

Charlestown Township


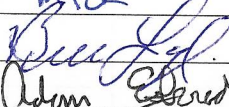
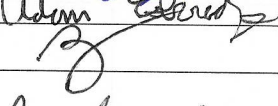
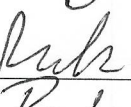
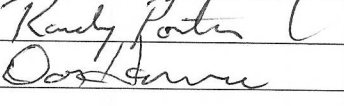
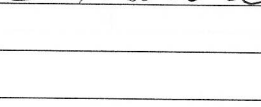
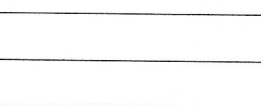
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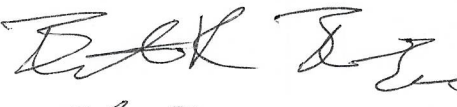


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Susan M. Forgacs, Fiscal Officer

Township Board of Trustees Meeting Sign-In

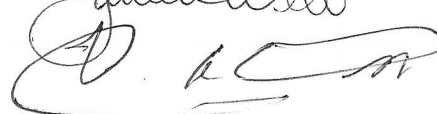
Date: 6/14/2021

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	

Guests		
Name	Address	Signature
Brett J. Bencze	241 S. Chestnut Ravenna, OH 44266	
Paul Lamber	6324 W. 14th Rd	
Greg & Peggy Portkothman	5944 Newton Falls	

Chris and Janeen Webb

5941 Newton Falls Rd.

Janeen Webb


Guests		
Name	Address	Signature
CELE RICHMOND AC 11	6087 ROCK SPRING	[Signature]
Ruby Pahl's	6247 Newton Falls Rd	Ruby Pahl's
Pat Robinson	6051 NEWTON FALLS RD.	Patricia Robinson

Name
OZLIE
RICHENTBACH

Address
6087 Rock Springs

Signature



Ruby Pahl

6247 Newton Falls

RA *Duby Parks*

Pat Robinson

0051 NEWTON FALLS

ad. Robert D. Harris

The regular meeting of the Charlestown Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mr. Bruce Lange on Monday, June 14, 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 24, 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.

REPORTS

Zoning

Mr. Rick Grund reported a zoning permit request for a 9' X 12' building on Beaver Road; the property is only 0.25 acres so cannot get an agricultural permit; will get more information / drawings to Mr. Grund.

Roads

No report.

Cemetery

No report.

Park

No report

Fire Department

Fire Chief Randy Porter reports 111 Fire/EMS calls for the year; up 18 calls from last year. Will be doing air pack maintenance in June. The personnel attending fire school are halfway done.

GUESTS

Greg Postlewaith, Peggy Postlewaith, Chris Webb, Janeen Webb, Ruby Pahls and Pat Robinson present to discuss Ohio International Raceway concerns.

Mr. Brett Bencze from the Portage County Prosecutor's office present to answer potential zoning questions.

Discussion lasting 1 hour and 25 minutes was held.

Summary of Mr. Bencze's comments:

- He represents the township's interests
- His comments should not be construed as legal advice; Recommends residents obtain private legal counsel who has more capabilities to advise and pursue
- The lawsuit from the 1970's against the racetrack was brought by township residents and not the trustees; the township trustees do not have the authority to enforce the guidelines that were established

- The racetrack was in place prior to zoning; it is considered a non-conforming use property
- Current zoning regulations have language that suggests noise and dust can be an issue, but stated his experience shows those cases are difficult to win, especially since it is only two days per month
- The best option is to show the property was dormant for more than 2 years; it would then revert to residential R-1 status.

Summary of the residents' concerns:

- Increased dust and noise
- Widening of entrance drive
- Lack of available schedule
- People camping on property
- Trash blowing into other properties; no trash cans available
- No first responders at track; this typically is a requirement for insurance coverage or sanctioned races, which are not being held; just practicing
- Concern over possible increase in issues if not stopped now
- Postlewaiths report feeling threatened and fear reprisals; have their property under surveillance; Peggy Postlewaith states she filed a police report for one of the track workers allegedly trying to run her off the road.
- Janeen Webb stated "the track owner does not seem to care about the township".
- Asked if Rick Grund could inspect the track on race day as the zoning inspector; Mr. Bencze stated the zoning inspector can go to the track but the track owners can tell him to leave.

Trustee, Mr. Bruce Lange, reported the Portage County Combined General Health District was asked to assess the property. The written report is pending but the verbal report stated the material placed in the drive way was ok to use; reinforced there is to be no camping on site; food vendors must be licensed in Portage County; the rental house located on the track property does not have the grey water from the laundry plumbed into the septic tank as it should be. Mr. Lange gave the example of the Route 5 Sand & Gravel Pit that was dormant for more than 2 years and now has reverted to R-1 status.

