

**HOCKING TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

September 23, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Claypool with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Trustees, Zoning Inspector and Fiscal Officer Present. There were seven 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 August 26th meeting were read: Mrs. Ellinger motioned to accept the minutes as read, Mr. Shaw seconded the motion and vote was: Shaw – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, Claypool – Yes, motion carried.

ZONING

Mr. Darling reported: Three (3) permits issued:

Wright Landscape- Westfall Road Additional Signs \$150.00 paid by check

Wm. Schooley – 4189 Crumley Road New Residence \$250.00 paid by check

Robert Oatney – 3845 BIS RD – Accessory Room Addition - \$55.00 paid by check

Mr. Darling spoke with Troy Hedges and the problem with the chickens is to be resolved.

He also reported he is still trying to issue an occupancy permit for the Hopewell Church Rd property.

An anonymous complaint letter was read into the minutes and is filed in the minute book in the received mail, concerning the business at 3755 Cincinnati Zanesville Road and the junk and signs and unsafe ingress and egress. Mrs. Cyndi Fox and Mrs. Ambuhl stated they agree with the letter and its content and would like to see the area cleaned up and the owner be made to comply with HTZR. Trustee Shaw stated that since we have a written complaint we should act on it. The Board agreed. F.O. Russell will check with ODOT to see if they have any concerns regarding the ROW and the traffic safety. Zoning Inspector Darling will investigate all of the zoning violations.

Meister Road: Sheriff Office is handling with prosecutor no word as yet.

Court of Common pleas Ruling Case #07 CV1031 Bruce Tubaugh vs. Hocking Township still with prosecutor.

Seymour property Northview Court: problem re-occurring/with prosecutor.

New issue: a camping trailer moved on the old Brown Poultry Farm acreage. Mr. Darling is to check into this further.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. George Hyliard thanked the board for addressing his situation with his neighbor and the tree limbs.

OLD BUSINESS

Vacation of old Delmont/Stonewall Cemetery Rd: Janet Brown asked for a copy of the letter the Trustees mailed to the County Commissioners regarding a decision on the issue of opening the old Hamburg Pike.

Stonewall Cemetery Road OPWC Project: The county engineer's office is bidding this work to begin in the spring of 2010.

Pleasant Valley Road Ditches: waiting on the Army Corp of Engineers

Westfall Road Bridge: Mr. Shaw obtained estimates for this work and the board reviewed. Mrs. Gail Ellinger motioned to accept the bid from Jeremy Bigham in the amount of \$14,798.60 seconded by Mr. Doug Shaw and motion passed by voice vote: Shaw – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, Claypool – Yes,.

Duncan/Spires Road name change Issue: Oct. 6th at 11 AM the County Commissioners will hold a public meeting on this item.

The new policies drawn up by Trustee Gail Ellinger, from suggestions from the KLA Risk Consultant's Review of our facilities, have been reviewed by all trustees. Doug Shaw motioned to adopt both the Motor Vehicle Records Annual Review policy and the Park and Playground Inspection policy, seconded by Mr. Tim Claypool. Motion passed by voice vote: Shaw – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, Claypool – Yes,

October 1st deadline for providing a list of items to sell in the County Auction to be held Oct. 24th. The trustees agreed to sell the old welder and berm box.

ID badges: Mr. Shaw reported that the City is not willing to make badges for the township. It was suggested we check with North End Press and Office Max.

NEW BUSINESS

The Health Dept. proposed a new septic system program, with a fee of \$65.00. The District Advisory Committee voted it down Sept 21st 13 to 12.

Mail boxes on RT #22 moved to other side of road for Safety: Mrs. Ellinger reported she has spoken with the Post Master and he stated they would not change this as the mail carrier would have to change his route and it would cause too much inconvenience for them.

OPWC Application:

A discussion followed regarding making application next year for another OPWC Grant. Meister Road area was discussed as possible projects. Engineer Adam Lanier has stated the Township could use the money spent on tree removal as our in-kind portion of a project.

Mr. Doug Shaw motioned we make application for a Meister Road Project at the February 2, 2010 application session, and request Adam Lanier to check which section of this road would be our best option, seconded by Mrs. Ellinger and vote was unanimous.

Winter Skills Rodeo October 7th at 7AM: All Trustees and Employees would like to participate.

Mr. Tim Claypool motioned to amend appropriations to meet current expenses, General Fund and Zoning Funds as proposed by the F.O., seconded by Mrs. Ellinger and vote was: Shaw – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, Claypool – Yes, motion carried.

Mr. Doug Shaw motioned to approve warrants seconded by Mrs. Ellinger and voice vote was: Shaw – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, Claypool – Yes, motion carried.

Mr. Shaw motioned, there being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourn.

Tim Claypool - Chairperson

Gail V. Ellinger

Doug Shaw

Attest:

Dianna J. Russell – Fiscal Officer