

**HOCKING TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**November 24, 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 13 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 October meeting were read: Mr. Doug Shaw motioned to approve the minutes as read seconded by Mrs. Gail V. Ellinger. The motion passed by voice vote: Shaw – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, Claypool – Yes.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs. Roxy Hall 760 Hamburg Road asked about legal road frontage to build on the property at 806 Hamburg Road where her mother lives. She was advised that she needs 200 foot of frontage and that she could apply for a variance if the property does not meet the criteria.

George Hilyard took the floor to inquire about the no engine break signs for Rt #22. Mrs. Ellinger advised she has spoken with Troy Dunlap and the signs are in the works. Mr. Hilyard then requested speed limit to be lowered and signs to warn traffic of the traffic light ahead.

Mr. William Schooley purchased a lot on Lifer lane and was asking about building on said property. A discussion followed. The board recommended Mr. Schooley check with Regional Planning regarding minor subdivisions and with our zoning inspector regarding a variance application.

**ZONING**

Zoning Inspector's report: No building permits were issued in November. A discussion of the split of the Stepath property which was sold followed. There are no deeds to the properties yet.

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: Mr. Darling checked with the post office and found out that mail is being delivered to this property to multiple parties. Jason Dolin of the Prosecutor's office suggested Mr. Darling take this to the City Prosecutor as the County has an agreement with them to handle these issues.  
Mr. Tim Bush 4769 Northview Court has given Mr. Darling permission to come on to his property for any necessary observations needed to help bring this issue to an end.
4. Hopewell Church Road Auto business: The zoning inspector stated he verified there are seven (7) registered and licensed vehicles at this location. All are operable but 2.

(licensed to Mr. Hedges) The inspector was informed that the inoperable vehicles need to be in an enclosed building.

5. 3755 Cincinnati Zanesville Rd Property: No new development
6. Camping Trailer at property on 159. Mr. Darling is watching this property
7. Complaint regarding Stonewall Cemetery Road property: Mr. Darling viewed this property with Ms. Brown. He found that there is no electricity to the trailer but it does have wheels and is skirted. Ms. Brown agreed to clean up around the property and he will come back at a later date to re-inspect. Ms. Brown stated she already has about half of the work completed.
8. Id Badges: The Fiscal Officer has purchased the program and Mrs. Hicks is in the process of making the badges.
9. Pleasantvalley Road culvert issue Muddy Prairie: The property owner has a box culvert to be delivered for his property December 8<sup>th</sup>. He is requesting signs that road construction will be in progress due to the magnitude of this project. Mrs. Ellinger stated she would post notice in the newspaper, post the road and notify the Fire, EMS and schools.
10. Complaint 2400 Hamburg Road pole barn too close to property line: Item closed as according to auditor property information the barn is 25' from the line.
11. George Williams Dennis Drive no road frontage issue: Mrs. Ellinger motioned that zoning inspector Gary Darling write a letter to regional planning requesting they inform the township in writing that the property qualifies as a non conforming lot, seconded by Mr. Shaw and vote was unanimous.
12. Hopewell Church Road Certificate of Occupancy: Mr. Darling will send a letter to the property owners.
13. Dave Fox property on 159: It reported that there are people living at this neighborhood business property again. Children have been sited getting on and off the school bus from the property. A discussion followed.
14. Next Regional Planning Meeting is December 1, 2009 at 7:30

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Stonewall Cemetery Road OPWC: Construction should start April 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Pleasant Valley Road Ditches – Waiting on Army Corp of Engineers to get back with us per our request Oct. 2008.
3. Westfall Road Culvert/Ditch project: Completed
4. Renaming of Duncan/Spires Roads: Commissioners have passed a resolution to rename 09-11-03. Copy in Minute book
5. BSS Waste and Robert Ruble requested that the board send a letter stating that they would never post any weight limits on Wiley Road due to a potential buyer's request. Issue closed as there is nothing in past records indicating that the township would never post weight limits on this road.
6. OPWC Grant application Meister Road: Adam Lanier is working on this.
7. Mt. Zion and Route 188 intersection: Mrs. Ellinger stated she has been in contact with the church officials and they indicated interest in this safety issue. We are to obtain estimates and coordinate back to the board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Crack Seal Roads: A discussion followed regarding the cost to rent the equipment and operator from the county. Tim Claypool suggested a trial to see how it goes. Mr. Doug Shaw motioned for a trial not to exceed \$2,500. Seconded by Mrs. Gail Ellinger and vote was by voice: Shaw – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, Claypool – Yes, motion carried.

Mr. Shaw motioned to approve supplemental Appropriations to meet current expenses: 1000-110-223 add \$52.22 from 1000-110-221 and 1000-330-223 Add \$85.10 from 1000-330-230, seconded by Mrs. Ellinger and voice vote was: Shaw – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, Claypool – Yes, motion carried.

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.

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Tim Claypool - Chairperson

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Gail V. Ellinger

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Doug Shaw

Attest:

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Dianna J. Russell – Fiscal Officer