

# Huntington Township Regular Meeting

## April 9, 2024

President John Cottrill called the April 9, 2024, meeting to order at 6:00PM at the Fire House.

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

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to approve the March 12, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

**Motion** by Larry Kellough, second by Gary Hopkins to approve payment of the March 2024 bills.

Vote:	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

### Guests

**David Robertson representing Floral Hills Memorial Gardens.** Robertson provides documentation of exhibits regarding Floral Hills and the possible violations made by Huntington Bank. He mentioned how the HNB lawyer was twisting things and he can prove it. Robertson went on to talk about how the Floral Hills lawyer charged him for discussing the matter. Robertson stated that “The trust agreement states that all finds go to the receiver of the cemetery.”, and went on to mention that the HNB lawyer is saying that the attorney general is wrong. Robertson said that “..by law the lawyer can’t go after the trust.”. He continued to say that “the law says that HNB isn’t allowed to hire a lawyer unless the cemetery owner tells them they can.”. Robertson voiced his opinion that the trust can’t be disposed, and that a one year limit for claims can’t be set; suggested that we discuss with the Prosecutor. Robertson also offered to have a meeting with the board if we needed things further explained. Robertson noted that his cousin has digitized records for the cemetery as well. He mentioned that Floral Hills Memorial Gardens has a FB page, and that we can’t let a cemetery “fail twice” (explaining that it is our duty to take care of it).

**Resident Brett Clark.** Clark stated that during the last rain, he saw two township workers drive by a plugged up culvert. He then saw a woman in her 70’s trying to unplug the culvert. John Cottrill said that the twp employees were driving around seeing what needed done, and were doing them the

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next days. John also mentioned that “Our road crew is not lazy.”. Larry Kellough then accused Brett of following the road crew around. Brett responded to this by saying “Bimbo, I’ve never followed the road crew, that was in front of my house.”.

### Fire Department Business – Chief Larry Cuckler

- 1) Cottrill asked the Chief if he would like to go into executive session with the board to discuss personnel issues; Cucker asked to discuss other matters first.
- 2) Cuckler mentioned that the union is in here, and asked for the boards approval for the Fire Department to wear merchandise provided by the Union as a part of the revised uniform and personal appearance policy. The revisions to the policy included seasonal times that employees could wear shorts, and a requirement for employees to wear 4in boots. After Cuckler spoke, Gary Hopkins said “How can a union come in here without board approval?”, he also made a reference to strikes that took place at the Mead. Hopkins was agitated by the idea of a union coming into the firehouse and said that unions were for “people that are too lazy to do their job.”. Hopkins went on to bring up the possibilities of the union wanting a raise for employees, and asked “Why would you want to pay union dues?”. Gary referenced hearing a conversation Cuckler was having where Cuckler said “This is a union house”; Cuckler then told Hopkins that the firehouse only has a union number, and that it hasn’t went all the way yet.
- 3) **Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Larry Kellough to approve the revised Uniform and Personal Appearance Policy.
- 4) Vote:

John Cottrill	Yes
Larry Kellough	Yes
Gary Hopkins	No
- 5) Cuckler asked that Haines take a new picture of the FD and upload to the website since the current one is outdated, Haines replied that he would.
- 6) Cuckler then presented a program that would bring underage kids into the fire department with the hope that they would later join the FD, he mentioned that it was “basically a waiver”.

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7) **Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to approve the Huntington Township Fire Department Underage FD Program.

8) Vote:                      Gary Hopkins              Yes  
                                    John Cottrill                Yes  
                                    Larry Kellough            Yes

9) After the approval of the Underage FD program, Cuckler presented the board with an application for the program, Robert Norris, and Cuckler said that the application had Been signed by Roberts Mother.

10) **Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to approve the application of Robert Norris to the Huntington Township Fire Department Underage FD Program.

11) Vote:                      Gary Hopkins              Yes  
                                    John Cottrill                Yes  
                                    Larry Kellough            Yes

12) Cuckler presented the board with two volunteer applicants, Ashton Lindman and Ryan Shepard.

**Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to approve the volunteer applications of Ashton Lindman and Ryan Shepard.

Vote:                            John Cottrill                Yes  
                                    Gary Hopkins                Yes  
                                    Larry Kellough            Yes

13) Cucker presented the board with several purchase reqs including a new battery for the Stryker lift, 6 “general” tires for the squad (said that the current tires have 30,000+ miles on them and are wobbling), temperature monitors that will go inside medicine refrigerator and report to cell phones, a cabinet, steam mops for laminate floors, and new landline phones to replace our current ones; these reqs totaled \$5,505.60.

