

# Huntington Township Regular Meeting

## July 9, 2024

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

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

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by John Larry Kellough to approve the 2025 budget prepared by Nick Haines

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by John Larry Kellough to approve the June Regular Meeting Minutes.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

**Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Larry Kellough to approve payment of the June 2024 bills.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

### Guests

Resident Betty Kohn returned to speak about the condition of Turner Road, she began by mentioning that she noticed the Township had patched potholes on Turner, but wanted to know why it couldn't be better fixed. The Trustees responded by saying that they have a plan to get a lot of the roads paved, and went on to mention that they will do the best they can this year to improve the road. Mrs. Kohn next mentioned how narrow the road was, Larry Kellough responded by saying that 90% of the road is at least 20ft wide. The discussion ended with Gary Hopkins saying we will do what we can.

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Resident Brett Clark said that he would like to have the report from the county engineer about the washout on his property, and then asked whether or not the public will be invited into meetings involving tax dollars (in reference to union meetings/negotiations). The trustees mentioned that they are putting a team together to negotiate.

**Fire Department Business – Chief Larry Cuckler**

- 1) Chief Cuckler presented the board with several purchase requisitions totaling \$1,677, including \$1000 for T-shirts and Carhart hoodies. \$320 for HIS, and \$357 for Tiger Tough.

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to approve the purchase orders presented by Chief Cuckler for a total of \$1,677.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

Chief Cuckler presents a full time application for Austin Thompson and recommends that the board hire him.

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to hire Austin Thompson full time as a FF2/EMT B at \$13.21 an hour.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

Chief Cuckler presents a part time application for Hayden Hall and recommends that the board hire him.

**Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Larry Kellough to hire Hayden Hall time as a FF2/EMT B at \$12.63 an hour.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Cuckler presents the board with a resignation from Robin Pollock from her Lieutenant position (staying part time).

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2) **Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Larry Kellough to accept the resignation from Robin Pollock as Lieutenant.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

3) Cuckler recommends that the board promote Andrew Uhrig and Austin Depugh into Lieutenant positions.

4) **Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to promote Andrew Uhrig and Austin Depugh into Lieutenant positions.

5) Vote

	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

6) Cuckler said to the board that he would like to terminate Ryan Shepard from the volunteer crew due to some complaints they have received.

7) **Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough to approve the termination of Ryan Shepard from the Fire Department's Volunteer crew.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

**Trustee Business**

8) Next Cottrill opened the three bids the Township received for mowing at Floral Hills Cemetery; one bid by Dylan Dotson came in at \$8,800, a bid by Big E's Landscaping was also \$8,800, and the third bid was by Bodie Landscaping at \$11,700.

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**Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to accept the bid of Big E's Landscaping for \$8,800 for the mowing of Floral Hills Cemetery.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

Cottrill next brought up the cemetery grant, and what we can use the money for. Resident Bud Lytle asked if the money could go towards fixing up the caretaker's house at Floral Hills. Lytle then mentions that he has guys that need community service time (inciting that they could help out at the cemetery). Cottrill also mentioned that Pike recovery has offered their help to us as well.

9) Cottrill mentioned the funeral home letters he had Haines draft for the charges of Floral Hills burials, the board then reviewed the letters.

10) **Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to approve the drafted funeral home letters to be sent to the surrounding funeral homes in regards to Floral Hills.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

11) Haines and Cottrill discussed the public notice Robin Snyder had drafted for Floral Hills claims to be filed over the next year.

12) **Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins approve the public notice drafted by Robin Snyder in regards to Floral Hills claims.

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

Cottrill mentions potential cemetery rules at Floral Hills, including no trees, shepherds' hooks, fences, benches, monuments must be flush with the ground, and that flowers must be in vases.

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The Trustees next discussed the current paving projects and how road/lane closures will follow. Resident Moose Christman, mentioned how recklessly people drive on Kyser Road. Cottrill next mentioned that the paving projects will cost us \$30,000 more than originally anticipated.

14) **Motion** by Larry Kellough, second by Gary Hopkins to approve the additional \$30,000 it will cost us to have the roads paved.

15) Vote	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

The Ross County 911 Resolution was again brought up and Bud Lytle was asked to help inform the board/audience about the resolution, given his law enforcement background; he then went into detail of how he believes the 911 system would work.

1) **Motion** by Gary Hopkins, Seconded by John Cottrill to approve the Ross County 911 Resolution.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

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2) **Motion** by Gary Hopkins, Seconded by John Cottrill to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 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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Trustee

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Fiscal Officer