

HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP 2021 BUDGET HEARING and REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 8, 2020

President Gary Hopkins called the July 8 2020 meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. at the Fire House.

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

### **Hearing on the 2021 Annual Budget**

The 2021 Annual Budget was presented for hearing and review by FO Snyder. A few of the highlights follows. Showing a \$6,000 increase in Local Government Funding. We will have an audit in 2021. It is our 3<sup>rd</sup> and final year for the SAFER Grant; the award is \$32,490 for the final year which is half of what it was the first two years. The new squad loan repayments are considerably higher than the previous loan – more money and shorter repayment period. There are no expiring levies. The EMS billing revenue is budgeted at \$170,524 which is double the amount we have collected as of June 30, 2020. The following grants have been included in addition to the SAFER grant: Road mileage; sales tax allocation; MARCS; and EMS grant. There is an increase of 2% increase for all employees. The Township has two loans in 2021 - the new squad and the dump truck. The truck will be paid off March 30, 2022.

The Board and Chief discussed the declining EMS revenues and increasing write-offs. It was stated that squad runs should be our #1 priority, and should be remitted accurately to Medicount. Possible problems – the pandemic and Medicount employees working from home? Or could it be due to the insurance companies being behind due to people out of the office or working from home? Rob Grooms will invite our representative, Thad, to our next Board meeting.

The Board discussed a plan to have the Road crew mow all cemeteries in 2021, and no longer contract that work out. Cottrill stated that it would save us \$6,000 in mowing expense. Kellough stated that we must consider increased gas cost as well as repair work on the mowers, or if we would need a new mower.

Chief Cuckler stated that he believes repairs/maintenance spend will be lower in 2021 due to our new squad. We spent a lot of money maintaining the other two squads the last year.

Chief Cuckler also discussed the continued concern we have with mutual aid calls and the tension with being present for our own Township people. He stated that Union Township feels the same tension.

The Board asked FO Snyder to check with other fiscal officers to see how their townships are handling the tension, and to also follow up with the prosecutor on our previous discussion at his office regarding mutual aid.

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough to approve the 2021 Annual Township Budget.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

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**Regular July Meeting**

**Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins, to approve the June 2020 regular meeting minutes.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill, to approve the June 30,2020 special meeting minutes.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

**Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Larry Kellough, to approve payment of June 2020 bills.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

- Chief Cuckler asked the Board to hire Logan Warren to the paid, part-time crew at \$11.33 hour. He is an EMT-B and FF1.

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill, to hire Logan Warren to the paid, part-time crew at \$11.33/hr.with the qualifications of EMT-B and FF1.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

- Chief Cuckler asked the Board to approve one (1) purchase requisitions, as follows:

#1 Korey Pauley	\$44.83	Reimburse paint used to paint parking lot lines
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**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Larry Kellough to approve the one (1) purchase req.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
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	John Cottrill	Yes

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- Chief Cuckler asked the Board to approve the promotion of Thomas (TJ) Oyer to position of Captain, in charge of all Fire & EMS Training, and Michael Grooms to the position of Fire Lieutenant.

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to approve the promotions of Oyer and M Grooms as laid out above.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

- Trustee Cottrill shared that the Ross County Veterans Council donated flags and marker/holders for veterans buried in our cemeteries. Cottrill would like for the Township to make a \$100 donation to that nonprofit organization.

**Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to approve a \$100 donation to the Ross County Veterans Council.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

- FO Snyder asked the Board to reschedule the August 12 meeting for Friday, August 7 at 5:30 at the Fire House because she will be on vacation.

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough to approve moving the August meeting to August 7<sup>th</sup>, same time, same place. Snyder will place public notices.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

**Guest:** Jeff See provided an update on the activities of Ross County Community Action.

- 1) Still meeting via Zoom
- 2) Bought two properties; one for a ladies homeless shelter and one for a family homeless shelter
- 3) Head start lost their automatic grant renewal, but put in for the addition of Infants/Toddlers as well as 3-5 year olds and were approved for both!
- 4) Unrelated – but he said that the road in front of his house is in bad shape.

