

HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 24, 2023

President Gary Hopkins called the July 24, 2023 meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Fire House.

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

**Electrical Aggregation with Trebel Consulting:**

- 1) The first document to discuss and sign was the Energy Consulting and Management Agreement (EMA) with Trebel. The Ross County Prosecutor reviewed this document and requested one change, which was incorporated into the agreement. That change was that if the ballot issue failed, the EMA terminated.

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough to sign the EMA with Trebel.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

- 2) The second document discussed was the need to enter into a contract relationship with Trebel. This relationship will permit them to act on the Twp's behalf.

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough to sign the EMA with Trebel.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

**This is Resolution 7.24.23**

Before the last action was discussed and voted upon, there was a discussion between residents Rick Magill and Rodney Parker. Magill is opposed to the aggregation. He cited a negative experience on behalf of his father that had cancellation fees and other rules that made it very difficult to opt out. Larry Taylor, the Trebel rep, said that there are no tricks or hidden fees, or even time commitments required. If someone desires to opt out, it is easy to do so. Taylor explained that the period of time for the fixed rate and the rate would be presented to the Board with a recommendation, and the Board then makes the decision.

Cottrill shared that he had discussed aggregation with Scioto and Jefferson townships. Both stated that it was a wonderful idea, with very little negativity.

Parker was opposed at first, stating that he handles his own and gets his own rates. His rates currently are around 6.3 to 6.39. He asked if a person was unhappy with the provider if they could opt out and go back with the provider they had previously. The answer was yes.

75% of all residents do not select a provider, and stay with AEP. The goal would be to help manage the cost for those people who never take care of it themselves.

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Magill said his big issue with it is this – what if every AEP customer voted no, but the SCP people all voted yes, and the issue passed – how fair is that for people who had no choice could make the decision for those whom it does impact?!

Taylor gave more information about the program. They do an RFP and gather the bids. Trebel reviews and makes a recommendation for the length of the time commitment and the rate, but the Board will see everything and make the ultimate choice. At the end of the agreement, the process begins again. Agreed that we are using the utilities lines, and electricity. He said it is very easy for a resident to opt out; just call the supplier and opt out. He assured us that AEP makes it easy, too.

- 3) The Board then consider the resolution to proceed with putting the issue of electrical aggregation on the November ballot.

**Motion** by Larry Kellough, second by Gary Hopkins to approve the resolution to proceed with placing the issue of aggregation on the November ballot.

**The question to the electors of Huntington Township:**

*Shall the Board of Trustees of Huntington Township have the authority to aggregate the retail electric loads located within the unincorporated areas of the Township, and for that purpose, entered into service agreements to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity, such aggregation to occur automatically expect where any person elects to opt-out, in accordance with Section 4928.20 of the Ohio Revised Code and Resolution 7.24.23 adopted by the Board of Trustees?*

Vote:	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

**Discussion:**

**Trustee Cottrill** discussed the wrecked Twp vehicle, stating that we had a choice to accept the salvage value of \$1,550, or buy it back ourselves.

**Motion** by Larry Kellough, second by Gary Hopkins to accept the salvage value of \$1,550 offered by or insurer and be done with it.

Vote:	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

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**Discussion:**

**FO Snyder** informed the Board that the Auditor's office contracted her to see if the Twp needed an advance on 2<sup>nd</sup> half property taxes. She pointed to the funds statement each trustee had received, stating that she feels we are in an excellent financial state and there was no need to take an advance. The trustees agreed. The Auditor's office committed to having the payments out by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August.

The Board signed a few checks and purchase orders at this time.

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	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