

HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 2021

President Gary Hopkins called the April 14, 2021 meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. at the Fire House.

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

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Larry Kellough, to approve the March 2021 regular meeting minutes.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough, to approve the March 2021 special meeting minutes.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, seconded by Larry Kellough, to approve payment of March 2021 bills.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

GUESTS: Craig Hibner with Burnham & Flower Insurance Group presented to the Board the proposal for our property and liability insurance coverage for May 14, 2021 – May 14, 2022. Their insurance is through OTARMA, which is connected to the Ohio Township Association. He shared that 80% of the townships in Ohio are part of their Ohio Plan, and that a part of the premium supports the OTA. He walked through their entire proposal. After focusing on the many positives of his offering, he did share that one negative is that they do not handle retroactive claims, whereas Rinehart did honor retroactive claims, and therefore our wrecked squad would still be covered by Rinehart's plan. Their premium is more expensive, but liability limits are higher. They do provide a \$500 MORE grant, and \$1000 fire grant. In the second and future years they give a 7% capital distribution back to us. Tentatively the premium will be \$18,694. The Board thanked him for his time and a nice presentation.

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GUEST: Larry Cuckler, Fire Chief, approached the Board to ask for approval of five (5) purchase requisitions, as follows:

#1 Mark Porter Ford	\$23,469	Squad repair – Twp has received a payment from the insurance for this amount.
#2 PRJVS	\$3,050	Course work for K Pauley and N Cuckler
#3 Myer Electric	\$1,750	Electrical work at Fire Station
#4 Southern Ohio Eqt	\$3,500	Flatbed for dump truck coming from R&B
#5 Systems28	\$3,088	Security for spare office intend to use to store drug inventory. Currently out of room.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, seconded by John Cottrill to approve the 4 of the 5 purchase reqs above. They did not approve #4, because it was their understanding that the current dump bed would be traded for a flatbed. The PRJVS request was for \$300 for Korey Pauley for an EMT-A refresher course in order to test again, and \$2,750 for Nate Cuckler to take the course to become an EMT-A.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

- Chief Cuckler asked the Board to approve hiring 3 people to the part-time paid crew as follows. Gabe Miller – FF2/Paramedic \$13.14/hr; Harold Humphreys – FF2/EMTB 11.56/hr; and Aaron Cory – FF1 only \$9.46/hr.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough to hire the three people mentioned above to the part-time paid crew at the Fire Department.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

- The Township only received one bid on the cemetery and Fire Department mowing for this season of April - September. The bid was opened. It was from Big E's Landscaping. Lot 1: \$4,940 for 6 months and Lot 2: \$7,550 for 6 months.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough to award the job to Big E's for the 2021 mowing.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
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	John Cottrill	Yes

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- Trustee Kellough informed the Board that William Monroe regretted his decision to resign from the Road Crew, and would like to be rehired.

Motion by Larry Kellough, second by Gary Hopkins to rehire William Malone effective April 19, 2021, and to give him a \$2 an hour pay raise, bringing his hourly rate to \$20.37. It was emphasized that we would not go this route again, should her resign in the future.

Vote:	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

- FO Snyder shared that her old desktop had been donated to the Township from the Auditor of State's office. Trustee Cottrill stated that he would like to have that desktop at the township garage. He also asked to have internet access installed by Spectrum at the garage for that computer. Snyder will provide the Electronic Communications Policy for Cottrill to review.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to repurpose the desktop to the garage, and to approve installing internet access at the garage for that computer.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

- The Board discussed the idea of asking residents to approve one trash service for the Township, as negotiated by the trustees. Trustee Kellough presented this idea at the March Board meeting, and the trustees voted unanimously to proceed with placing the issue on the ballot in November 2021. Now the discussion turned towards rescinding that motion. The trustees had received negative feedback from the community members to which they had spoken.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to rescind the March motion to place an issue on the ballot November 2021 as discussed above for township-wide trash service.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

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FO Snyder asked the Board to approve the following certification and appropriation:

Fire Fund

Certify \$23,051.87 into 2111.892.0000 Other Misc Non-Operating for the insurance proceeds on the wrecked squad. Appropriate \$23,051.87 into 2111.230.323 Repairs and Maintenance to cover the repair cost.

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

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

General items under discussion:

- March 2021 Run Statistics: 111 total calls of which 85 were EMS for which we answered 85. 26 were fire calls and we answered 100% of those. Gave 32 mutual aid and received 7.
- The 2-mill levy is the next to expire. Snyder was asked to find out when it was last replaced, and when it expires.
- Update on wrecked squad. We have an invoice to pay Mark Porter Ford \$23,469.73 for their share of the work; Snyder has already received and deposited a check from Hylant for \$23,051.87 towards the squad repair. if Cuckler hopes it is ready in 4 weeks. The squad is ready to be picked up and taken to Burgess Ambulance for the next stage of repair. Should be another 3 weeks. Trustees Hopkins and Cottrill will take care of getting the squad to Burgess.
- FO Snyder stated that the Township will have less money for chip and seal than was spent the last several years.
- The Board discussed Terry Wilt. His stitches will come out April 27, and he hopes to be back to work by May 15. He can only return once the workers' comp doctor has given approval.
- Gary Hickman's son will wire the new security cameras at the Township garage.
- Snyder will get an invoice from Noble for the \$4550 for the shower installation on the second floor of the Fire House. Currently it was combined with CARES work performed by Noble.
- Chief Cuckler shared an email he had received from Bill Houck, the state-wide mutual coordinator for mutual aid.
- Snyder informed the Board that the resolution requesting a speed study approved at the March meeting had been provided to County Engineer Charles Ortman, and the District #9 ODOT director Mike Dombrowski.

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The Board discussed mutual aid. There are three other townships who are successfully running 24/7 coverage: Scioto; Paxton; and Union. Gary Hopkins wants a letter sent to all townships stating that we will no longer run EMS mutual aid, unless we have a signed agreement to be paid by that township every time we run in their township, and we would also pay them when they respond to mutual aid in our township. Chief Cuckler was opposed; he said that would not be right to do to Scioto, Paxton, and Union. Cuckler gave the Warren County Mutual aid agreement as an example to the Board. This was provided to him by Bill Houck. Cuckler also said that we are only running mutual aid in Pike County if they are already at the scene. No decisions were made; just discussion.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill, to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 P.M.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

ATTESTED:

President

Vice President

Member

Fiscal Officer