President Daniel Mathuews called the July 12, 2017 meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. at the Township Firehouse.

Roll Call:  
Daniel Mathuews  Present
Larry Kellough  Present
Gary Hopkins  Present

**Hearing on the 2018 Annual Budget**

The 2018 Annual Budget was presented for hearing and review by FO Snyder. Local Government funding is budgeted to decrease by 5% and property taxes increase by 8%. The EMS billing revenue is budgeted at $110,304. This budget includes 3 levies: the 2 mill Fire/EMS (2017); the 1 mill Fire/EMS (2018); and the new 1.5 mill EMS (2018). The following grants have been included: Road mileage; sales tax allocation; EMS grant; and Firefighters’ Training grant. There is an increase of 10% for the two trustees who will be elected this fall as well as a 5% increase for the road laborers. The Township has one remaining loan that will pay off 9.30.2020.

**Motion** by Daniel Mathuews, second by Larry Kellough to approve the 2018 Annual Township Budget.

Vote:  
Daniel Mathuews  Yes
Larry Kellough  Yes
Gary Hopkins  Yes

**Regular July Meeting**

**Motion** by Daniel Mathuews, second by Larry Kellough, to approve the June 2017 meeting minutes.

Vote:  
Daniel Mathuews  Yes
Larry Kellough  Yes
Gary Hopkins  Yes

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by Daniel Mathuews, to approve payment of June 2017 bills.

Vote:  
Gary Hopkins  Yes
Daniel Mathuews  Yes
Larry Kellough  Yes
GUEST: Larry Cuckler, Fire Chief, approached the Board to ask for approval of five (5) purchase requisitions, as follows:

- #1 Cindy Lundy $801.85 Reimburse training/hotel
- #2 Fastenal $441.74 Hose reel, tarps, etc.
- #3 Dixon Jewelers $14 engraved radios
- #4 Mike Hopkins $4,211 Metal racks at Fire House for turn-out gear
- #5 B&C Communication $3600 4 pagers - MARCS

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by Daniel Mathuews, to approve all 5 purchase requisitions as presented by Chief Cuckler.

Vote:

- Gary Hopkins Yes
- Daniel Mathuews Yes
- Larry Kellough Yes

- Cuckler asked the Board to hire 2 new applicants to the paid crew at the Fire Department: Robin Pollock(FF1/EMTB) and Anthony Wheeler (Paramedic/FF2).

**Motion** by Daniel Mathuews, second by Larry Kellough, to approve the new hires as listed above to the HTFD paid crew.

Vote:

- Daniel Mathuews Yes
- Larry Kellough Yes
- Gary Hopkins Yes

- Cuckler asked the Board to remove TC Mills from the HTVFD for lack of participation.

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by Daniel Mathuews, to remove TC Mills from the HTVFD as requested by Chief Cuckler.

Vote:

- Gary Hopkins Yes
- Daniel Mathuews Yes
- Larry Kellough Yes
Cuckler asked the Board to approve the promotions of Bruce Pauley and Eric Price to EMS Lieutenants.

**Motion** by Daniel Mathuews, second by Gary Hopkins, to approve the promotions stated above.

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**GUEST:** Residents of Turner Road in Huntington Township came to the meeting to discuss the condition of their road, which they feel is in very bad shape. The following people addressed the Board: Betty Cone (46 years); John Nickell (8 years); Craig Kirk (8 years); Rick Shardon; George; and Mr. Benner. They stated that the road dust was terrible, as were pot holes, and uneven surfaces. They asked for chip and seal, but the Board said that work was completed for this year and only the small section from the bridge to 772 was done. They said that school buses drive entirely too fast given the condition of the road. Solutions were discussed such as dust control, cutting the weeds, ditching and grading, and gravel. The trustees committed to drive the road Thursday morning and evaluate the condition of the road. They can grade the road, add gravel, and see what they can do about the dust. They asked the residents to not take their frustration out on the Road Crew when they are working on Turner Road.

**GUEST:** Emily Schmidt of the Sheriff’s Office introduced herself and asked if there were anything Sheriff Lavender could do for the Board or residents. She told the Turner Road residents to feel free to call the Sheriff’s office with any concerns about speeding on their road.

**Motion** by Daniel Mathuews, second by Gary Hopkins, to approve a Resolution to Proceed with a 1.5 mill replacement, continuous levy that will collect $102,347. Levy will be placed on the November 2017 ballot.

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**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough, to approve the purchase of a Kubota tractor from Sargent’s Rental for $20,000 that will be used to dig graves and for other small/tight jobs.

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General items under discussion:

- Chief Cuckler and the Board continued the discussion of paying for EMS training. A policy should be discussed at the August meeting; some suggested policy items are:
  - If a test is failed, the student must pay for it themselves the next time
  - Only pay for training at designated times of the year
  - If already enrolled in the class, and then come to the Township to join and get the training paid for – No we will not pay.
  - Training must be preapproved
  - The 120-hour fire training class is the only one we would approve and pay
  - Consider our own people doing the training; for example: Grooms, Carter, Cuckler.
- Run stats for June: 61 EMS, 6 Fire
- Trustee Hopkins expressed dissatisfaction with the article in the Chillicothe Gazette regarding the 1.5 mill replacement levy that will be on the ballot in November.
- The new tractor is back. Surplus and sell tires/rims.
- Trustee Hopkins discussed a resident on Landman Lane that was upset that when mowing we cut down 15 saplings, but they were in our right-of-way. We will reimburse the resident $30.
- FO Snyder asked how much progress had been made on providing a list of people who need to be paid for work done as volunteers that needed to be paid at the actual rate of paid staff.

**Motion** by Daniel Mathuews, second by Gary Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

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President

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Vice President

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Member

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Fiscal Officer