

HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP 2022 BUDGET HEARING and REGULAR MEETING
JULY 14, 2021

President Gary Hopkins called the July 14, 2021 meeting to order at 5:32 P.M. at the Fire House.

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

Hearing on the 2022 Annual Budget

The 2022 Annual Budget was presented for hearing and review by FO Snyder. A few of the highlights follows. The SAFER Grant expires February 20, 2022 with the funding received in 2021. Application has been made for a new SAFER Grant, but one has yet to be awarded. The squad loan repayments will be \$40,681 in 2022. There are no expiring levies, but the 2 mill is eligible to be voted upon during the November 2022 election. The EMS billing revenue is budgeted at \$194,934. The following grants have been included in this budget: Road mileage; sales tax allocation; MARCS; and EMS grant. Applications will be submitted for a cemetery grant, and the American Rescue Plan, but these monies are not included in the current budget. There is an increase of 2% increase for all employees. The Township has a total of three loans in 2022 - the squad, the 2019 dump truck, last payment is March 30, 2022, and the 2021 dump truck, last payment will be March 15 2024.

Trustee Cottrill stated that the cemetery and fire house mowing will be contracted out in 2022, except for the Huntington Township cemetery which will be mowed by Road Crew employees.

The current budget shows a shortfall of \$47,600 in the Fire Fund.

This 2022 budget year is not one in which we will receive public works funding for road paving.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to approve the 2022 Annual Township Budget.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Regular July Meeting

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill, to approve the June 2021 regular meeting minutes.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

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Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill, to approve the June 30, 2021 special meeting minutes.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins, to approve payment of June 2021 bills.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

GUEST: Larry Cuckler, Fire Chief, approached the Board to ask for approval of three (3) purchase requisitions, as follows:

#1 PRJVS	\$943	FFS Class for Chris Benson
#2 Mark Porter Ford	\$2,000	Replace/repair high pressure fuel rail sensors on wrecked squad
#3 Fire Safety Services	\$2,895	600' of 3" fire hose

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to approve all three (3) purchase requisitions.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

- Chief Cuckler shared that the fish fry was successful and we had \$1000 in sales.
- Chief Cuckler gave an update on the wrecked squad. He stated that Rinehart insurance was not paying bills and was not returning his calls. FO Snyder said she was contact Sharon Dougherty of Rinehart for an update. It has been out of service since November 2020. There was discussion, but no decision, regarding extended warranties on the Ford parts. The existing warranty is 7 years, 100,000 miles.
- Chief Cuckler shared pay scales for emergency responders across several townships: Huntington, Minford, Green, Porter (?), Union, and Jackson County EMS. A discussion ensued regarding what is the correct rate to compare. FO Snyder advocates a fully loaded pay rate is the proper measure, given that the three full-time EMS employees received 25% of each \$1 towards retirement contributions, as well as benefits.

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- Next the Board and Chief discussed EMS collections, specifically questioning if proper Q&A is occurring on our run data, why so much of our billing is written off, and if Medicount is the correct partner for 3rd party billing. Many of our transports are Medicaid, which means we may collect around \$250 per transport.
- FO Snyder shared two liquor permit applications, one for Huntsman Market and one for Huntsmen Market. Beer, wine, mixed beverages in sealed containers, carryout only, and sale of liquor on Sundays.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to permit and approve the applications with no need for a hearing.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

- FO Snyder shared a few details with the Board regarding a new source of federal funding called the American Rescue Plan. The Township share will be \$652,599.10, and application must be made by September 4, 2021. It will be paid out in two equal installments. Interest earned will remain with the Township, unlike the CARES funding. The performance period ends December 31, 2024. Snyder will participate in a presentation by the Ohio Grants Partnership, and then Trustee Cottrill, FO Snyder, and Chief Cuckler will participate in an OTA webinar presentation on July 28 from 10:00 – noon.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins, for FO Snyder to make application for the ARP Grant.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

- Trustee Cottrill discussed a cemetery grant that recently became available for \$130,000 for the entire state. Individual awards will be made of \$5,000. We might be able to purchase a small zero turn mower.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins, for Cottrill to apply for the cemetery grant.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

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- FO Snyder asked the Board to approve a certification of revenue and appropriation as follows:

Cemetery

- Certify an additional \$2300 into 2041.804.0000 Sale of Cemetery Lots
- Appropriate \$2300 into 2041.110.360 Other Contracted Services

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins, to approve the above-mentioned certification and appropriation.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

- Trustees Cottrill and Hopkins stated the need to have updated letters on file with Rural King, Central Center Hardware, and Napa regarding who is approved to charge items to the Township account. Snyder will update and send out the letters.
- Trustee Cottrill expressed concern about burials in Bishop Hill Cemetery, and would like to consider closing that cemetery. Discussion tabled until the August meeting.
- The termination letters notifying all parties of the County Wide Mutual Aid emergency services agreement that Huntington Township is leaving the agreement effective October 1, 2021 have been mailed. The Board intends to approach individual townships with one-on-one mutual aid agreements between now and the October 1 end date. Agreements will be sent to Prosecutor Marks for review.

General items under discussion:

- June 2021 Run Statistics: 94 total calls of which 86 were EMS for which we answered 85. 8 were fire calls and we answered 100% of those. Gave 26 mutual aid and received 2. Chief Cuckler noted that mutual aid calls had slowed down the most recent week.
- Brief discussion regarding the chip and seal program for this year, and that Mt Zion Road will be covered for an estimated \$41,000. Beginning Wednesday, July 21 five roads will receive chip and seal in the Township: Chester, Beatty, Clark, Mt Zion, and Harris Station.
- Trustee Hopkins discussed a concern of Mark Justice on Windy Ridge regarding open sewage in a residential area. The resident claims that a tank is catching the sewage and it is properly disposed.
- A resident of Mt Zion confronted Road workers while they were working on that road. Two trustees will visit that resident to discuss his concerns July 15th.

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Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill, to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

ATTESTED:

President

Vice President

Member

Fiscal Officer