

Huntington Township Regular Meeting December 9th, 2025

President John Cottrill called the December 9th, 2025, Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the Fire House.

Roll Call:	John Cottrill	Present
	Gary Hopkins	Present
	Blake Kellough	Present

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to approve the November Regular Meeting minutes.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes

Motion by Blake Kellough, second by Gary Hopkins to approve the payment of November Bills.

Vote:	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Blake Kellough to approve the previously reviewed 2026 budget.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Members of the FD then proposed the idea that each of the full-time FD employees (6) could have Microsoft 365 as well as the EMS Coordinator (1) for a total of \$369.60 a year; and further explained how it would aid them.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to approve the annual subscription of \$369.60 for 7 FD members to have Microsoft 365.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes

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Motion by Blake Kellough, second by John Cottrill to approve setting the 2026 Reorganization Meeting for January 13th at 6 pm.

Vote:	Blake Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Motion by Blake Kellough, second by John Cottrill to approve giving all FD and RB employees a 3% raise effective 1/1/2026.

Vote:	Blake Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Fiscal Officer Nick Haines then read over the reallocations he'd made since the previous meeting.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to approve the reallocations made since the previous meeting.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes

Haines next went over the three supplemental reallocations made since the previous meeting.

Motion by Blake Kellough, second by John Cottrill to approve the three supplemental reallocations made by Haines.

Vote:	Blake Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Haines then briefly mentioned monetary concerns he has about Floral Hills.

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Resident Brett Clark mentioned the erosion issue on his property, asking about it being said that it was a done deal at the last meeting. Cottrill asked Haines about reaching out to the Prosecutor about the issue, and he said that he's reached out three times without an answer to the matter.

Chief Depugh next discussed the Fire Marshall's Equipment Grant and an ODNR grant.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Blake Kellough to apply for the Fire Marshall's Equipment Grant.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Motion by Blake Kellough, second by John Cottrill to apply for the ODNR grant.

Vote:	Blake Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Blake Kellough to pay \$1,976.21 towards Heather Fields getting her medic cert, also signing a 2-year retainer/min hour contract.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Blake Kellough to pay \$1,600 towards his Advanced EMT cert, with him signing an 18 month retainer.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

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Motion by Blake Kellough, second by Gary Hopkins to approve the purchase of three cabinets from Lowes for a total of \$387.

Vote:	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Blake Kellough to go into executive session for personnel matters at 6:36 pm.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to resume the meeting from executive session at 6:56 pm.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes

Motion by Blake Kellough, second by John Cottrill to extend Austin Depugh's Fire Chief contract through 2026.

Vote:	Blake Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Motion by Blake Kellough, second by John Cottrill to hire Ethan Barker to the FD part-time crew as a FF2/Paramedic.

Vote:	Blake Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

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Motion by John Cottrill, second by Blake Kellough to hire Media Winter as an EMT A/FF-V to the FD part-time crew.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to approve the replacement of the water pump on 916 at F&N for \$600.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes

Chief Depugh then briefly spoke about the recent run volume.

Motion by Blake Kellough, second by John Cottrill to remove Jeff Coldiron from the part-time crew.

Vote:	Blake Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Depugh then discussed potentially using \$10,000 of the money from selling the Heavy Rescue towards the purchase of a 3rd squad from another Township.

Depugh next spoke about the possibility of going to a new 48hr schedule, and discussed the specifics of the proposal. Fiscal Officer Haines figured up the increased cost from the proposal, and indicated that it was too costly for the Township to peruse under the proposed circumstances. Further discussion ensued between the Trustees and FD members.

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Motion by John Cottrill, second by Blake Kellough to schedule a Special Meeting at the Firehouse on Dec 18 at 5:30 to discuss the FD schedule.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

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Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by Blake Kellough to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

ATTESTED:

President

Vice President

Trustee

Fiscal Officer