

HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
MAY 10, 2022

President Gary Hopkins called the May 10, 2022, meeting to order at 5:36 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 April 2022 regular meeting minutes.

Vote:	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to approve the April 27, 2022, special meeting minutes.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

Motion by Larry Kellough, second by Gary Hopkins to approve payment of April 2022 bills.

Vote:	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

GUEST: Tristen Carter, Assistant Fire Chief, approached the Board to ask for approval of two (2) purchase requisitions, as follows:

#1 Fire Catt	\$3,408.85	Fire hose testing
#2 Jason Corwin	\$278.45	keyboards for two squads

Motion by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Larry Kellough, to approve the two (2) purchase requisitions as requested by Assistant Chief Carter.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

➤ Carter asked the Board to rehire Logan Warren to the part-time crew. We let him go 1.17.2021 for not working shifts. He is a FF1/EMT-B.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to approve the rehire of Logan Warren as discussed above.

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Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

FO Snyder discussed with the Board her continuing concern about the Fire Fund's balance and how the full-time crew's overtime is negatively impacting that balance. In the most recent payroll period there were 175.25 hours of OT in excess of the 18 hours of OT that are part of their base pay. She explained that not only are we paying 1 ½ times the hourly rate, but also \$.24 on every \$1 of pay for OP&F retirement employer contribution.

Carter stated that the part-time crew is working minimum hours because they can make more money working elsewhere, then the full-time crew is mandated to cover the unfilled shifts. Therefore, his solution is to pay \$3 more an hour now from the ARPA funds.

Snyder explained that it would be too difficult to add \$3 to their hourly rate because the money would cross two different funds. The discussion then turned to paying a premium pay bonus every month for that month's hours. Snyder said that would work much better. The proposal for May would be that for hours worked the two pay periods in May – 5/2–5/15 and 5/16-5/29 – a \$3 premium pay would be paid at the end of the month. Board members nodded and spoke agreement with this idea, until Snyder recalled that all ARPA funds currently received have been appropriated for paving township roads. She noted that nothing could be done until the 2nd disbursement is received in September.

EMT Robin Pollock stated her opinion that \$11/hour is not enough money for a primary income. She has a full-time job elsewhere but helps out here as she can. She also inquired about the health insurance reimbursement procedure. Snyder explained that once she receives the receipt from the employee, within 3-4 days that reimbursement check has been created, signed, and to the employee.

The Board and Carter discussed EMS Billing, write-offs, and utilizing the OAG to collect written off accounts. Snyder said that was not a task she could take on, but would get the program up and running, but then wanted to hand it off to Chief Cuckler. She provided paperwork in the Chief's meeting packet regarding this program.

- The Board proceeded to open submitted, sealed bids for 2022 chip and seal of Township roads. The bids were as follows:
- Scioto Valley Paving (Lucasville, Ohio): 9 locations, totaling \$210,944.60.
 - SC Construction: 10 locations, totaling \$199,469.25.
 - Geauga Highway Co: 10 locations, totaling \$221,481.40.

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Snyder voiced her opinion that the bids were not even across the playing field because SC Construction was permitted to bid less due to some corrective work from last year's chip and seal work that was not satisfactory. She does not understand why the Board would award the 2022 contract to a company that did not complete the work satisfactorily in 2021.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Larry Kellough to award the 2022 chip & seal contract to SC Construction for \$199,469.25. (Kellough will communicate with SC Construction, and Snyder will notify the two that were not awarded the bid.)

Vote:	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

- TJ Oyer, assistant EMS Chief, pointed out an error on the mutual aid contract with Twin Township, in one place it has "Franklin" rather than "Twin". Snyder will correct the mistake and re-send it to their Fiscal Officer. Oyer also discussed ORC 4765.40 which requires transport to the closest appropriate facility and stated that listing out the medical facilities to which we are willing to transport is incorrect.

The Board discussed the current status of the plan to sell equipment and secure a John Deere 60G Compact Excavator. It is on order with expected delivery of 9/2022. We have an offer for the Komatsu (see below), but have not sold the big trailer yet.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to sell the Komatsu PC75UU 19926 equipment to Ronald Kellough for \$10,000. Belonged to the Road Crew.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

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

1. Road Funds – sale of Komatsu
 - a. Certify \$10,000 for the sale of the Komatsu equipment into 2031.892.0000 Misc Non-Op
 - b. Appropriate \$10,000 into 2031.760.740 Machinery & Equipment

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

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

- FO Snyder shared that the 2-mill replacement levy resolution for auditor certification had been mailed to the county auditor. The next step will be a motion to proceed which is prepared by the county prosecutor.

GUEST: Bruce Pauley, president of the Association, told the Board about upcoming activities. There will be a fish fry on July 9th. Since it is the FD's 60th anniversary a bluegrass band will perform from 1-2 and 3-4. The Prince and Princess contest will be held at the school this fall. In the winter they will host Pancakes with Santa.

General items under discussion:

- April 2022 Run Statistics: 78 calls of which 73 were EMS and we answered all of them. 5 were fire related. We gave 16 mutual aids and received 2. It was noted that it would be helpful to have a column that defines exactly who we give and get mutual to/from.
- Trustee Cottrill had a cemetery update. Flags are being placed this coming weekend in the cemeteries in preparation for Memorial Day. Brock Houser will create the cement curb for the next section of Huntington Township Cemetery but has not started yet. M&M Fabrication will install the new fencing.
- Work has not started on the FD septic system failure, which means it will require constant pumping until the work is done. This expense could be paid from the General Fund.
- Cottrill shared that they will make the road crew area look better and are seeking a way to secure communication between the trustees and fiscal officer.
- Snyder provided an update on the Voyager fleet program – application submitted and is under review. Cards for Wilt, Monroe, and 4 for the FD.
- Snyder informed the Board that Twin Township has been billed \$2,850 for mutual aid runs in March and April.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

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ATTESTED:

President

Vice President

Member

Fiscal Officer