

# Charlestown Township



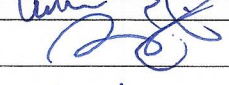

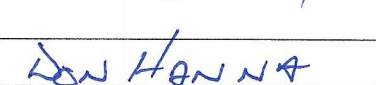
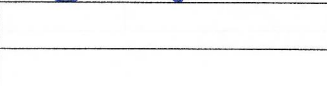
## Portage County, Ohio


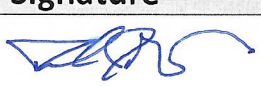


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Susan M. Forgacs, Fiscal Officer

### Township Board of Trustees Meeting Sign-In

Date: 8/22/22

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
	Hanna RD	
Peggy Paul Hathaway	Newton Falls	
Joe Tenney	6465 Newton Falls Rd	

The regular meeting of the Charlestown Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mr. Adam Eskridge on Monday, August 22, 2022 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Eskridge made a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from July 25 and August 8, 2022

## **GUESTS**

Mr. Joe Tenney stated he made an offer to purchase the property just behind his house; the property owner did not accept the offer and will be listing the property. Mr. Tenney reports he was unable to find any official easement to allow access to the property and there is no frontage.

Ms. Peggy Postlethwait states there is frequently a bulldozer running at the racetrack after 9 pm on Friday and Saturday nights; she feels this is a violation of the zoning rules that restrict noise from businesses after 9 pm and she feels this is a violation of her rights for peaceful existence as a township resident. Reports numerous concerns about the property: the dumpster is overflowing; abandoned car at boat at the apartment; several campers at site for 3 days over practice weekends; health concerns regarding the wastes from the camper; the possibility that sex offenders may be at the site; the racetrack does not pay income taxes to the township. She feels that do not contribute at all to the community.

Lengthy discussion held regarding racetrack. Trustees have no authority to enforce the civil law suit recommendations and have limited authority to enforce any noise complaints. The track does pay property taxes. The Portage County Health Department has tried to complete a dye test at the apartment; unable to find any leaks at that time and are having difficulty rescheduling a test with Mr. Jeff Allen. Mr. Grund will send a zoning violation letter to Mr. Allen regarding the boat and car at the apartment.

## **REPORTS**

### Zoning

Mr. Rick Grund received phone call from realtor regarding property at 5903 Newton Falls road; asked about building a 50X50" building; was told that was allowed if within the property line restrictions and as long as it is not a business.

### Roads

Mr. Grund states the need to purchase new flags and poles for the telephone poles and firefighter flags for the cemetery.

Mr. Patrick made a motion to purchase the flags and poles; it was seconded by Mr. Lange and passed.

### Cemetery

See above.

### Park

No report.



### Fire Department

Assistant Fire Chief Don Hanna reported the Fire Department has received 147 Fire/EMS calls, down 26 from last year.

### Fiscal Officer

Ms. Susan Forgacs presented the OTARMA insurance paperwork to verify accuracy of the listed assets. The premium is due; there was an option to increase the coverage; trustees discussed and decided to keep the coverage the same.

Reports the annual lodging tax information has been reported the Ohio Department of Taxation.

### Trustees

Mr. Bruce Lange spoke to the mowing service regarding areas that had not been mowed; the owner reported he did not know he was allowed to enter the small fenced-in area around some of the older graves; he was informed this area is to be included in the mowing and trimming.

Reports receiving a request from Mr. James Eskridge regarding one of his clients that needs to complete 100 hours community service as part of his sentencing. Discussion regarding some possible projects. There is a 90-day completion time-frame.

Received letter from University Hospitals asking if townships would use some of the money from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) to help purchase an ambulance. Ms. Susan Forgacs, BSN, RN, Paramedic who works at UH and is familiar with the request elaborated. Throughput at the hospital is commonly delayed when trying to discharge a patient to home, nursing home or other facility. This then impacts the ability to move admitted patients from the emergency department to an inpatient unit and that leads to extended wait times in the ED. This affects all residents who need to use the hospital. The requested ambulance would be stationed at UH Portage to assist in moving patients.

Discussed the security cameras and recording devices that the vendor recommended for the garage and the townhall.

Mr. Patrick made a motion to spend up to \$4000 to install the cameras with a 3-7 day recorder using SLFRF money; it was seconded by Mr. Lange and passed.

Mr. Tim Patrick reports culvert on Garrett road is fixed. Still need to work on Vair road culvert; must contact the resident whose driveway will be temporarily blocked during the repair.

No response from the county about Garrett Road guard rail recommendations.

No response from the County Water department about using a camera in the South Knapp culverts to assess repair options.

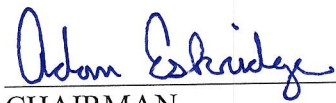
The County was doing some logging on King Road; they are driving on a section of Vair road; they have bonded the sections of the road that will be used in case of any damage.

Mr. Adam Eskridge reports the township display board for the fair has been updated; Mr. Grund delivered to the fairground.

Has had 2 people ask about the part-time township job; still checking.

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

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



CHAIRMAN



FISCAL OFFICER