

## **HOCKING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **MEETING MARCH 23, 2010**

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was brought to order by Chairperson Mrs. Gail V. Ellinger with Trustees Ellinger and Wolfe, Zoning Inspector Darling and Fiscal Officer present. There were 13 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.

The minutes of the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting have been submitted to the Trustees prior to this meeting and as motioned by Steve Wolfe, were approved with no corrections. The motion was seconded by Gail Ellinger and vote was all aye.

### **Public Participation**

Rules for Public Participation are listed on the agenda and Chairperson Ellinger reminded the public of same.

Mr. John Andermatt of Crumley Road took the floor to discuss the clear cutting of trees on the corner of Shaw and Crumley Roads. He is concerned about the erosion that has occurred and the stream. Trustee Ellinger suggested soil and water may have recommendations for a resolve.

Trustee Tim Claypool joined the meeting.

Lt. Gary Kennedy represented the Sheriff's Office. He stated he had looked at our web site and stated he felt it was a nice site. The Sheriff's Office/County is installing a new phone system as the old system is 20 years old and antiquated. They will now have voice mail and the system should be in place by mid April. A discussion followed, in which the public participated, regarding thefts and other problems within the township.

Mrs. Georgia Roebuck representing Christ Lutheran Church Hamburg took the floor to ask for help with the driveway which leads to the church as well as our cemetery. The winter has taken a toll on the driveway and parking area and when the Township had to remove snow for a funeral most of the remaining gravel was displaced. A discussion followed and the Township stated if the Church had the drive graded the township would haul gravel.

Mr. Tom Messerly – Barr Drive presented a study he has worked up to help with the water runoff in his area. The Board reviewed his plan and a discussion followed. Chairperson Ellinger asked for estimates and final plans for the work to be presented at a future meeting. Mr. Claypool suggested keeping to the south side of Barr Drive and placing catch basins at each property. Item tabled.

## ZONING

Zoning Inspector Darling reported:

1. Seymour Property Northview Court: Mrs. Seymour has discussed with Mr. Darling via phone that her daughter is currently living at this property and that she is moving by April 1<sup>st</sup> and the Seymours will be letting the Bank Foreclose on the property. A discussion followed. Trustee Claypool stated he felt the Township should keep moving on with the Health Department and City Prosecutor on this issue regardless if the owners say they are letting the Bank Foreclose or not. All Trustees agreed.
2. Janet Brown Property: Not inspected as yet
3. Cyndi Fox reported on Regional Planning: The board voted on its officers, Flood zones are changing and there is a public meeting to be held March 24<sup>th</sup> regarding this issue at the Liberty Center.
4. 5635 Crumley Road: Mr. Darling has a trash complaint at this residence. He spoke to the property owner twice. The trailer has been removed.
5. Building at 5995 Clearport Road Greg Morgan Property: Mr. Darling inspected the location and observed no building on this property at this time.
6. School House #9 business on State Rt #22 sign issues: The business has been closed for the winter and there has been no activity as yet therefore Mr. Darling has not addressed the sign situation.
7. 1 Building Permit issued for 1<sup>st</sup> Choice Homes 1849 Delmont Road New Residence.

It was noted that there will be a zoning training open to all Trustees and Zoning Members March 30<sup>th</sup>. RSVP by March 26<sup>th</sup>.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Stonewall Cemetery Road OPWC: Project to commence on June 14<sup>th</sup> and must be completed no later than 10-1-2010. Chairperson Ellinger noted that work agreements have been completed for the trustee's signatures and will be faxed to Jeff Baird of the Engineer's Office.
2. Pleasant Valley Road Ditches: Chairperson Ellinger noted the Army Corp of Engineers has finally answered her request for assistance in this matter. They reported to Mrs. Ellinger that the project is not large enough for them to address and since our County Engineer interceded with this in the first place they feel that he should make all decisions in this matter.
3. Meister Road future OPWC Application: The County Engineers office has requested our resolution 09-30-01 be rewritten to their specifications, therefore the Chairperson Mrs. Ellinger presented a new resolution **10-09** for the Trustees to sign tonight. So moved by Tim Claypool seconded by Stephen Wolfe, vote was: Wolfe – Yes, Claypool – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, motion carried.
4. New Security Lighting for Playground: Mrs. Gail Ellinger met with South Central Power representative John Cone and he has worked up a cost for lighting the property. Mr.

