

BOARD OF HOCKING TOWNSHIP MEETING
April 27, 2010

Mrs. Gail Ellinger opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Trustees, and Fiscal Officer were present. There were 9 members of the public present also.

The minutes of the March meeting were read and approved with a correction to the Barr Drive Culvert/Water project to read: West side of Barr drive with a catch basin at the end of the street. So motioned by Mr. Claypool seconded by Mr. Wolfe the motion was voted upon by voice vote which was unanimous.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Glenn Stalder asked about the berm on Delmont Road, and the creek on Pleasant Valley Road. Mrs. Ellinger stated they will look at these things when the trustees run the roads during their annual review in May.

Mrs. Georgia Roebuck thanked the board for the work they have done at the Township's Cemetery on Hamburg Road, regarding the entrance and parking areas.

Richard Elliott commended the township with the work they did due to the gravel truck which turned over on Stonewall Cemetery Road.

ZONING

Mrs. Cyndi Fox reported on the RPC meeting she attended regarding the proposed flood map changes. She stated it will be 14-16 months before the final flood maps are approved.

Inspector Darling reported: 1. issued three permits this month. 2. Inspected Janet Brown's property and found the tires were gone and the property has been improved somewhat. He told Mrs. Brown he would be returning. 3. The Scott Huston property: the trailer and computer parts have been removed. He will revisit this property at a later time. 4. He has a dilemma at a property on Hamburg Road. The owner wants to build a garage but the house is located in the city limits but the garage would be in the township. He has contacted the City Code Enforcer but has not heard back from him regarding this. The board suggested he wait until he has a reply from the city in writing. 5. Kate Ramsey of Becks Knob road has contacted him with questions regarding Neighborhood Business District. It is her understanding that a neighbor intends to convert a garage into an auto repair shop. Mr. Darling advised Ms. Ramsey that this is not a permitted use under this district and that the person would have to apply to the Appeals Board for a Conditional Use Permit at the least. 6. Sherry Verbance had purchased 82 acres off of Mile Hill Road and wants to build a cabin and eventually a home. There is only a 20 foot right of way to this property therefore they would need to apply for a variance. 7. The School

House #9 business operation on State Route #22 is out of business and for sale. Mr. Darling removed the sign in question.

10. Mr. Darling reported that Mr. Seymour has removed the bathroom fixtures from the Barn, the property is vacant and should be for sale soon. Also Mr. Darling has received the letter from the Health Department stating the septic is illegal for more than one residence on this property. This item will be filed for future use if necessary.

11. Mrs. Paula Snoke has made a complaint with trustee Wolfe, regarding a house on Stonewall Cemetery Road where there are box trucks, Semi's, trash and possibly a mechanic business is being operated. Mr. Elliott, a resident in the area, stated that as of this date (4-27-10) the dumpster had been removed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Fiscal Officer Russell brought to the trustees attention the fact that the back door of the Hall had been broken while the room had been rented out. Mr. Claypool and Mr. Wolfe stated they would fix the damage. A discussion followed and it was decided to keep the deposit for the repairs.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mrs. Ellinger attended the Bid opening for the Stonewall Cemetery Road OPWC Project Bid Opening: Darby Creek Excavating received the bid and the board passed Resolution 10-14 accepting the bid and appointing them as contractor for the project, so moved by Mr. Claypool and seconded by Mr. Wolfe, vote by voice was: Wolfe – Yes, Claypool – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, motion carried. The resolution will be sent to the County.
2. Resolution 10-15 to apply to OPWC for Meister Road project was passed so moved by Mr. Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Claypool. Voice vote was: Wolfe – Yes, Claypool – Yes, Ellinger – Yes. The resolution will be sent to the County.
3. Old Schoolhouse Playground lighting: South Central Power will be installing the light within the month.
4. Mrs. Ellinger reported on the Health Dept. DAC meeting: the Board did not approve the budget. The Budget Commission disregarded the Advisory Council's recommendations. The DAC will now meet quarterly with the next meeting scheduled for June.
5. Mr. Tim Claypool motioned to change banking institutions from Bremen Bank to Kingston due to the interest rates. The motion died for lack of a second. A discussion followed. Mr. Wolfe had not gotten the written quote from Fairfield Federal as yet and asked to table the item until next meeting. Mr. Claypool moved to table the item for the May meeting, seconded by Mr. Wolfe. Vote by voice was: Wolfe – Yes, Claypool – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, motion carried.

