

Huntington Township Regular Meeting  
June 11, 2024

President John Cottrill called the June 11, 2024, meeting to order at 6:03 PM 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 May Regular Meeting Minutes.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

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

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

**Guests**

Nate Cuckler comes in front of the board and talks about the fire department officially being union 5480. Cottrill says that we will negotiate in good faith, and that we are putting a team together.

**Fire Department Business – Chief Larry Cuckler**

- 1) Chief Cuckler presented the board with several purchase requisitions, including \$1300 for an iPad with a protection plan and an Otter Box, \$850 bill from Cutrights for problems we were having with the Suburban, and \$47 for trash bags; the purchase orders totaled \$2,197. Cuckler had more purchase requisitions, but they were not presented/approved because Hopkins mentioned that we only have \$41,000 in the Fire Fund.

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to approve the purchase orders presented by Chief Cuckler for a total of \$2,197.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

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Chief Cuckler then hands Haines a Forestry check for \$140 to deposit, and continues to discuss money we receive from fires. Cuckler also mentioned a \$850 bill for 2 new tires from TJ Farm Service for the Rescue vehicle.

Haines mentioned that we have finally received the insurance check from the squad accident that occurred early in the year, and that we will now be paying the bill the Township received for the repairs.

Cuckler then presented the board with a part time application from Jason Cody Thomas, recommending that we hire him onto the part time crew as a FF2/EMT B (\$12.63).

- 2) **Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Larry Kellough approve the hiring of Jason Cody Thomas onto the part time crew as a FF2/EMT B at \$12.63 an hour.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

- 3) Cuckler presented the board with another application, this time for the hire of Jake Norris onto the Volunteer crew.

- 4) **Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough to approve the hiring of Jake Norris onto the Fire Department's Volunteer crew.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

### Trustee Business

- 5) Next Haines mentioned the work that has been done for our 1 mil continuous replacement levy that will be going on the ballot this fall.

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to approve the resolution to proceed for the 1 mil continuous replacement levy.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

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- 6) Haines presented the board with reallocations he had to make over the past month. Cemetery Fund: \$28.17 from 2041-410-360 contracted services to 2041-190-323 repairs and maintenance. Fire Fund: \$3000 from 2111-230-420 operating supplies to 2111-230-323 repairs and maintenance.
- 7) **Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough to approve the reallocations within the Cemetery and Fire Funds made by Haines.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

- 8) Haines brought up the budget hearing that we must have in July and briefly discussed it.
- 9) **Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to hold the 2025 budget hearing July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at the Firehouse, with the regular meeting to follow.

10). Vote	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

Cottrill next led discussion about the Huntington Cemetery and it was mentioned that our guys are having a hard time mowing due to all of the debris and things that aren't supposed to be at our cemetery. Hopkins then mentioned that with the cemetery filling up, and a lot of large stones being in place, we are going to end up having to pay someone to move the large headstones so we can dig graves. Next mentioned was that we need to come up with, and establish rules at Floral Hills before we have a similar situation there. Kellough added that other cemetery's don't have the same mess that ours does, and that we "...are going to have to do something up there.". Brett Clark mentioned that everyone gets a copy of the cemetery rules, and that they really can't complain.

Cottrill mentions Floral Hills, and states that they would like to take bids for the mowing. He continued to say that we will be taking bids up until the 20<sup>th</sup> of June, and that we need to publicize that we are taking them (bid window later extended to July 5).

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**Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to decide to take bids for the mowing of the Floral Hills cemetery with a deadline of June 20th.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

- 1) Cottrill discussed the possibility of turning Floral Hills into a Township Road, and said that “There is money available from the State Government for that”. He continued to mention that both the Floral Hills road and the bridge are in need of repair.
  
- 2) Cottrill brought up the idea of Hiring former Fiscal Officer Robin Snyder as a contractor for a period of 1-year to get the records at Floral Hills straightened out, he said that “There’s no one more qualified in the Township to do the Job” in reference to Robin. Then a contract prepared by Robin Snyder was presented to the Board.
  
- 3) **Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough to approve/accept the contract provided by Robin Snyder for 1-year, which specifies that we will pay her \$11.25 an hour, and provide a laptop and key.

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| 4) Vote: | Gary Hopkins   | Yes |
|          | Larry Kellough | Yes |
|          | John Cottrill  | Yes |

Haines mentioned that he will be on vacation next week after his wedding, and that payroll will need to be sent to Robin Snyder.

Haines next brought up the Ross County 911 resolution that failed to pass at our last meeting and mentioned that he believes the board miss-understood the purpose of the resolution, and that we may want to vote on it again. Cottrill said that we will Table it for the next meeting.

- 5) **Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

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ATTESTED:

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President

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Vice President

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Trustee

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Fiscal Officer