

HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING JANUARY 26, 2010

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was brought to order by Chairperson Mrs. Gail V. Ellinger with all Trustees, Zoning Inspector and Fiscal Officer present. There were 10 members of the public in attendance. Mrs. Ellinger led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Copies of the previous minutes and agendas' were available for the public.

Mr. Tim Claypool motioned to approve the minutes of the previous meetings, seconded by Mr. Steve Wolfe; the motion was approved by all trustees signifying aye.

Special Guest

Mr. Bob Lang from Clean Innovations presented estimates for replacement of the rugs used in the Township Meeting Hall and also weather mats for the outside of the doors. The rugs are guaranteed for 5 years. Total cost for 4 rugs and 2 mats is \$1,135.23. The trustees considered the cost effectiveness of this purchase as opposed to monthly rental fee to Cintas for just three rugs. The Board thanked Mr. Lang for his presentation.

County Health Department representatives, Larry Hanna-Diana Uther and Steve Deeter were present to encourage a more open relationship between the townships government and the Board of Health. They realize they need better communications between the two entities. Mr. Hanna mentioned that the state of Ohio has raised the water well charges and thus the County will see an increase of about \$25.00., also that the State is working on new sewage disposal rules and they expect them anytime from 1 year to the next 50.

Mrs. Ellinger responded that she sees where the relationship between the two entities is getting better and explained that the township government body was responding at the Health Board Meetings from complaints they received from their constituents concerns at the charges for inspection fees verses the known lack of actual inspections being completed in a consistent manner. The public does not want additional fees.

Mr. Claypool stated he appreciated the representation of the Health Board to this meeting and that to his knowledge the last time they had attended a township meeting was when Mr. Frank Hirsh first took over as head of the Health Department. This is a good thing and we should keep the doors of communication open.

Public Participation

Everyone must sign in that is present. Please wait to be acknowledged by the chairperson and state your name and address prior to speaking. Public Participation can be limited to 3 questions, and/or 5 minutes if needed. Thank You.

No one wanted to speak at this time.

Zoning

Mr. George Williams Property Dennis Addition: He has no road frontage but Holly Matti from Regional Planning has responded to our request that the property is grandfathered and Mr. Williams will be permitted to build a home on his acreage.

McDonald Case/Junk Vehicles Meister Rd: Mr. Darling has been advised that a court case in this matter found the defendant guilty of one count of leaving junk vehicle uncovered. Mr. McDonald pled guilty and received a \$25.00 fine. Mr. Darling was informed that each vehicle must be tried separately. A discussion ensued. Mrs. Ellinger stated that the township can tow these vehicles as per our junk vehicle resolution No. 08-30 and she will take the necessary steps to get approval from the County Prosecuting Attorney to proceed.

Roxy Hall Hamburg Road Property: Mrs. Hall wants to put a modular home on the property of her mother which has been discussed before. This property already has one home on it and does not have the proper road frontage to split off a lot. Mr. Darling informed Mrs. Hall that she needs to ask regional planning first to see about a lot split. Other than that she has been advised in the past that she could make application for a zoning variance.

Janet Brown/Stoneyhill Rd: Ms. Brown has made a complaint to Mr. Darling that Mr. Roger Ross is doing something to the ingress to her property from Stoneyhill. Mr. Darling will check this out at the same time he inspects her property for the clean-up she has been doing.

Seymour/Northview Court: The City Assistant Prosecutor is working with Mr. Darling on this case. The Auditor's property card indicates one building on the property until 2007, then due to an onsite appraisal they changed it to two residences on the property and are being taxed accordingly.

Mr. Rocky Johnson stated he will get a real estate/zoning attorney if necessary to fight this issue.

3755 Cincinnati Zanesville Rd/Chester Smith: Mr. Smith hand delivered a letter to Mr. Darling's home which per his request Mr. Darling read at the meeting, copy attached.

Mrs. Gail Ellinger and Mr. Tim Claypool had been informed of this letter prior to this meeting and since both were attacked in the letter they read their responses which are also attached. Mr. Darling thanked both trustees for addressing this issue head on.

Correspondence

Emergency Management will hold a disaster meeting in Logan. Mrs. Ellinger and Mr. Wolfe will attend.

Old Business

Stonewall Cemetery Road OPWC Project: The County has officially approved the project for bid. Mr. Wolfe motioned for **Resolution 10-04** to approve the county's legal advertisement for bids concerning this project that the bid opening shall be held March 12, 2010 and that the work to be performed starting no earlier than June 14th 2010 and must be completed no later than October 1, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Claypool and vote by voice was: Wolfe – Yes, Claypool – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, motion carried.

Pleasant Valley Road ditches: Waiting on the army Corp of Engineers to get back with us.

No Engine Brake Sign for Rt #22: Mrs. Ellinger has received an E-mail from Ty Thompson, copies in each trustee's packet. Mrs. Ellinger has faxed him a copy of our No Engine Brake Policy three times in the past.

Meister Road OPWC Project Application: A copy of the Township's **Resolution 09-30** has been forwarded to the County Engineer's Office as intent to make application for the above mentioned project.

New Business

Weight Limits for Township Roads: The County Engineer's office has mailed the township a letter regarding a response from the township regarding any roads they wish to place weight limits on for the 2009/2010 winter thaw season. A discussion was held. Mr. Tim Claypool stated he did not feel any roads needed to be listed and Mr. Wolfe agreed. Mrs. Ellinger stated she felt that since there has already been damage to the roads due to this year's freezing and thawing that the township should post the roads. The Board decided not to list any roads.

Resolution 10-05: Mr. Tim Claypool motioned to adopt the Updated District Solid Waste Management Plan seconded by Mr. Steve Wolfe and vote was: Wolfe – Yes, Claypool – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, motion carried.

Resolution 10-06: Mr. Claypool motioned to approve the expenditure to purchase rugs and mats from Clean-Solutions as presented at the first part of the meeting. seconded by Mr. Wolfe and vote by voice was: Wolfe – Yes, Claypool – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, motion carried.

Old Schoolhouse Park: Additional lighting is needed at the Park as residents are advising there are people in the parking lot after dark. A discussion followed and the trustees decided to have a security light placed at the Park. Mr. Tim Claypool will contact Claypool Electric about this project as well as checking out sign at the Township Hall as one side of it has quit working.

Mr. Claypool attended the TID Board meeting January 21st and gave a scenario of the meeting.

Mr. Claypool motioned to approve warrants for January seconded by Mr. Wolfe, copy attached. The motion was approved by voice vote: Wolfe – Yes, Claypool – Yes, Ellinger – Yes.

Mr. Claypool motioned there being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourn, seconded by Mr. Steve Wolfe.

Gail V. Ellinger – Chairperson

Tim Claypool – Trustee

Steve Wolfe – Trustee

Dianna J. Russell – Fiscal Office