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**7.8.20 ACCEPTANCE OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF DISTRIBUTION FUND**

**In the matter of fulfilling the requirements of Ohio Senate Bill 310 for the passage of a resolution in order to receive and expend federal funds under section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act**

A motion was made by Trustee Gary Hopkins to adopt the following:

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, 116 Public Law 136, (the CARES Act) was signed into law by the President of the United States on March 27, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio General Assembly established a process for distributing funds provided by the “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act” in Amended Substitute Senate Bill 310 of the 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly (S.B. 310); and

**WHEREAS**, S.B. 310 requires subdivisions receiving funds, to pass a resolution affirming that funds from the County Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund may be expended only to cover costs of the subdivision consistent with the requirements of section 5001 of the CARES Act as described in 42 U.S.C. 601(d), and any applicable regulations before receiving said funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Huntington Township Board of Trustees is requesting its share of funds from the County Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund; and, therefore be it

**RESOLVED** by the Huntington Township Board of Trustees affirms that all funds received from the County Coronavirus Relief Distribution Fund pursuant to S.B. 310 be expended only to cover costs of the subdivision consistent with the requirements of section 5001 of the CARES Act as described in 42 U.S.C. 601(d), and any applicable regulations and guidance only to cover expenses that:

- (1) Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
- (2) Were not accounted for in Huntington Township’s most recently approved budget as of March 27, 2020; and
- (3) Were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 30, 2020. And be it further

**RESOLVED** by the Huntington Township Board of Commissioners that the Ross County Auditor take the following actions and all other necessary actions to remain in compliance with S.B. 310:

- (1) On or before October 15, 2020, pay any unencumbered balance of money in the county’s local coronavirus relief fund to the county coronavirus relief distribution fund;
- (2) On or before December 28, 2020, pay the balance of any money in the county’s local coronavirus relief fund to the state treasury in the manner prescribed by the Director of the Ohio Office of Budget and Management; and
- (3) Provide any information related to any payments received under S.B. 310 to the Director of the Ohio Office of Budget and Management as requested.

**RESOLVED**, that the Clerk to the Board is hereby authorized and instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the county auditor and to the Director of the Ohio Office of Budget and Management.

MOTION BY: Gary Hopkins  
SECOND BY: John Cottrill

VOTE: Gary Hopkins Yes  
John Cottrill Yes  
Larry Kellough Yes

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- FO Snyder asked the Board to approve the following certifications, appropriations, and re-appropriations to Township funds:

Coronavirus Relief Fund

1. Certify \$27,858.67 into 2272.511.0000 Federal Funds for the CARES funding.
  - a. This resource is new, and very regulated. Any unused funds must be returned.
2. Appropriate \$15,000 into 2272.290.420 Operating Supplies
3. Leaving \$12,858.67 not appropriated at this time.

**Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Larry Kellough, to approve the certifications, appropriations, and re-appropriations detailed above.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

**General items under discussion:**

- June 2020 Run Statistics: 92 total calls of which 84 were EMS for which we answered 84. 8 were fire calls and we answered 100% of those. Gave 11 mutual aid and received 6.
- All paperwork is signed and we are ready to start billing for fire and auto accidents as of June 23, 2020 with Fire Recovery.
- Trustees discussed that the air conditioner is out on the yellow dump truck and needs replaced.
- Trustee Kellough said that Jamie of SC Construction is ready to begin our chip and seal work whenever we are ready. They would need a one week notice.
- Mike Buchanan contacted the trustees about a culvert replacement on Chester Hill Road on the big hill. The County is doing the work for us to replace the culvert and patch the road where we dug it out.
- The Board discussed Seelig Lane. J Allagree filled in the recently improved ditches with gravel. The Board asked FO Snyder to prepare a letter to invite Mr. Allagree to the August meeting. Cite ORC 5589.06 - **Obstructing ditch, drain, or watercourse - duty of superintendent.** 5589.06 **Obstructing ditch, drain, or watercourse - duty of superintendent.** No person shall wrongfully obstruct any ditch, drain, or watercourse along, upon or across a public highway, or divert any water from adjacent lands to or upon a public highway.

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**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

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