

Huntington Township Regular Meeting January 13th, 2026

Fiscal Officer Nick Haines called the January 13th, 2026, Reorganization Meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the Fire House.

Roll Call:	John Cottrill	Present
	Bud Lytle	Present
	Blake Kellough	Present

Motion by Bud Lytle, second by Blake Kellough to make John Cottrill President of the Board for 2026.

Vote:	Bud Lytle	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Didn't Vote

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Blake Kellough to make Bud Lytle Vice President of the Board for 2026.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Didn't Vote

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Bud Lytle to make Blake Kellough the Road Crew Supervisor for 2026

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Didn't Vote

Motion by Blake Kellough, second by Bud Lytle to make John Cottrill over the Township's cemeteries.

Vote:	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes
	John Cottrill	Didn't Vote

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Motion by John Cottrill, second by Blake Kellough to make Bud Lytle the FD Liaison for 2026.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Didn't Vote

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Blake Kellough to set the Regular Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 pm.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes

Motion by Blake Kellough, second by John Cottrill to approve the permanent appropriations for 2026.

Vote:	Blake Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes

Motion by Bud Lytle, second by John Cottrill to approve the December Regular Meeting minutes.

Vote:	Bud Lytle	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Blake Kellough approve the December 18th Special Meeting Minutes.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes

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Motion by Blake Kellough, second by Bud Lytle to approve the December 30th Special Meeting minutes.

Vote:	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Ryan Keely from Stryker came to explain new Lifepack monitors, giving the features of the new ones versus the ones that we already have. He said it would be a 60 month lease, with annual payments of \$26879.71; also that he would be able to give the Twp \$8,000 per old monitor on trade-in towards the new ones. Chief Depugh then went on to say that we are having problems with the monitors we currently have.

Charlie Vest from Atomic Speedway addressed the board about the possibility of the Twp leasing a squad from the racetrack for a low amount, with the Twp insuring the squad. He also went on to describe some future plans for the racetrack.

Motion by Blake Kellough, second by John Cottrill to accept the resignation of CJ Watkins from the Road Crew effective 1/2/2026.

Vote:	Blake Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes

Motion by Bud Lytle, second by John Cottrill to go into executive session at 6:48 pm for personnel matters and public contracts.

Vote:	Bud Lytle	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes

Motion by Blake Kellough, second by Bud Lytle to resume the meeting from executive session at 7:59 pm.

Vote:	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

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Cottrill next explained the board's plans to hire one full-time employee for the RB Crew at this meeting, and potentially hire another at the next meeting

Motion by Blake Kellough, second by Bud Lytle to hire Jeremy Cochenour to the RB Crew at \$22 an hour starting 2/2/2026.

Vote:	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Blake Kellough approve extending the Floral Hills contract with Robin Snyder until the next meeting, with a new rate of \$15 an hour.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes

Cottrill then explained that the Heavy Rescue truck still isn't sold and that we are now exploring other options. Lytle mentioned the possibility of finding another website to sell it on, or excepting sealed bids.

Motion by Bud Lytle, second by John Cottrill to put the Heavy Rescue back in service.

Vote:	Bud Lytle	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes

Next was a brief discussion of the Twin Township EMS contract.

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Motion by Bud Lytle, second by John Cottrill to decline the new Twin Contract.

Vote:	Bud Lytle	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes

Depugh covers run data from the previous month, discusses the proposed 48/96 schedule, and asks to have hours increased from 840 per pay to 1050.

Motion by Bud Lytle, second by Blake Kellough to approve the FD to do a trial 48/96 schedule from 2/2-3/29 with no additional overtime or PTO.

Vote:	Bud Lytle	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Depugh discusses more about increasing hours from 840 to 1050; Haines said that we don't have the money to do that, and that we would have to secure more revenue to raise hours that much. Lytle then proposed increasing hours to 950 until the next meeting.

Motion by Bud Lytle, second by John Cottrill to increase the standard hours from 840 to 950 until the next meeting.

Vote:	Bud Lytle	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Bud Lytle to approve the termination of Nathan Saving from the FD part-time crew.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes

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Motion by Bud Lytle, second by Blake Kellough to approve the termination of Miranda Sims from the FD part-time crew.

Vote:	Bud Lytle	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Motion by Blake Kellough, second by Bud Lytle to approve the termination of Jerry Wessel from the FD part-time crew.

Vote:	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Blake Kellough approve the termination of Alicia Smith from the FD part-time crew.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes

Cottrill next discussed a nuisance property located at 6142 S.R. 772.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Blake Kellough approve a resolution to declare 6142 S.R. 772 a nuisance property.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes

Lytle next commended the FD's quick response to the school the day of the bomb threat.

Resident Brett Clark's property erosion issue is next brought up, and Cottrill said that the board is waiting on the Prosecutor's decision, and that an opinion is being drafted.

Fiscal Officer Haines then went over the reallocations he'd made since the last meeting.

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Motion by Bud Lytle, second by John Cottrill to approve the reallocations.

Vote:	Bud Lytle	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes

Haines then went over the supplemental reallocations he'd made since the last meeting.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Blake Kellough approve the supplemental reallocations.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes

Motion by Blake Kellough, second by John Cottrill to open a new CC account and close the old one.

Vote:	Blake Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Blake Kellough to add Lytle to the new CC account.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes

Motion by Bud Lytle, second by John Cottrill to appoint the following members to the annual VFDF board: John Cottrill, Bud Lytle, Austin Depugh, Michael Grooms, and Brett Gompf.

Vote:	Bud Lytle	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes

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Motion by John, second by Blake Kellough to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 PM

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes

ATTESTED:

President

Vice President

Trustee

Fiscal Officer