Next Steps:

- Pat Robinson asked about adding zoning amendments; Mr. Lange reported the property is "grand-fathered" since in business prior to zoning.
- Chris Webb asked if the zoning board can look at the language of "practice" versus "racing" to limit future concerns.
- Residents to contact a trustee if violations noted; Mr. Grund will be asked to investigate
- Mr. Patrick asked about doing a noise assessment
- Residents to start documenting issues and looking for concrete evidence that operations has ceased for more than 2 years.
- The trustees asked Mr. Bencze to draft a letter requesting a schedule

Trustees

#6-21 Mr. Patrick moved to accept an emergency resolution to hire Butcher & Sons to finish the clean-up at Crest Rubber property for \$12,500; it was seconded by Mr. Lange; roll was called; all votes were yes; motion carried.

Mr. Patrick stated the original estimates from the salvage company was \$50,000 – \$60,000 to remove building and clean-up; total costs will be less than estimate.

Mr. Patrick made a motion to have DBI spray the guard rails for \$1005.34; seconded by Mr. Lange and passed.

#7-21 Mr. Lange made a motion to have Adam Eskridge fill Joe Boetler's vacant space on the Ravenna Arsenal Board; it was seconded by Mr. Eskridge; roll was called; all votes were yes; motion carried.

Mr. Lange reported the fire station has been painted; will do town hall in July
Linda DeHaven requests we let her know when the town hall is being used.
Need to replace Fivar (playground surface)

Fiscal Officer

Ms. Forgacs reported receiving the following correspondences:

- Request for representatives from the Portage County Regional Planning Commission for representatives for the Portage County Vision and Comprehensive Plans
- Portage Community Bank announced the retirement of Mr. Rick Coe
- Portage County Board of Elections does not need to use the town hall for November 2, 2021 election
- 2021 OPERS Board of Trustees election ballot
- Packet from OTARMA following May 11, 2021 inspection with recommendations and sample documents; request response in 2 months
- Reported the check for ESO Solutions, mailed 11/10/2020 was returned 5/26/2021

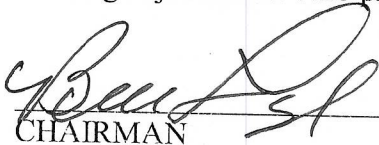
Reported Mrs. Goldie Harless is questioning the cost for monument foundations; how is the cost figured? Charlestown costs are twice Rootstown's.

Reported the \$5000 Curtiss CD for endowed care will mature and will automatically renew on 6/24/21.

Will need to have a budget meeting for July Budget submission deadline; will place ad in paper.

Mr. Lange moved to pay bills. Mr. Patrick 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 7:20 pm.


CHAIRMAN


FISCAL OFFICER

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CHARLESTOWN TOWNSHIP, PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO

Resolution # 6-21

The Board of Trustees of Charlestown Township, Portage County, Ohio met during a regular meeting on June 14, 2021 at the Charlestown Town hall with the following Members present:

Bruce Lange, Chairman
Adam Eskridge, Vice-Chairman
Tim Patrick

Mr. Patrick moved for the adoption of the following Emergency Resolution:

RESOLVED: To hire Butcher and Son to finish the clean up of the Crest Rubber demolition at the cost of \$12,500.

Mr. Lange seconded the motion, and the roll was called on the question of its adoption.

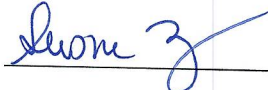
The vote was as follows;

Bruce Lange:	Yea
Adam Eskridge:	Yea
Tim Patrick:	Yea

Adopted: June 14, 2021

The State of Ohio, Portage County,

I, Susan Forgacs, Fiscal Officer of Charlestown Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the Record of Proceedings of Charlestown Township, that the same has been compared by me with the Resolution of said Record and that it is a true and correct copy thereof.

 _____, Fiscal Officer

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CHARLESTOWN TOWNSHIP, PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO

Resolution # 7-21

The Board of Trustees of Charlestown Township, Portage County, Ohio met during a regular meeting on June 14, 2021 at the Charlestown Town hall with the following Members present:

Bruce Lange, Chairman
Adam Eskridge, Vice-Chairman
Tim Patrick

Mr. Lange moved for the adoption of the following Resolution:

RESOLVED: To accept Mr. Adam Eskridge as the township's representative for the Ravenna Arsenal Board.

Mr. Patrick seconded the motion, and the roll was called on the question of its adoption.

The vote was as follows;

Bruce Lange:	Yea
Adam Eskridge:	Abstained
Tim Patrick:	Yea

Adopted: June 14, 2021

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