Claypool motioned for **Resolution 10-10** to appropriate the \$744.35 to South Central Power Company to place a new Security Light at the Old School House Park Hopewell Church and Boice Road, seconded by Mr. Steve Wolfe and vote was: Wolfe – Yes, Claypool – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, motion carried.

5. Chairperson Ellinger gave a report on the Annual Trustee and County Engineer's meeting. The township allocation from the culvert fund for 2010 is \$12,275.00. Fiscal Officer Russell, Chairperson Ellinger and Trustee Steve Wolfe attended the meeting.
6. A letter has been received from the Hocking Township Zoning Commission requesting the Trustee Board obtain a quote from FCRPC to review sections of the Hocking Township Zoning Code and assist the board in making any necessary changes or updates. Also, they are requesting that a second quote be obtained from FCRPC to review the entire Zoning Code and make recommendations. Trustee Tim Claypool so moved seconded by Mr. Steve Wolfe. All Trustees were in agreement by aye. Mrs. Ellinger will make up packets for Regional Planning of the different scenarios for bids.
7. March 29<sup>th</sup> next meeting of the Health Department/DAC report. Mr. Bob Kalish's letter to the Health Department was read into the minutes by Chairperson Ellinger. Mrs. Ellinger stated she would draft her thoughts and leave them in the Trustee Office for the two other trustees to read and expand on and also asked they support her letter.
8. Mrs. Ellinger represented the Township at the Public records training at the Liberty Center as designee for the township.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Light Maintenance Bldg.: Mrs. Gail Ellinger met with Claypool Electric regarding the obsolete and non functioning lights in our maintenance garage. An estimate from Claypool Electric was reviewed by the Board for replacement lighting in the Maintenance Building to make the building more energy efficient. Mr. Steve Wolfe motioned for **Resolution 10-11** that the Township proceed with the lighting upgrades at a cost of \$4,675.00 with an AEP incentive of \$1,680.00 for a total cost to the Township of \$2995.00. Estimated Energy savings for the township due to this project will be approximately \$994.00 per year. Trustee Tim Claypool seconded the motion and vote upon adoption was by voice: Wolfe – Yes, Claypool – Yes, Ellinger – Yes.
2. Chairperson Ellinger will be meeting with Mid Ohio Tree Service Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM to obtain three estimates for tree and stump removal. 1. Cemetery tree removal. 2. Westfall Road at our bridge project and 3. Boice/Jacobs Ladder road tree clean up. Estimates to be reviewed at the next meeting Item tabled.
3. Ditching Schedule. Chairperson Ellinger passed out a schedule and asked the trustee's for suggestions or comments.
4. Meister Road Junk Vehicles: Fiscal Officer has obtained the title search as requested on this property before the township can proceed with removal of these vehicles. A copy was given to Zoning Inspector Darling and Trustee Claypool motioned to proceed with the process seconded by Mr. Wolfe. All Trustees were in agreement.

5. Township Trustee Education Session to be held at the Ag Center March 30<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 5 PM.
6. Zoning Training March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Ag Center at 7 PM.
7. Chairperson Ellinger has researched the 2010-2011 Salt Bid with the State. Her suggestion is to order 450 ton with a requirement to take 80%. Trustee Claypool motioned for **Resolution 10-12**, to make the bid application as stated for purchase of 450 ton with a requirement minimum to be taken of 80%, seconded by Trustee Wolfe and voice vote was: Wolfe – Yes, Claypool – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, motion carried.
8. Culvert replacement for Duncan Road/159: A discussion followed and Trustee Claypool stated he would obtain estimates.

Trustee Steve Wolfe motioned there being sufficient funds the warrants and voucher for March be processed, seconded by Trustee Claypool and voice vote being: Wolfe – Yes, Claypool – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, motion carried.

Trustee Claypool motioned there being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourn.

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Gail V. Ellinger – Chairperson

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Tim Claypool – Trustee

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Steve Wolfe – Trustee

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Dianna J. Russell – Fiscal Officer