

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: November 25, 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 14 visitors present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No public participation.

REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT:

No Hocking Township issues.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Rich Hogle reported two zoning permits for the month. A permit for Eric McClure at 4745 Crumley Road for a new build and a permit for Chris Spradlin at 5773 Royalton Road for a new build. Zoning Inspector Hogle stated the Mary Reed property on 188 has weeds grown up and this has been addressed. The trash on the property of 5973 Windy Hills still needs to be cleaned up.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER:

Minutes from the October 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. Preparing for year end close out. The OTA conference is February 6th.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Acting Fire Chief Kilbarger reported there were a total of 49 runs for the month. There were 42 EMS runs and 7 fire runs. Total runs YTD are 867. Mutual aid was provided to Amanda, Greenfield, Clearcreek, Lancaster, and Berne townships. There were several major incidents dispatched from auto accidents, fire structure, chest pains, and lift assists. 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. Hired Benett Polster at an hourly rate of \$15.00. We are waiting on two more background checks. CPR devices are in and on the trucks. The fire engine is back in service. The lift devices are in and staff are being trained on them.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Stop blocks will be ordered for the Hamburg Park parking lot. Trustee Steve Wolfe motioned to pay \$1160.80 for the parking blocks to be delivered to the park. Trustee Wes Hurley seconded the motion. Roll call vote Ellinger – Yes, Wolfe -Yes, Hurley – Yes. Motion approved. Hocking Township was awarded the ODNR grant.
2. We had our zoning meeting tonight at 6:00pm for short term rentals and will review and start the process in January 2026.
3. Fire engine replacement is done and the truck is back in service.
4. Fairfield County finished working on 2 culverts on Westfall Road as a temporary fix. Both of the culverts will be permanently done with OPWC grant money with the assistance from the county engineers office.
5. Statewide road salt bid was received at \$74.37 per ton.
6. The tree work that was approved the month prior has not been completed yet.
7. The next county OTA meeting is scheduled for December 29, 2025 at Clearcreek Township.

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8. We have turned 2711 Hamburg Road property into Michael Kaper for consideration on a demolition process. We will look for other properties within the township as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Trustee Ellinger attended the county engineers annual meeting and was updated on some of the items that the engineer's office is working on with townships.
2. Trustee Steve Wolfe submitted his letter of resignation and will retire on November 30, 2025. Trustee Steve Wolfe stated he will be off the month of December and will be sworn in January 2026 at the special reorganization meeting that will be held January 7, 2026.

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

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Mr. Steve Wolfe

W. Wolfe

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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