

HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 12, 2022

President Gary Hopkins called the April 12, 2022 meeting to order at 5:32 P.M. at the Fire House.

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

**Motion** by Larry Kellough, second by John Cottrill to approve the March 2022 regular meeting minutes.

Vote:	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

**Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Larry Kellough to approve payment of March 2022 bills.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

**GUEST:** Larry Cuckler, Fire Chief, approached the Board to ask for approval of five (5) purchase requisitions, as follows:

#1 Mark Porter Ford	\$1,029.80	Old squad maintenance
#2 Rural King	\$309.98	pump for brush truck 317
#3 Noble Plumbing	\$466.68	Toilet repair
#4 Tele-Flex	\$3,325	Needles to start IVs into bone
#5 Lowes	\$240	4 ceiling lights

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, seconded by John Cottrill, to approve the five(5) purchase requisitions as requested by Chief Cuckler.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

➤ Cuckler asked the Board to approve the dismissal of Tiffany Williamson from the paid part-time crew for failure to remain active and on the schedule with the Fire Department.

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough to approve the termination of Tiffany Williamson.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

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- Cuckler asked the Board to approve the dismissal of Bruce Pauley and Steve (Tony) Cottrill from the paid part-time crew for failure to remain active and on the schedule with the Fire Department, but permit them to be part of the unpaid volunteers.

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to approve the dismissals of Bruce Pauley and Steven Cottrill from the paid part-time crew, but permit them to be unpaid volunteers.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

- Cuckler asked the Board to approve the demotion of Bruce Pauley from the position of EMS Lieutenant and Michael Grooms as the Fire Lieutenant..

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough to approve the termination of Tiffany Williamson.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

- Cuckler asked the Board to hire Logan Rider to the paid part-time crew as FF2/EMT-B at \$11.79/hr.

**Motion** by Larry Kellough, second by Gary Hopkins to hire Logan Rider to the paid part-time crew at \$11.79 an hour.

Vote:	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

- The Board proceeded to open the submitted, sealed bids for 2022 mowing of the cemeteries and Fire House. The bids were as follows:

T&M Lawncare – Fire House only. \$550 if 7 months for a total of \$3,850, or if for 6 months \$3300.

J&B Landscaping – Fire House only. \$250 a cut at the Fire House. Would total \$6,000 for 24 cuts.

Jason Taylor – Fire House and Cemeteries. Fire House \$4800 and Cemeteries \$7200

Big E's Landscaping – Fire House and Cemeteries. \$3,250 for Fire House. \$11,634 for cemeteries.

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**Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to award Big E's Landscaping as the winner of both projects: Fire House and Cemeteries mowing for 2022.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

- The Board discussed a plan to trade in 4 pieces of equipment and buying a John Deere 60G Compact Excavator with an additional tilt buckets and 5 year extended warranty for \$523 (included in total price.) from Murphy Tractor & Equipment.

Total state-wide bid price	\$67,817.38
Less trade-ins	\$34,000.00
Add tilt bucket	\$ 7,000.00
<b>Total cost</b>	<b>\$40,817.38</b>

Equipment to be traded in:

2000 JD 310E loader backhoe (T0310EX883261)	\$10,000
Komatsu PC75UU small excavator (19926)	\$10,000
2004 Kubota KX91-3-30077	\$14,000
Big trailer	

**Motion** by Larry Kellough, second by John Cottrill to proceed with trading in the equipment listed, and purchasing the for \$40,817.38. The equipment will be paid for out of Township funds and not a loan.

Vote:	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

- FO Snyder asked the Board to approve the following certifications/appropriations:

1. Federal Funds – ARPF
  - a. Appropriate \$15,000 for the salt spreaders in 2273.330.740 – Machinery & Equipment
  - b. Appropriate \$10,000 for fire expenses into 2273.230.323 – Repairs & Maint
2. Fire Fund
  - a. Re-appropriation of \$500 from Repairs & Maint to the OPERS account

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**Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to approve the certifications and appropriations as discussed above.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough to approve the transfer of the liquor license at Rozelle Creek Market and not request a hearing.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

- The Board continued the discussion regarding updated fueling tanks at the FD and Garage. Wilbe Nelson Jason Corwin have stated that the fueling area and tanks are out of compliance, although there has not been an official citation. An idea was suggested to being a fueling program that utilizes credit cards through Voyager. Cards are numbered and issued to a driver. The State of Ohio uses such a program, as does Scioto Township. The person filling up the vehicle must list the mileage, their SS #, and driver #. The fuel card program would eliminate the need to update our fuel tanks.

**Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to proceed with the fuel card program, authorizing FO Snyder to submit the application.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

- The Board discussed the 2 mill levy which was last approved on 11.6.2018 as a renewal. It expires in 2022 from the duplicate, for collections in 2023. The first chance to put the levy on the ballot is November 2022, the year of the duplicate expiration. The next chance would be the primary in 2023, the collection year, and then in November of 2023. The Board discussed the advantage and risk of putting the levy on the ballot as a replacement.

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough to approve a resolution requesting certification of county auditor for replacement of the 2 mill levy. (FO Snyder will create the resolution and mail it to the County Auditor.)

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

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**Motion** by Larry Kellough, second by John Cottrill to proceed with the County's asphalt bid of \$243,981 for our paving programming using ARPA funds.

Vote:	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

- FO Snyder discussed with the Board a settlement offer of \$20,000 that the Township had received from Kevin Stuebs to settle his worker's comp claim that had been repeatedly denied by the IOC of BWC. Stuebs has an attorney that filed a suit against the Township and BWC. Snyder talked to the Ross County Prosecutor Jeff Marks. Marks recommended that the Board take no action at this time.

General items under discussion:

- March 2022 Run Statistics: 77 calls of which 63 were EMS and we answered all of them. 14 were fire-related. We gave 15 mutual aids and received 10.
- The Board discussed the April 28 County trustee meeting. Part of the meeting will be about a plan for county-wide EMS coverage. A petition is supposedly being circulated to give the Ross County Commissioners. It has been signed by assorted elected officials and community members. Also, at the meeting Marissa Myers from the OTA will discuss AARP Fund.
- Chief Cuckler spoke about an agreement he has heard about regarding Paxton Township offering mutual aid to Twin Township for mutual aid: \$300 for transport and \$250 for non-transport. He does not believe Twin will sign that agreement, and therefore Paxton will not run into Twin Twp.
- The Board discussed increasing prices to chip and seal from \$33,000/mile to \$40,000/mile.
- Trustee Cottrill shared that the Township was awarded a \$5000 grant for the cemetery from the David Meade Massie Trust. The funds would be used to add 4 pieces of fencing across the front along the arch in addition to installing a berm along the front. He also discussed a plan to apply for a grant from the OTA to purchase a "culver box" that would prevent graves from caving in once dug.
- The Board discussed the septic issue in the front of the Fire House along the road and suggested contacting Brock Hauswirth.
- FO Snyder showed the Board a letter that the Township had received regarding the HTVFD Association no longer permitted to operate as of 3.21.22 for not submitting annual reports.
- Trustee Hopkins discussed a complaint from Charlie Vest because he lost \$8,000 because he is not permitted to sell beer on Sundays at the Atomic Speedway.
- The Board discussed using ARPA Funds to repair the bay ceiling at the Station.
- Trustee Cottrill shared that Huntington Schools donated 2 doors that will be installed at the garage. It will cost \$1000 to install the doors and locks.
- FO Snyder inquired if the Board would still host a public meeting in April regarding the \$40,000 short fall in our Fire & EMS budget. Trustee Hopkins stated that a few things had been discussed with the Chief and Assistant Chief, an understanding had been reached, and a public meeting would not be necessary.

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- FO Snyder shared that we have received 45% of our funding for the year and spent 39.4%. No balance left in Operating Supplies for the fire side of the operation and \$11,316 available on EMS side.
- FO Snyder informed the Board that there is a new county auditor, and her name is Robyn Brewster. She replaces Tom Spetnagel who resigned.

**Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	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