

Huntington Township Regular Meeting October 8, 2024

President John Cottrill called the October 8, 2024, 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 approve the September Regular Meeting Minutes.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to approve payment of the September 2024 bills.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to go into Executive session to discuss personnel matters at 6:14PM.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to resume the meeting at 6:24PM.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

President Cottrill next discussed the manner in which we conduct our meetings, mentioning that its not an open forum, and continued to state some of the reasons the board goes into executive session (personnel, union, personal matters, sale of Twp property).

Guests:

Resident Jeff Kellough spoke about our Township leadership, mentioning that it was a “great effort” in reference to the Township crews storm cleanup after the hurricane.

Resident Brett Clark signed up to address the board, and there was some dispute over the topic Mr. Clark had written down between he and Cottrill.

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Fire Department Business – Chief Larry Cuckler

Chief Cuckler presented the board with several purchase requisitions totaling \$1023.44; these items included new tires, flagpole ropes, trash bags, mats, and cleaning supplies.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to approve the purchase orders presented by Chief Cuckler for a total of \$1,023.44

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Cuckler then presented the board with the resignation of current full time Captain Ian Hardin, who wishes to remain part time, and a Captain, and will just be working full time at another department.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to accept the resignation of Ian Hardin from the full time crew.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Cuckler presents the board with a full time application for Michael Grooms, with his recommendation that the board hire him.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to hire Michael Grooms onto the full time crew as a FF2/EMTB for \$13.21 an hour.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Cuckler next mentioned that he would like to hire Cheryl Fields to the part-time crew.

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Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to hire Cheryl Fields to the part-time crew as an EMT-B for \$10.61 an hour.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Next, Haines stated that we needed to remove the former Fiscal Officer (his Aunt Robin Snyder) off of the Twp credit card and add him in her place.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to remove Robin Snyder from the credit card and to add Nick Haines.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Haines then discussed the levy language sent to the Twp by the board of elections, and read it aloud in the meeting.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to approve the language for the 1 mil continuous replacement.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Haines next presented the board with a list of findings/recommendations from the OTARMA insurance company when they made a visit to both the Garage and the FD.

Haines then mentioned some of the payments made in the previous month, and said "Our biggest problem right now is payroll..". He mentioned that we had to have the OT for the Road Crew to do storm cleanup, but was uncertain how the FD handling coverage while some members are out training. Haines said that we've had high payroll's the last three times and that it was a lot of hours for the FD. Next Cottrill said that we will not be replacing the 3rd crew member that is training, and that while they are in training, we will bump down to the 2 person minimum staffing. Haines added that a high payroll also costs us more than just salary, as we have to also pay retirements, and taxes on that money.

Haines then discussed the reallocations he had to make for the last month.

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Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to approve the reallocations 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 6:59 PM

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

ATTESTED:

President

Vice President

Trustee

Fiscal Officer