, culverts, and equipment. This proposed license tax would not become effective until January 2026. The proposed tax would generate approximately \$24,000 per year. Trustee Ellinger states that there have been rumors going on around the township about the last scheduled special meeting that was held on February 3, 2025. Trustee Ellinger wanted to make it clear that Trustee Steve Wolfe opened up the front door, but failed to realize the second lock on the door was still locked. Trustee Ellinger stated yes, she was late due to personal reasonings at the last meeting and that it was 7:25am when she arrived. Trustee Gail Ellinger stated that when Trustee Steve Wolfe noticed that residents who were waiting outside in their vehicles were not coming in, he

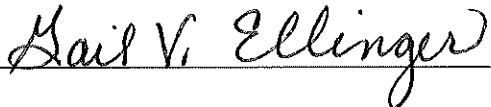
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opened the front door and that's when he realized it was still locked. Trustee Steve Wolfe apologized and stated that they can come in and that Trustee Gail Ellinger was on her way. The residents stated the meeting was supposed to be at 7:00am and stated they were not waiting any longer and left. Due to the fact that one trustee was late and one was absent from the meeting, the Board of Trustees decided to hold two additional meetings for the public to attend.

The public asked if there would be a road improvement levy going on this year. Trustee Gail Ellinger stated no and that the only one would be the continuing fire levy. Trustee Gail Ellinger then spoke about the reasoning for the fire levy and what possible issues could be faced if the levy was not to pass. Trustee Gail Ellinger did mention that there would be a fish fry for community awareness and all proceeds would go to the fire department staff association fund. Trustee Gail Ellinger stated the second public meeting will be at 6:30pm on February 25, 2025, directly before the monthly meeting at 7:00pm.

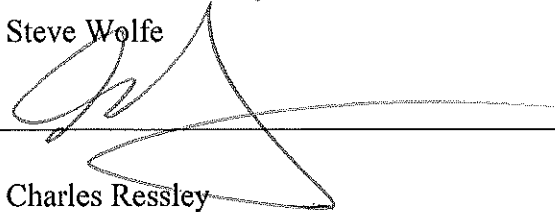
There being no further business to discuss Trustee Steve Wolfe motioned to adjourn and Trustee Gail Ellinger seconded the motion.

  
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Mrs. Gail V. Ellinger

  
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Mr. 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