

**HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WATER COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Tim Claypool.

Guests were recognized: Mayor Dave Smith, Mike Pettit and Mike Nixon

Mr. Pettit stated that it would be helpful if the Township had Industrial Zoning in place in the Township Zoning rules. Mrs. Ellinger stated we have this in place already, as we are looking forward to growth in the township.

Mayor Smith took the floor and stated he is still waiting a legal opinion regarding the JEDD he has been working on with the Township. He then discussed in depth the joint JEDD with the City of Lancaster, the Township of Violet, and the cities of Canal Winchester and Pickerington. The feeling was that there is much potential for growth here rather than our location. He felt that growth in this area is much further down the road, unless we have been contacted by some entity to locate in our area.

It was explained that the Water Committee was interested in delving into Community Water Services for the benefit of its residents not only for commercial growth but safe drinking water and Fire Services.

Mr. Nixon explained the cost ramifications of running utility lines for a Utility District, the differences between flushing and non flushing hydrants as they pertain to fire services. The City has a 9 million gal. storage or a 2 day water storage plan.

It was suggested the township talk with John Arnette from Greenfield Township if we wanted a resource for working relationship with the City concerning water.

The meeting concluded with an open door /working relationship being available upon the need.

Tim Claypool – Chairperson

Gail V. Ellinger – Co-Chair

Doug Shaw – Trustee

Dianna J. Russell – Fiscal Officer