

Charlestown Township

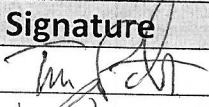
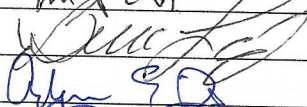

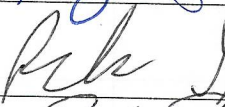
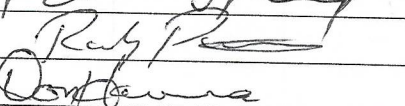
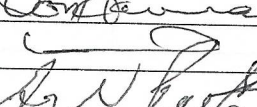
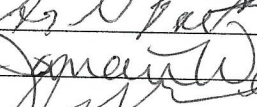
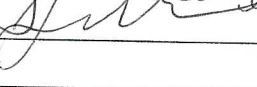
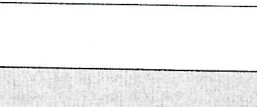
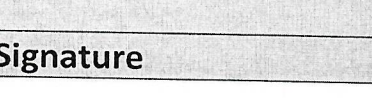

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Susan M. Forgacs, Fiscal Officer

Township Board of Trustees Meeting Sign-In

Date: 8/24/21

Township Employees		
Name	Role/Department	Signature
Tim Patrick	Trustee	
Bruce Lange	Trustee	
Adam Eskridge	Trustee	
Susan Forgacs	Fiscal Officer	
Rick Grund	Road, Cemetery, Park, Zoning	
Randy Porter	Fire Chief	
Don Hanna	Asst. Fire Chief	
Dan Peterson	Captain	
Gary & Peggy Foster		
Janeen Webb	Resident	
Jason Schermer	Observer	

Guests		
Name	Address	Signature
Paul Sawyer	1307 W. Main Rd	

The regular meeting of the Charlestown Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mr. Bruce Lange on Monday, May 24, 2021 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Lange moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on May 10, 2021. Mr. Eskridge seconded the motion. All votes were yes, motion carried.

Mr. Lange moved to approve the financial reports; it was seconded by Mr. Eskridge. All votes were yes; motion carried.

GUESTS

Greg Postlewaith, Peggy Postlewaith, and Janeen Webb present to discuss Ohio International Raceway. The Postlewaiths reported doing research on the race track. Found several others in township have concerns too. There was a practice session May 24; they did water the drive several times during the day so dust was at a minimum. Spoke with a worker at the track and asked about schedule, especially on holiday weekends. Still a lot of trash; no trash cans; dumpster was emptied. Concerned about the track widening the driveway close to their property; asphalt grindings are being pushed onto their property during project. Concerned about campers and camp fires. Concerned about who could be staying there, for example, sex offenders.

Mr. Patrick clarified that no one should be camping on the property; was told that camper is for a rest place during the day while working but not spending the night. Reported the trustees are scheduling a meeting with Brent Bencze and Chris Meduri from the prosecutor's office to discuss options. Stated that the track is private property and the owners can have friends camping on property as long as they are not being charged.

Greg Postlewaith stated the campers and campfire areas have been out of their sight; have large spotlights pointed towards their property. Mr. Postlewaith reported having a verbal altercation with a track worker pulling out trees along the property line; the sheriff's office was called by the worker.

Mr. Lange reported the lawsuit against previous track owners by several township residents applies to the property when being used as income-earning race track versus residential property use. Property is residential non-conforming since established prior to zoning; if property is not used as a business for more than 2 years the property reverts to R-1 property per township zoning regulations.

Peggy Postlewaith stated the track owner doesn't have the township's best interest in mind; stated the trustees seem to be on the track owner's side of the argument. Stated she feels Mr. Patrick is not unbiased in this issue. Mr. Lange rebutted stating the trustees support the township residents; will do everything they can within the limits of the law. He is the trustee chairman and will be the lead in all discussion and that all decisions require the vote of at least two of the three trustees. If any township issue comes up and a trustee were to have a personal connection, that trustee abstains from all discussion and voting. Mr. Patrick stated he had no personal connection to the track owner or manager.

Mr. Postlewaith concerned about when the gate is open to the track; the guidelines from the lawsuit states the times to start and stop racing but does not dictate when the gate can open.

Ms. Webb asked trustees to insist the track manager give a schedule for the practice sessions.

Jason Schemer, who lives two properties east of Crest Rubber, present. Asked about status of the property. Mr. Lange stated the corporation owes approximately \$30,000 in back taxes. Property will eventually go for Sheriff sale. Mr. Lange unsure of the time frame. The monitoring wells placed by the EPA will be on the property for a while; have not registered any contaminants so far.

REPORTS

Zoning

No report.

Roads

Mr. Rick Grund reported giving a list of road signs to purchase. Stated he needs a new pair of boots.

Mr. Patrick made a motion for Mr. Grund to purchase two pair of boots from US Safety Gear; it was seconded by Mr. Lange and passed.

Cemetery

No report.

Park

No report

Fire Department

Fire Chief Randy Porter reports 95 Fire/EMS calls for the year.

Annual pump test on trucks complete; need to repair primer on tanker.

Busy finishing the renovations of the fire station in time for Memorial Day.

Trustees

Mr. Patrick reported meeting with the OTARMA representative for a safety inspection. Reported there are two stop signs that the township is responsible for; discussed adding high-visibility stop ahead signage. Has list of other signs to be replaced. Recommends removing unnecessary signage, for example outdated school bus stop ahead signs. Asked for more details regarding the OTARMA recommendations from the IT visit. Have checked other townships regarding their plans. Need to develop succession plan for Fiscal Officer position as recommended by OTARMA.

Mr. Eskridge still looking for part-time help; had a 16-year-old call about the position; checking with prosecutor regarding hiring a minor.

Mr. Eskridge made a motion to offer the part-time position to the applicant with prosecutor's recommendations. It was seconded by Mr. Lange and all voted yes; motion carried.

Mr. Lange reported the painting of the outside of the fire station has been completed; the siren will be painted when the company returns with a boom truck to paint the town hall. Waiting for ground around the town hall to dry up some.

Attended the Township Association meeting via Zoom; next meeting will be live at the County Garage.

The Portage County Combined General Health District's next board meeting will be live on June 17, 2021.

Major Robinson is prepared for the Memorial Day presentation.

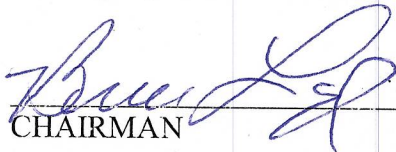
Fiscal Officer

Ms. Forgacs reported ordering and receiving plates for the dump truck.

Received payment from Edinburg township for old truck.

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

Mr. Lange moved to adjourn. Mr. Patrick seconded. All votes were yes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.


CHAIRMAN


FISCAL OFFICER