

Charlestown Township

Portage County, Ohio

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Susan M. Forgacs, Fiscal Officer

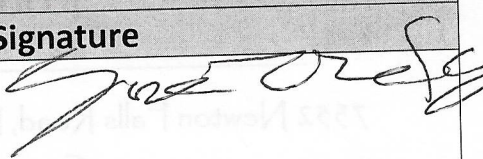
Township Board of Trustees Meeting Sign-In

Date: 9/23/24

Township Employees		
Name	Role/Department	Signature
Tim Patrick	Trustee	
Bruce Lange	Trustee	<i>BL</i>
Adam Eskridge	Trustee	
Susan Forgacs	Fiscal Officer	<i>SF</i>
Rick Grund	Road, Cemetery, Park, Zoning	<i>Rick Grund</i>
Randy Porter	Fire Chief	
Paul Jalbert	Asst. Fire Chief	<i>PJ</i>

Guests		
Name	Address	Signature
Dan Hazelett	7028 Newton Falls Rd	<i>Daniel E Hazelett</i>
Debbie Morley	6288 Esworthy	<i>Debbie Morley</i>
Eric Morley	6289 Esworthy	Eric Morley <i>Eric Morley</i>

Cindy Hazelett 7028 Newton Falls Rd *Cindy Hazelett*
Don Hanna

Guests		
Name	Address	Signature
Sus Mason		

Don Hanks
Cindy Hazellet 7088 Newton Road
Eric M...
Debbie M...
Jan Hazellet 7098 Newton Road

The Regular Business meeting of the Charlestown Township Board of Trustees was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Bruce Lange at 5:30 pm on Monday, September 23, 2024.

Trustees –Chair Bruce Lange, Vice-Chair Adam Eskridge - present, Tim Patrick – absent; Fiscal Officer- Susan Forgacs - present.

Mr. Lange made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2024 meeting; it was seconded by Mr. Eskridge and passed.

GUESTS

Several township residents from Esworthy road present to discuss road concerns.

Mr. Dan Hazelett asked if the county is planning to “straighten out the bridge”. Mr. Lange replied the county plans to clear brush, adding signage and chevrons. The county bridge engineer will determine what repairs the bridge requires; plan repair work on Esworthy Road bridge in 2025. Residents state they prefer to not straighten the bridge.

Ms. Sue Nelson states the road is starting to wash out in front of her drive and that the condition of the road is poor, especially in winter. Mr. Lange discussed the recent road repair projects in the township; McCormick Road will be repaired in 2025. The township will apply for funds to repair Esworthy Road in the next cycle. If project approved, work will be in 2026.

Ms. Nelson asked to be involved in any meetings that discuss repairs. Mr. Lange will discuss the resident concerns with Mr. Tim Patrick; will share residents’ comments with the county engineer.

REPORTS

Zoning

Mr. Grund reports signing a mylar for Ravenna City Engineer, Mr. Gary Jarosz. Received call asking if the 20 acre lot behind the church would be a buildable lot.

Roads

No report.

Cemetery

Mr. Grund will be purchasing 2 yards of cement to pour 4 footers; Mr. Kreg Hudson will assist.

Park

Mr. Grund reports a rock was thrown from the mower while cutting grass at the park and shattered the rear window of his truck. Ms. Forgacs to submit to OTARMA.

Mr. Grund reports the mower is at Coia’s to repair broken belt.

Fire Department

Assistant Fire Chief Paul Jalbert reports 198 Fire / EMS calls year-to-date; down 5 calls from last year.

Fiscal Officer

Ms. Forgacs reminded the trustees to reply to the OTARMA inspection findings; have received a second reminder to complete plans.

Ms. Forgacs reports meeting with Ms. Bethany Wagner at the Portage County Auditor's office to learn more about the levies and property taxes. Shared information of how taxes calculated, how much money the levies are generating, and some of the tax assistance programs available for residents in need.

Completed Ohio BMV paperwork for the gratis plates.

Trustees

Mr. Eskridge reported the Portage County Library District Book Mobile requested to park in the town hall parking lot every Monday, 10:00 – 11:30 am.

Mr. Lange made a motion to authorize the use of the parking lot for the Book Mobile; it was seconded by Mr. Eskridge and passed.

Activity Committee has Trunk or Treat at the park, October 27, 2-4 pm. Mr. Grund has been clearing the path in the woods.

The fire levy committee has met to discuss plans.

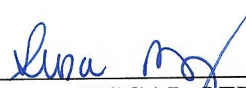
The Historical Society was notified to inform Ms. Taylor, the town hall custodian, whenever they use the hall.

Mr. Lange moved to pay bills. Mr. Eskridge seconded. All votes were yes, motion carried.

Mr. Lange moved to adjourn. Mr. Eskridge seconded. All votes were yes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.



CHAIRMAN



FISCAL OFFICER