

**HOCKING TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

August 26, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Claypool with all Trustees, Zoning Inspector and Fiscal Officer Present. There were six members of the public present.

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.

Minutes of the July 22nd meeting were read and approved so motioned by Gail Ellinger seconded by Doug Shaw vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. George Hilyard took the floor to discuss his tree problem with his neighbor. Mrs. Ellinger informed that a letter had been mailed to the neighbor and apologized for not sending him a copy. This issue should be taken care of now. Mr. Hilyard also asked about getting a Jake Brake sign and to do something about slowing traffic down as they enter the city limits, also suggested mail boxes be moved to their side of the road for safety. Mrs. Ellinger will call ODOT and circulate a petition to the neighbors to be submitted to the Post Office regarding the mail box issue.

ZONING

Mr. Darling reported:

Building Permits Issued:

Adam Pillar – 1823 Becks Knob Rd – New Rm Addition \$50.00 Check 4771

Benjamin Beery – 2855 Boice Rd – New Pole Barn Agriculture No Charge

Kenneth LeFever – 3330 Crumley Rd – New Garage LeFever Trucking \$50.00 Ck

John Shriver – 2095 Delmont Rd – New Covered Patio - \$50.00 Ck

Meister Road Junk Vehicles: The Sheriff has this now.

Thrush Ave – Item Closed

Wright Landscaping: Variance Application issued \$300.00 for additional signs.

Hopewell Church: Complaint that Jason Hedges and his father are operating a automobile business. They stated they own the vehicles and it's just a hobby. A discussion followed, the Board suggested Mr. Darling check if the vehicles have current license and are operational, and mail a letter to the Hedges.

Working on getting an occupancy permit issued to new residence on Hopewell Church.

Zoning Seminars to be given by Ohio Township Asso. Mr. Darling will attend 10-23 for zoning inspectors and Cyndi Fox and Troy Shurtz will attend 10-16 for BZA. The cost is \$65.00 per person. Mrs. Ellinger motioned to pay the fees for these attendees seconded by Mr. Shaw and vote was by voice. Shaw – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, Claypool – Yes, motion carried.

It was suggested the officials have ID badges. Mr. Shaw stated he would check with the city.

Mrs. Ellinger will order magnetic signs for the vehicles when the zoning inspector or trustees are out on township business.

Complaint letter received from Ms. Tabler regarding Troy Hedges Hamburg Road his chickens are unfenced and tearing up her property. Mrs. Ellinger will draft a letter for the board to sign.

OLD BUSINESS

Vacation Delmont/Stonewall Cemetery Rd: The County Commissioners have this for consideration.

Stonewall Cemetery Road OPWC Project. This will be bid for project work to begin in Spring 2010. The Fairfield County Engineer's office is to bid this work.

Westfall Road Bridge: Mr. Shaw reported he received a suggestion from Soil and Water and described the plan. The property owner has no problem with the township encroaching on his right of way to place a catch basin and diagonally to dump into the stream in his bean field. Approx \$500.00 for dirt. Mrs. Ellinger suggested we obtain Soil and Water's plan in writing and get bids for the work.

Cemetery on Cupp Property: FO Russell made copies of ORC concerning Township responsibility and cemeteries. Mr. Claypool stated the Cupps will place an electric fence around the cemetery and have the weeds removed.

Renaming Duncan Spires Roads. The Request and Resolution have been mailed to the County and we have not heard anything yet.

Tree removal Delmont, Becks Knob and Mile Hill: The only bid returned was Mid-Ohio \$3,200.00 the Work has been completed.

Berm Box has been purchased and is being mounted.

KLA Risk Consultants: Trustee Ellinger drafted the policies and copies were given to trustees Claypool and Shaw for review. Mr. Claypool motioned to table the issue until next meeting so they have time to read the proposals and study them.

Mrs. Gail Ellinger motioned to accept the Budget as presented by the Budget Commission, seconded by Mr. Shaw and vote by voice was: Shaw – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, Claypool – Yes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

County Auction: Thursday October 1st deadline for listing items for sale. Sale is October 24th.

Pesticide Training: Mr. Shaw motioned to pay for the registration fees for our two employees to attend this seminar, seconded by Mrs. Gail Ellinger motion passed by voice vote: Shaw – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, Claypool – Yes.

Mrs. Ellinger motioned to pay warrants for the month of August, Seconded by Mr. Shaw
motion carried: Shaw – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, Claypool – Yes.

Mr. Shaw motioned to adjourn.

Tim Claypool - Chairperson

Gail V. Ellinger

Doug Shaw

Attest:

Dianna J. Russell – Fiscal Officer