

**HOCKING TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

October 28, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Claypool with the Pledge to the Flag.

All Trustees, Zoning Inspector and Fiscal Officer were Present.

There were 11 members of the public present.

Mr. Claypool noted the standard rules for Public Participation at the meeting are, 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 September meeting were read: Gail V. Ellinger motioned to approve the minutes as read seconded by Doug Shaw. The motion passed by voice vote: Shaw – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, Claypool – Yes.

ZONING

Zoning Inspector's report: Two building permits were issued: 09-23 Nicholas Lee – 4330 Mile Hill Road - New Accessory Building \$100.00 check 638 and 09-24 Keith Crist – 3377 Hamburg Road New Accessory Building \$50.00 check 2795.

Adjenda items

1. Meister Road: Sheriff's office is handling through the prosecutor no updates received.
2. Bruce Tubaugh with the Prosecutor's Office
3. Seymour property Northview Court: Rocky Johnson and Tim Bush voiced a complaint that this property is again occupied. F.O. has contacted the Prosecutor regarding this by a hand delivered Request for Opinion Form back in 2008. The township has not received a response. Mrs. Ellinger stated the complainants could contact the Prosecutor Jason Dolin directly if they wanted a quicker response.
4. Hopewell Church Road Auto business: The zoning inspector stated he verified there are seven (7) registered or licensed vehicles at this location. All are operable but 2. (licensed to Mr. Hedges) The inspector was informed that the vehicles need to be in an enclosed building.
5. 3755 Cincinnati Zanesville Rd Property: Inspector Darling presented photos of this location and it's apparent violations. He stated he has been unable to determine if anyone is living above the one building but that there is a light on at times and items on the back deck that would make one think someone is living there. Also a porta potty under the deck. The changeable portable sign and outside storage are both violations of the zoning regulations. Mrs. Ellinger suggested a call to the State Fire Marshall regarding the chemicals stored on the premises. Mr. Darling will address this issue.
6. Camping Trailer at property on 159. Mr. LeFever lives in Logan and owns this property. He told Mr. Darling that he was staying in the camper while he was constructing the barn for which he has a building permit. Mr. Darling will watch if camper is still there after the barn is completed.

7. Complaint regarding Stonewall Cemetery Road property: Janet Brown was in attendance. She was informed that the County dismissed our request to vacate, because they couldn't locate the road.
8. Stacy Hicks stated she could purchase a component box where we could take photos and print our own ID Badges. Mrs. Ellinger motioned the township purchase the necessary items and Mrs. Hicks help make the badges, seconded by Mr. Shaw and vote was unanimous.
9. Case 3330 Hamburg Road court date is Nov. 20th at 9AM. Deputy Hummell is in charge of this issue. All concerned parties have been notified.
10. Pleasantvalley Road culvert issue Muddy Prairie: The County engineer said box culverts were the only way to bridge these driveways and the cost to the property owners is approx. \$16,000.00 each. Mr. Darling has spoken with both property owners and neither seem to have a problem with the cost. Mrs. Ellinger stated that she has requested a study and recommendations from the Army Corps of Engineers back October 2008 and has still not received a response.
11. Complaint received from 2430 Hamburg Road regarding 2400 Hamburg Road pole barn too close to property line. This pole barn has been at this location for five (5) years. The Fiscal Officer looked on the county web site and found that it is listed as being 25' from the property line which is a legal distance according to HTZR.
12. George Williams has requested if he can build on his property located off Snoke Road in the proximity of Dennis Drive. It appears that there is no road frontage therefore he can not develop this property. Mr. Darling will look into any options.
13. Rebecca Reid owner of Star Lite on Hamburg Road: She was given permission to move the sign to the parking area for better visibility as it will not interfere with ROW.
14. Hopewell Church Road Certificate of Occupancy: Mr. Darling was advised to send this resident a letter regarding their being in noncompliance with HTZR. They have not responded to his attempts to issue this certificate.

Mrs. Cyndi Fox reported on the Zoning Training seminar she attended. The meeting was very informative two noted items were Documentation and that the board can not have a discussion at the viewing, only at the public meeting.

Mr. Darling reported on the Zoning Inspector Training seminar he attended. He stated it was very informative. They reviewed the history and legalities of zoning.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FISCAL OFFICER

Janet Brown 3090 Stoney Hill Road presented a letter requesting that the Trustees take care of the Hamburg Pike which is off Stoney Hill Road. Letter in file. The Board informed Mrs. Brown that the County Engineer has been requested to identify exactly where this road is as we have no record of this road and the county responded stating they can not locate the road either. This road can not be maintained if it can not be located. She was also informed that all roads in Hocking Township that are abandoned but not vacated are on a non-maintained status. The County Commissioners have dismissed the vacation of a portion of Stonewall Cemetery and this is now a civil matter between the property owners.

Letter received from the City of Lancaster regarding establishment of a county wide public transit commission was read into the minutes and the letter is filed in received mail. Meeting to be held Thursday October 29th.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Deputy Voris reported on activities of the Sheriff Office.
Zoning Inspector Gary Darling asked that Deputy Voris pass on our thanks for the great job Deputy Hummel does upon handling of the illegal dumping issue we had in the township.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Vacation Old Delmont/Stonewall Cemetery Road: County Commissioners dismissed the vacation request on Oct 6th.
2. Stonewall Cemetery Road OPWC: County is bidding the project with work to begin in Spring 2010.
3. Pleasant Valley Road Ditches – Waiting on Army Corp of Engineers to get back with us per our request Oct. 2008.
4. Westfall Road Bridge project: Work is underway the pipe was delivered this week. Mr. Shaw reported on recommendations of additional work which would make this project even better. The additional cost would be about \$1,800.00. Mr. Claypool motioned to approve this work seconded by Mr. Shaw and vote was by voice: Shaw – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, Claypool – Yes, motion carried.
5. Renaming of Duncan/Spires Roads: Commissioners hearing was held there being no objections they will schedule the final hearing to rename the roads.
6. Health Dept. proposed Septic System program: This issue was voted down Sept 21, 2009. A discussion followed.
7. No Engine Brake Sign for Route #22: Paperwork has been submitted to ODOT with no response to date.
8. OPWC Grant application: Meister Road being checked into by Adam Lanier.
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NEW BUSINESS

1. Mt. Zion and Route 188 intersection: Mrs. Ellinger will check road right of way and has a call to the church to see if they would be willing to work together on this project to eliminate gravel wash out on road and intersection.
2. Meeting time change: November 24th and December 30th, including end of year at 6 PM with 5:30 PM work sessions.
3. BSS Waste and Robert Ruble requested that the board send a letter stating that the Board would never post any weight limits on Wiley Road due to a potential buyers

request. A discussion followed. Tim Claypool motioned that we do not send a letter of this nature; Doug Shaw seconded the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. Access Management: County Commissioners have voted to officially close this issue regarding access management in Fairfield County at their October 22nd meeting.
5. Mrs. Ellinger motioned to amend appropriations as requested by the Fiscal Officer to meet current expenses: Copy attached.

Mr. Shaw motioned to approve the warrants there being sufficient funds, seconded by Mrs. Gail Ellinger and vote was by voice: Shaw – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, Claypool – Yes, motion carried.

Mr. Shaw motioned there being no further business to discuss the meeting be adjourned.

Tim Claypool - Chairperson

Gail V. Ellinger

Doug Shaw

Attest:

Dianna J. Russell – Fiscal Officer