

Huntington Township Regular Meeting

August 13, 2024

President John Cottrill called the August 13, 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 Larry Kellough to approve the July Regular Meeting Minutes.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to approve the July 30th Special Meeting Minutes.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

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

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to go into executive session at 6:05 PM for personnel matters.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to resume the meeting at 6:15 PM.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

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Fire Department Business – Chief Larry Cuckler

- 1) Chief Cuckler presented the board with several purchase requisitions totaling \$24,651.72; including new flooring/lights from Lowes, two new lights for the fire truck, coats, pants, boots, saw chains, ems supplies, and paramedic training for two of the full-time firefighters.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to approve the purchase orders presented by Chief Cuckler for a total of \$24,651.72.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

Cuckler then presented the board with the part time application of Tyler Russel, with his recommendation.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to hire Tyler Russel as a FF1 to the part time crew.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

Haines mentioned an advance that needed to be made to cover expenses in the fire fund for a total of \$932.73.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to advance \$932.73 from the General Fund to the Fire Fund.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

Haines next discussed several reallocations he had to make over the last month to cover various expenses.

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Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough to approve the reallocations made by Haines.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

The board next discussed union contract negotiations; Cottrill mentioned that collective bargaining meetings are privately held meetings and sunshine laws don't apply. He also mentioned that the board has been advised to hire a lawyer by our legal counsel.

Next was a brief discussion over Floral Hills, and President Cottrill mentioned that some funeral homes were confused about the prices we are charging, and also said that Guardian Vault is doing a good job at the cemetery. The trustees also discussed cemetery rules, and said that they have a sign ordered.

Hopkins stated that the chip seal and paving project is all done on Baptist Hill and DeBord roads.

Hopkins then brought up Franklin Twp and mutual aid, recommending that we send them a bill for \$1,000 a run since they didn't sign our contract. Haines mentioned that the contract we sent them specified that they would only pay \$350 for a transport and \$250 for having us show up. The board decided to go ahead and bill them next month for our runs. Resident Moose Chrisman spoke up and said "I don't know why we're out to save the world." and continued to express that if we don't get paid to go on a run outside of the twp, we shouldn't go.

The FD schedule was then brought up; Cottrill mentioned that the board had tabled the schedule last month in fear of creating extra OT. He then mentioned that based off the studies he was given, the schedule would give better quality of life to the employees, and that they would even have time to work a second job. Cottrill said he thinks it will be alright, at least on a trial basis. He then expressed safety concerns and said that we could not have any mandating of overtime, and said that we will further discuss the schedule in the union negotiations. Chief Cuckler said that he doesn't think we should move forward with this tonight, and that we should discuss it next meeting.

The board decided to hold a special meeting on August 24th at 9AM to discuss the FD schedule (no motion needed).

The trustees then mentioned that Trebel Energy has worked to get electrical aggregation back on the ballot this fall, and that it will indeed be on the ballot.

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Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

ATTESTED:

President

Vice President

Trustee

Fiscal Officer