

# Charlestown Township

## Portage County, Ohio

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Susan M. Forgacs, Fiscal Officer

### Township Board of Trustees Meeting Sign-In

Date: 5/8/23

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	
Wayne Scott	Asst. Fire Chief	

Guests		
Name	Address	Signature
Gary Hunsicker	7954 Newton Falls	Gary Hunsicker
Paul Hunsicker	HANSA RD	

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The regular meeting of the Charlestown Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mr. Tim Patrick on Monday, May 8, 2023.

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

## **REPORTS**

### Zoning

Mr. Grund received call regarding water line on Berry / McCormack road property; states is is not a township line and did not know the answer.

### Roads

Mr. Grund states it may take up to an additional 20 hours to complete the brush hogging of the road sides.

Mr. Patrick made a motion to pay Mr. Ahrens up to an additional 20 hours as needed; seconded by Mr. Lange; roll called, all votes yes, motion passed.

### Cemetery

Mr. Grund reports Armentrout funeral this week.

### Park

No report.

### Fire Department

Fire Chief Randy Porter reported 111 Fire/EMS this year; up 27 calls year-to-date.

Researching refurbishing current fire engine chasis vs. getting new truck; the bigger fire engine manufacturers not interested in refurbing anymore; looking at a couple smaller companies.

Will take engine to Williams Detroit Diesel for preventative maintenance when due.

Requesting money to complete fire station upgrades – toilets, hardware, etc.

Mr. Patrick made a motion to spend up to \$1000 for station upgrades; seconded by Mr. Lange; roll called, all votes yes, motion passed.

Printer/scanner needs replaced; will have quotes at next meeting.

### Fiscal Officer

Ms. Forgacs reminded trustees the two general fund levies need to be put on the ballot this fall for renewal. Discussion regarding new vs. renewal; but not enough time to get new on ballot this time. Need to pass a resolution of necessity to send to the county auditor to renew levies; recent legislation has changed the language needed for levies; waiting on Mr. Brett Bencze for resolution template.

Correspondence – request to apply to be a host city for a National Folk Festival in 2024 where approximately 100,000 people could attend. No action taken.

### Trustees

Mr. Eskridge reports EPA completed testing at the Crest Rubber site; will call with results. The roadside trash pickup by jail inmates went well.



Thanked the fire department personnel for their professionalism during recent sensitive calls.  
Received a couple of compliments about Ms. Elizabeth Taylor on her work at the townhall.  
Has submitted a request to GoDaddy for the ability to automatically forward new emails from GoDaddy email to personal email; Mr. Patrick stated he received an error message that this needs to be approved by an administrator when he tried to set this up.  
Southeast Schools asking for permission to use the Crest Rubber parking lot for trailer park students pick up / drop off for a couple of weeks while park driveway being remodeled; trustees have no problem but can't grant permission since not township property.  
Asked about status of racetrack lawsuit; Mr. Patrick called Mr. Bencze requesting all collected documents before responding to Mr. Bencze's request to pursue litigation.

Mr. Lange will ask T&M Mowing to mow at the end of the week prior to Memorial Day.  
Attended the County Township Association meeting; Mr. Chris Meduri, Portage County Prosecutor, presented information on wind farms.  
A-Best to sprayed the park and cemetery for bees today.  
Amerigas propane tank still at garage awaiting pick up.

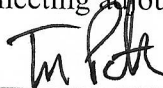
Mr. Gary Hunsicker asked about the status of the Sand & Gravel pit; County Land Bank can now make purchases for business use but since there are several liens against the property and no funds available for reclamation, it will probably stay abandoned for a while.

Mr. Patrick again asked Mr. Bencze for an employee handbook specific for Charlestown Township. Asked the trustees to review what they have now for discussion at upcoming meetings.

Wants to work on getting tractor / mower and other unneeded equipment in Edinburg Auction for June sale.

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

Mr. Patrick moved to adjourn. Mr. Lange seconded. All votes were yes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:08 pm.

  
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CHAIRMAN

  
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FISCAL OFFICER