

Huntington Township Regular Meeting

January 14, 2025

Fiscal Officer Nick Haines called the January 14, 2024, re-organization meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Fire House.

Roll Call:	John Cottrill	Present
	Gary Hopkins	Present
	Larry Kellough	Absent

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to elect John Cottrill as President of the Board.

Vote:	Garry Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to elect Gary Hopkins as Vice President.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to disperse the three roles (Cem, FD, RB) amongst the Trustees.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6pm.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Haines then mentioned that the board needed to approve the permanent appropriations for 2025.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to approve the permanent appropriations for 2025.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

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Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill approve the December regular meeting minutes.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to approve the Dec 2024 payments.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to raise the hourly rate for Robin Snyder and Mary Sutherland an equal amount to the raise given to minimum wage for 2025.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Cottrill then mentioned that Windy Ridge is one of our most traveled roads, and says that he believes we can pave 20+ miles in the next 5 years if we pursue an application for the Appalachian Regional Development Grant.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to pave Windy Ridge from 772 to Minney Hill in 2025.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Resident Brett Clark proceeded to submit a formal (in writing) complaint to the Trustees about the erosion taking place on his property. Cottrill mentioned that we've turned the situation over to the prosecutor, and that there's nothing to talk about.

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Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to send mowing contracts out in February and award them in March, specifying that pay will be per mow.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to accept the resignation of River Kidder from the full time crew as of Jan 5.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to accept the resignation of Kevin Fausnaugh from the part time crew.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Cuckler then talked a little bit about the labor contract, and said that he'd like for us to add a policy for OT, and talked to the Trustees about his proposition. Chief Cuckler then presented the board with several purchase req's including ones Penncare, Chillicothe Sign Screen and Printing, and Ohio Health, for a total of \$4,105.37. He also mentioned that we made 1,011 runs in 2024.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to approve the purchase req's from Chief Cuckler for a total of \$4,105.37.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

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Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to approve the FD to spend \$1000 a month on EMS supplies.

Vote:

Gary Hopkins	Yes
John Cottrill	Yes

Hopkins mentioned that he spoke with Mike Darbyshire of Twin TWP, and that he wants to renew the EMS contract, but would like to amend it to specify that if we get stuck while on a call in Twin, they will pay the bill. Hopkins and Cottrill both addressed that the brush truck is not to be used to clean driveways, and that it is only for the FD lot.

Cuckler asked about houses that are difficult to access, and the Trustees told him that there's no easy way to answer that.

Cottrill talks about cost saving measures for the FD, including selling the brush truck, SCBA's, weights, cutting station lights, and turning off tv's and other lights. He also mentioned the possibility of not pursuing the fire truck grant anymore; Cuckler spoke up and said that the only way we will be able to afford a fire truck is through a grant.

Haines then went over the reallocations he'd made in the last month, as well as a supplemental appropriation. Haines then warned of the low balance of the fire fund, and that we won't get a tax draw for a couple months.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to approve the reallocations made by Haines.

Vote:

John Cottrill	Yes
Gary Hopkins	Yes

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to approve the supplemental reallocation made by Haines

Vote:

Gary Hopkins	Yes
John Cottrill	Yes

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Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

ATTESTED:

President

Vice President

Trustee

Fiscal Officer