6. Lighting proposal for the Maintenance Building is being processed.
7. Mid Ohio Tree work, Cemetery, Boice Jacobs Ladder & Stump removal: Per attached quote total \$12,425.00 Mr. Steve Wolfe motioned for a PO and to hire Mid Ohio Tree Service seconded by Mr. Tim Claypool, motion by voice vote was: Wolfe – Yes, Claypool – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, motion approved.
8. Meister Road Junk Vehicles: Waiting on answer from Jason Dolin regarding this issue. A discussion followed and it was decided to check with Anne Darling Cyphert of Bloom Township as they have used this process in the past.
9. Tuesday March 30th 3-5 PM Township Trustee Education Session at the Ag Center. Mrs. Ellinger and Mrs. Fox attended.
10. March 30th 7PM Zoning Training at the Ag Center was attended by Mrs. Ellinger, Cyndi Fox and Don Ressler.
11. Culvert Replacement for Duncan Road/159: This project is completed.
12. Standing water on Barr Drive: consulting with Soil and Water
13. Mr. Tim Claypool motioned to remove from the table item of Mt. Zion Road Church Driveway project, seconded by Mr. Steve Wolfe and vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Bid Road Materials for 2010: Mr. Tim Claypool motioned advertise and to hold a bid opening for road material at the May 25th meeting, seconded by Mr. Steve Wolfe and voice vote was: Wolfe – Yes, Claypool – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, motion carried.
2. Special Work Session to be held May 8th at 8 AM: Fiscal Officer Russell was instructed to advise the Eagle Gazette of this work session for the trustees to run the roads of the township in order to make assessment of the roads that need to be scheduled this year for paving. Mr. Tim Claypool so moved, seconded by Mr. Steve Wolfe.
3. Mrs. Janet Brown has requested in writing that the Township open the road as access to her property off of Stoney Hill Road. A discussion followed. Mr. Claypool moved that the township reply in writing that the road in question can not be located by the County Engineer as previously requested and that the Township can not open or maintain a road that can not be legally located. Further that she does have access by way of Stepath Mound Road which the Township opened and maintains year round, and that it would not be fiscally responsible for the township to maintain another road for access to one property. Mr. Wolfe. Seconded the motion and vote by voice was: Wolfe – Yes, Claypool – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, motion carried. Mrs. Ellinger will draft a letter for the trustees review and signatures before mailing.

4. Mr. Claypool motioned to rescind resolution 09-23 which Assistant Prosecutor Jason Dolin states is invalid, seconded by Mr. Wolfe and voice vote was: Wolfe – Yes, Claypool – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, motion carried.
5. Mr. Wolfe motioned to post Stonewall Cemetery and Snoko Roads with No Thru Truck signs due to the commercial stone and gravel hauling truck overturn plus the number of these commercial trucks using this as a bypass to State Route #22 year round. Mr. Claypool seconded the motion and voice vote was: Wolfe – Yes, Claypool – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, motion carried.
6. Mr. Wolfe motioned there being sufficient funds the warrants, purchase orders and blanket certificates as presented by the Fiscal Officer be approved, seconded by Mr. Claypool and voice vote upon approval was: Wolfe – Yes, Claypool – Yes, Ellinger – Yes,
7. Mr. Claypool motioned to appropriate \$10,000. In the General Fund for zoning and to approve the resolution to request the Fairfield County Regional Planning review Hocking Township’s Zoning Resolution book in its entirety, seconded by Mr. Wolfe and voice vote was: Wolfe – Yes, Claypool – Yes, Ellinger – Yes, motion carried.

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

Gail V. Ellinger – Chairperson

Tim Claypool – Trustee

Steve Wolfe – Trustee

Dianna J. Russell Fiscal Officer