

**HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MARCH 25, 2009**

Tim Claypool opened the meeting with the Pledge to the Flag. Trustees Claypool and Ellinger and Fiscal Officer were present. Trustee Shaw was absent.

Mr. Claypool noted the standard rules for Public Participation at the meetings: Be acknowledged by the chairperson prior to speaking, state name and address for the record, time can be limited to 3 questions and/or 5 minutes.

The Fiscal Officer read the minutes of the February 25th meeting. There being no corrections or additions Mrs. Gail V. Ellinger motioned to accept seconded by Mr. Claypool, motion carried.

The minutes of the February 26th Water Committee Meeting were read and there being no corrections or additions Mrs. Gail V. Ellinger motioned to accept seconded by Mr. Claypool motion carried.

The minutes of the February 28th Work Session were read. There being no corrections or additions Mrs. Gail V. Ellinger motioned to accept seconded by Mr. Claypool motion carried.

The minutes of the March 7th Work Session were read. There being no corrections or additions Mrs. Gail V. Ellinger motioned to accept seconded by Mr. Claypool motion carried.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
ZONING**

Meister Road: Mrs. Ellinger with schedule a time with Deputy Hummel to obtain VIN numbers.

Court of Common Pleas Case #07 CV 1031 Bruce Tubaugh: still with Prosecutor no response as yet.

Seymour property Northview Court: still with Prosecutor no response yet.

Barn Falling down Hamburg Road: Sheriff's dept taped the area off. A courtesy letter was mailed to the owners by our Fiscal Officer, as this is not owner occupied property.

F.O. Russell had a call from Realtor Phyllis Heister, regarding zoning regulations for a property on Stonewall Cemetery Road. A Potential buyer would like to have a Kennel of sorts on the property. She advised they would have to apply for a conditional use permit.

Mrs. Gail V. Ellinger motioned the Board hire Mr. Gary Darling as the new zoning inspector as an independent employee on a 1099 tax basis, the position is to be re-appointed annually by the board of Trustees and a salary of \$1,000.00 paid on a quarterly basis, No benefits apply. Mr. Tim Claypool seconded the motion and the vote was by voice: Claypool – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The County Engineers safety meeting will be replaced with a CPR event April 15th. And a First Aid seminar May 12th. Mrs. Ellinger motioned the township pay the \$10.00 per person

registration for Matt Bresler, Jonathan Singleton and Trustee Ellinger, seconded by Mr. Claypool the vote was unanimously approved.

MORPC Luncheon: Each Trustee has a copy of the invitation.

OLD BUSINESS

Adult Business Regulation: Mrs. Ellinger has packet of information regarding this issue and will forward it to the zoning Secretary. She was advised the township must adopt the resolution as the Attorney General has it written or they won't back us up on it. Mrs. Hicks is to schedule a zoning meeting for review and possible adoption.

Tornado siren update: John Kochis is checking into locating the siren at Shallenberger Park on Becks Knob Road. South Central will set the pole and supply free electric. Maintenance is the Township's responsibility; Batteries have to be replaced once a year.

Water Committee: Met with the city February 26th and discussed possibilities.

Two annexation parcels in the Township: Nothing new

Joint Debris Management Plan: Tim Wilkins and Rick Hanan have volunteered to take the training.

Delmont/Stonewall Cemetery Road vacation: nothing yet.

Stonewall Cemetery Road OPWC project: Mrs. Ellinger met with Adam Lanier the engineer. 3 work agreements need signed. Mrs. Ellinger has two signed now and will get the other later this week.

Snoke Road ditches: Nothing yet.

Pleasant Valley Road Ditches: Waiting on Army Corp of Engineers to get back with us.

Westfall Road Bridge: Meeting set with Soil and Water Friday March 27th at 8: 30 AM

Local Government Officials' Conference April 23rd and 24th Hyatt Regency. Mrs. Ellinger, F.O. Russell and Zoning Secretary Stacy Hicks will attend.

District Advisory Council/Health Dept. Meeting: DAC voted to rescind the \$40. fee for inspections of Aerator systems for 2010. Berne Township hired an independent attorney firm to advise the township boards of trustees of their rights in the matter. The Attorney being present Prosecutor Roy Hart determined the advisory Board can waive fees. Mrs. Ellinger motioned to appropriate money to help Berne Township with these attorney fees as Amanda Township is also going to share the expense. Berne Township will advise us of the one third amount as soon as they receive the bill. Mr. Claypool seconded the motion and voice vote was: Ellinger – Yes, Claypool – Yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Gail Ellinger motioned to purchase a 6300 STD OOS/Cab Tractor per state Bid Pricing from John Deere Equipment Inc. in the amount of \$9,343.52 and Mower Attachment John Deere Ditcher, Flail Mower & Brush Cutter \$56,140.00, Mr. Claypool seconded the motion. Voice Vote was: Ellinger Yes – Claypool – Yes, motion carried.

Mrs. Gail Ellinger motioned to purchase from John Deere Equip, Inc. a 5083 John Deere tractor with loader at \$35,590.02 with trade of our 5420 at \$25,000.00 for a total cost of \$10,590.02. Mr. Claypool seconded the motion and voice vote was: Ellinger – Yes, Claypool – Yes, motion carried.

Mrs. Ellinger motioned to purchase Kuhn Mower from John Deere Equip. Inc. at a cost of \$9,000.00 with trade of our current mower, Mr. Claypool seconded the motion and voice vote was: Ellinger – Yes, Claypool – Yes, motion carried.

Mrs. Ellinger motioned to purchase from John Deere Equip. Inc. a John Deere Z820A 25 HP Pro 54" cut Mid-Z zero turn mower for the Park and Cemeteries at \$8,258.26 minus trade in allowance of \$1,500.00 for total cost of \$6,758.26, Mr. Claypool seconded the motion and voice vote was: Ellinger – Yes, Claypool – Yes, motion carried.

Mrs. Ellinger motioned to have Precision Door replace the East end Maintenance Barn Door and fix the weather stripping at no charge as per January 2009 meeting minutes at a cost of \$2,478.00. Mr. Claypool seconded the motion and voice vote was: Ellinger – Yes, Claypool – Yes, motion carried.

Safety T-shirts for summer work was discussed. Checking into cost.

Mrs. Ellinger motioned to approve warrants and appropriations for the month of March seconded by Mr. Claypool voice vote being: Ellinger – Yes, Claypool – Yes, motion carried.

Mr. Claypool motioned to adjourn.

Tim Claypool – Chairperson

Gail Ellinger – Trustee

Doug Shaw – Trustee

Dianna J. Russell – Fiscal Officer