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14) **Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough to approve the purchase reqs from Cuckler totaling \$5,505.60.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

15) **Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to go into executive session at 6:38 PM.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

16) **Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to call the meeting back to order at 6:59 PM

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

17) After coming out of executive session, Hopkins made a comment that he told Cuckler he would support him if he would come back as Chief, and asked if we could re-open the vote on the Uniform and Personal Appearance Policy.

18) **Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to approve the Uniform and Personal Appearance Policy.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

19) Cuckler presented the board with 3 full time applicants to be hired under the Safer Grant, River Kidder, Ryan McCann, and Kevin Fausnaugh jr. Cuckler then recommends that the board hire the three applicants.

20) **Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to approve the applications of the 3 full-time applicants (River Kidder, Ryan McCann, and Kevin Fausnaugh jr.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

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Larry Kellough      Yes

21) Cuckler mentioned that all three of these applicants would get a “good orientation” and that all have worked under the Gary Snyder medical protocol.

22) Cottrill mentioned that he would like if we could start audio and video recording our meetings and was considering setting a maximum budget of \$5,000 for the purchase of the equipment.

23) Cuckler mentioned that under the current Twin Mutual Aid agreement, a private ambulance has been called before Bainbridge and Scioto, and said that this adds time onto a call causing a delay in when EMS can get there. Cuckler asked Haines to add line 14 to the contract which reads “If Huntington Township can not cover an EMS run in Twin Township, then another township that has a contract with Twin (Bainbridge or Scioto) will be dispatched to handle the run.”.

24) **Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill approve the addition of line 14 to the Twin Township mutual aid contract.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

25) Haines Brought up the expiring 1 mil levy that expires Aug. 6, and the possibility for a renewal or replacement. Cottrill said “It takes so much to run a Fire Department anymore.”.

26) **Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough make the expiring 1 mil levy into a continuous replacement.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

27) The Trustees briefly discussed mowing within the Township, Cottrill mentioned the possibility of borrowing other townships mowers. Kellough then mentioned that Twin Twp is leasing one off of the County, to which Cottrill responded that he believes it is actually a lease to own through John Deere. Kellough proceeded to suggest that we see if we can get the County to mow for us.

28) Haines bought up the 3 reallocations he had to make, one within the General Fund- reallocation of \$3,000 from 1000-120-323 Repairs and Maintenance to 1000-110-314 Tax

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Collection Expense, and two within the Fire Fund: \$1,127 from 2111-230-323 Repairs and Maintenance to 2111-230-318 Training Services and an additional \$3,000 from 2111-230-323 Repairs and Maintenance to 2111-230-318 Training Services.

29) **Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to approve the reallocations made by Nick Haines.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

30) Cuckler said he would like to buy 6 lockers for a total of \$550, and presented a purchase requisition.

31) **Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to approve the purchase of 6 lockers for the Fire Department for a total of \$550

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

32) Cuckler took a few moments and discussed our mutual aid that we had given/received over the last month.

33) Haines brought up the 911 resolution and Cottrill and the other Trustees decided that we would table it for the time being.

34) Haines mentioned the EPA and Solid Waste resolution we had been provided with and Cottrill said that he would talk to Erica Tucker and we will table it for now.

35) Next discussed were the two sealed mowing bids we received. Upon opening, the first was from Eric Estep and for the cemetery came in at \$12,564 and \$3,510 for the FD. The next was Dylan Dotson at \$11,400 for the cemetery, and \$3,150 for the FD.

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36) **Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to accept the mowing bids by Dylan Dotson to mow the Cemeteries and FD.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

**Trustee Business**

37) Haines presented the paperwork showing that Robin Snyder (the former FO) had formally Trained/given things over to Nick Haines, as of April 1.

38) Cottrill brought up that while digging a grave in the Huntington Township Cemetery, on of our employees hit an adjacent base with the backhoe and took a chip off of it. A \$725 quote was given by Chillicothe Monument Company to replace the base.

39) **Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough to approve the purchase of a new headstone base to replace the one that was damaged while digging a grave.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

40) Next discussed by Cottrill was that we should give Chief Cuckler a credit card for both Lowes and Sam's Club.

41) **Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to give Chief Cuckler a Sam's Club and Lowes credit card.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

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42) **Motion** by Larry Kellough, second by Gary Hopkins to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM.

Vote:	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

ATTESTED:

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President

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Vice President

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Trustee

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Fiscal Officer