

HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 13, 2022

Fiscal Officer Robin Snyder called the January 13, 2022 Re-Organization meeting to order at 6:33 P.M. at the Township Firehouse.

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

**RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING**

**Motion** by Larry Kellough, seconded by John Cottrill to elect Gary Hopkins as President for 2022.

Vote:	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Larry Kellough to elect John Cottrill as Vice President for 2022.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

**Motion** by John Cottrill, seconded by Gary Hopkins to appoint Larry Kellough as Road Crew Supervisor for 2022.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Larry Kellough to appoint John Cottrill as the Cemetery Supervisor

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

**Motion** by John Cottrill, seconded by Gary Hopkins to set the 2022 Board meetings for the second Tuesday of each month at the Fire House at 5:30 PM.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	

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**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, seconded by John Cottrill, to approve the Annual Permanent Appropriations for 2022 of \$1,284,235.00 leaving \$21,565.68 unappropriated across all funds except the ARP Fund which has \$190,074.51 unappropriated.

**Vote:**

Gary Hopkins	Yes
John Cottrill	Yes
Larry Kellough	Yes

**FO Snyder** shared that the 2022 Official Certificate of Estimated Resources is \$1,495,875.19: \$478,398.18 is carry-over from 2021 and \$1,027,774.73 represents the new resources expected in 2022. (Of the carry-over \$275,392.01 is the ARP Fund.)

Snyder applauded the Fire Department for a record year: 1,122 runs and \$220,784.45 in EMS receipts.

\*\*\*REGULAR MEETING\*\*\*

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Larry Kellough to approve the December 2021 minutes.

**Vote:**

Gary Hopkins	Yes
Larry Kellough	Yes
John Cottrill	Yes

**Motion** by John Cottrill, seconded by Larry Kellough to approve payment of December 2021 bills.

**Vote:**

John Cottrill	Yes
Larry Kellough	Yes
Gary Hopkins	Yes

**GUEST:** Larry Cuckler, Fire Chief, approached the Board to ask for approval of three (3) purchase requisitions, as follows:

#1 PM Services	\$800	air pump compressor for station air (\$150 credit for old one)
#2 VCNB Fire Wall	\$765	Need a new one for EMS Reports and time reporting
#3 Systems 28	\$467	Security system repairs

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, seconded by John Cottrill, to approve the three (3) purchase requisitions as requested by Chief Cuckler.

**Vote:**

Gary Hopkins	Yes
John Cottrill	Yes
Larry Kellough	Yes

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- Cuckler asked the Board to terminate Gabriel Miller from the part-time crew for failure to maintain active status and work one 12 our shift per month.

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill, to approve the termination of G Miller from the part time paid crew for not maintaining on active status.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

- Cuckler provided an update on the progress of Fire Recovery USA in 2021. Seven (7) claims were submitted, 2 were paid totaling \$1,506.96, 1 was denied, 2 were nonbillable, 2 were in progress, and 1 lacked adequate information as provided by the FD.

**The Board and Fire Chief** discussed the outstanding invoices due to Stryker that are two years old. Cuckler explained that we were forced to buy new models for the lifepaks, and that we have to pay them each year for cell coverage for those lifepaks via Verizon. The Township owes just over \$42,000 for the lift cot that was installed in the second squad. Cuckler and Hopkins stated that originally those expenses were to be covered in the loan for the purchase of that squad, but those bills were never paid. The Board asked Snyder to begin the process of obtaining a loan for \$42,000 in order to pay the invoices for the lift cot.

**Trustee Kellough** expressed concern about the Road Crew not adhering to the work schedule that was in place. He feels that we are too easy on them, that too much time is spent getting ready to work in the morning, and that too long of a lunch time is taken. He proposed that a new schedule be put into place: 8:00 AM to noon, then a ½ hour unpaid lunch, then back to work form 12:30 PM to 4:30PM. He feels like we are being taken advantage of at this time. Trustee Cottrill stated that he has informed the crew that Kellough’s work gets done first, then the work that he has lined up for them.

**Motion** by Larry Kellough, second by Gary Hopkins that the Road Crew work schedule be amended as follows: 8:00AM until noon, a ½ hour unpaid lunch break, back to work from 12:30PM – 4:30PM.

Vote:	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

**Trustee Cottrill** discussed the plan for mowing in 2022. He would like to see an expanded bid process that reaches more people. There will be one bid for mowing all the cemeteries except Huntington Cemetery, and one contract to mow at the Fire House. The bid period will be from 2/15 – 4/8/2022.

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**Trustee Cottrill** discussed an increase in the fees the Township charges effective 4/1/2022 for cemetery lots, open/close fees, and the lots at all other Township cemeteries. He suggests the following fees:

Lots at Huntington Township Cemetery for residents	\$400
Lots at HTC for non-residents	\$500
Open/Close fee for Monday – Friday	\$550
Open/Close fee for Saturday, Sunday, & Holidays	\$700
Infant/Cremation Burials	\$300
Lots at all other Township cemeteries (Except Golden Gate)	\$300

**Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to increase cemetery fees effective 4/1/2022 as listed above. Snyder will communicate the new fee schedule to local funeral homes.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

**Trustee Cottrill** discussed the need for bringing our fueling stations up to code. Will B Nelson, who installs and maintains fueling stations, stated that the township has lots of violations. He mentioned that the fuel tanks at the Fire House should not be against the building. A short-term solution is to move the pumps 25' away from the building.

**Trustee Hopkins and Cottrill** then shared a discussion they had with the Huntington Local Schools Superintendent Pete Ruby regarding a shared fueling station as well as possibly sharing a garage for both school and township vehicles.

Trustee Cottrill discussed the difficulty in obtaining street/road signs. He shared a solution with a company called Rocal-Lightle who could provide the supplies for our employees to make our own signs. \$11.50 per sign, then letter them ourselves. Felt that 20 was enough to begin with.

General items under discussion:

- December 2021 Run Statistics: 89 call of which 80 were EMS and we answered all of them. 9 were fire-related. We gave 19 mutual aids and received 4.
- Snyder informed the Board of a meeting with the Ohio Office of Budget Management regarding the final ruling on the American Rescue Plans. Snyder and Cottrill will participate.
- The COVID at home test kits arrived. Cottrill will deliver them to the local churches.
- Snyder reminded the Board of a final payment of \$6,000 due in 2022 for the paving of Camelin Hill
- Snyder reviewed all loans with the Board and the repayment schedules.
- The Board wishes to review the schedule of paid holidays. Tabled the discussion until next month when the current schedule will be in front of them.

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**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, seconded by John Cottrill, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

ATTESTED:

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President

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Vice President

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Member

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Fiscal Officer