

HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2019

President Daniel Mathuews called the August 14, 2019 meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. at the Township Fire House.

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

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Larry Kellough, to approve the Regular July 2019 minutes.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Daniel Mathuews	Yes

**Motion** by Daniel Mathuews, seconded by Gary Hopkins, to approve payment of July 2019 bills.

Vote:	Daniel Mathuews	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

**GUEST:** Emily Schmidt, Sheriff Lavender’s assistant, attended the meeting to ask the Board if there was anything they needed to discuss with the sheriff, or anything the Board needed. A situation was discussed where a call from the Pike tower was not transferred to Ross County. Our responders never received a call about on emergency situation on Kisor Road on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. Eventually a call was made to explain what had happened. Deputy K. Claypohl.

**GUEST:** Kenzie Roberts, of Black Run Road, approached the Board to discuss multiple concerns that she, and other residents, have regarding criminal trespassing on an abandoned property on Black Run Road, and frequent robberies occurring in homes in that area. Ms. Roberts provided arrest records of three people who she feels is responsible for the majority of the criminal activity in that area. (Jacob Steele, Willis Cottrill, and Heidi Spurlock.) The particular property of concern is Joe Chaney’s old home on Black Run Rd. He passed away without a will and the estate is in probate. The executor, Melony Wipert, refuses to do anything about the situation except install “No Trespassing” signage. There is no running water or electricity to the home, therefore human waste and needles are discarded on the ground surrounding the property. The Ross County Health Department was called, but anonymous complaints are no longer permitted. The Board of Trustees was asked to make the complaint.

Jarod Phillips addressed the Board. His permanent residence is not in Ross County, but he owns property on Black Run Rd. Rather than sell his property, he has decided to stand his ground and do everything legally possible to address the situation. He has contacted, spoken to, or scheduled a meeting with the following: Sheriff Lavender; Ross County Commissioners; State Attorney General; and the Governor’s Office.

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It was stated that the Sheriff's office has 690 square miles to cover with 4 cruisers, with 30+ minute response times.

Amy Bryan stated that homes have been broken into multiple times, and that as of 8/13 a search warrant had not been issued.

Deputy Schmidt applauded the group of residents for their calm manner and determination. She stated that they should contact State Senator Bob Petersen, and the State Representative. Phillips stated that he has phone meetings set up for the next Tuesday. Schmidt stated that the prosecutors must do what the law says and agrees it is frustrating when once arrested, these people are charged with misdemeanors such as criminal trespass and receiving stolen property. She suggested that everyone pay attention to detail – is there a tattoo on the arm or face? – for example. She also stated that law enforcement and the prosecutor want nothing more than to see these people locked up permanently.

The Township has agreed to set aside the Fire House as a meeting space for the community and Sheriff Lavender. FO Snyder will invite the Ross County Prosecutor Jeffrey Marks and the Denver Community Watch founder Brett Clark, to attend the Saturday meeting.

There is video evidence of a robbery in progress where the person has panty hose covering his face and is wearing a very recognizable jacket. Schmidt stated that the Sheriff has been reviewing the videos that have been submitted by the residents.

The feeling is that the new deputies are not doing their jobs properly and making mistakes.

Members of the Board thanked the residents for their attendance and for voicing their concerns calmly and in a productive manner.

**GUEST:** Larry Cuckler, Fire Chief, approached the Board to ask for approval of six (6) purchase requisitions, as follows:

#1 Sutherlands Radiator	\$914	more work on A/C in squad 918
#2 Cutright Total Maintenance	\$3,379.97	'96 Tanker maintenance
#3 All American Fire	\$1696.55	Tanker maintenance
#4 ESO Solutions	\$2495	Annual software fee for tablets for EMS
#5 Western Ohio Rescue	\$1156.50	repair/inspect hydraulic rescue tools
#6 Fastenal	\$4,419	new rescue tool (SCP Grant) and sazall

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Daniel Mathuews to approve the purchase requisitions.

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- Trustee Hopkins shared an estimate by AA&J Construction (John Long) for \$31,375.17 to repair and correct the ceiling problem we are experiencing in the bay at the fire house. Includes a fire proof panel, lowering the ceilings and lights and fans.
- Chief Cuckler asked the Board to approve the removal of three people from the volunteer fire crew for lack of a State of Ohio firefighter certification: Charles “CJ” Watkins; Madyson Arnold; and William Montgomery.

**Motion** by Daniel Mathuews, second by Gary Hopkins to approval the removal of Watkins, Arnold, and Montgomery from the FD volunteer crew.

Vote:	Daniel Mathuews	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

- Chief Cuckler asked the Board to hire three people to the paid part-time crew: Jeremy Vanderpool – EMT-B/FF2 (\$11); Jennifer Patterson – P/FFV (\$12); and rehire Thomas Black – Paramedic (\$11).

**Motion** by Larry Kellough, second by Daniel Mathuews to approval the hiring of Vanderpool, Patterson, and Black as discussed above to the paid part-time crew.

Vote:	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Daniel Mathuews	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

- Chief Cuckler shared that the FD had applied for and received three grants: 2 grants were from the Bureau of Worker’s Comp. One provides a battery-operated power cot and a CPR Lucas device. BWC will pay 75% and our share is 25%. Estimated cost is \$53,000. The second BWC grant was for a front load washing machine; they will pay for that one 100%. The third grant was an EMS grant of \$3,826.

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➤ FO Snyder asked the Board to approve the following certifications and appropriations:

SAFER Fund

1. Please certify \$66,000 into revenue account 2901-511-0000 Federal Funds. This amount is what we expect to receive for the SAFER grant we were awarded from FEMA for 2019. The grant is a reimbursing grant, meaning we spend the money in the fire fund (2111) and then submit for reimbursement.
2. Appropriate this funding as follows:
  - a. \$33,000 into 2901-220-599-0000 \$33,000 and \$33,000 into 2901-230-599-0000

Fire & EMS Fund

1. Please certify \$66,000 into revenue account 2111-971-0000 Other Misc Non-Operating.
2. Appropriate as follows:
  - a. \$55,000 into account 2111-230-190-0000 Other Salaries
  - b. \$11,000 into account 2111-220-215-0000 Ohio Police & Fire Fund
3. Re-appropriate \$2,124 from 2111.220.381 Property Insurance Premiums to 2111.220.228 Health Insurance Reimb for N Cuckler's insurance reimbursement

She stated that it has been challenging to figure out how to properly account for this grant. We received our first reimbursement for \$19,893.96. I have spoken to our LGS rep Chris McCoy; a UAN rep Trina Martin; as well as our last AOS audit manager. AOS Bulleting 1998-013 provided guidance.

**Motion** by Larry Kellough, second by Daniel Mathuews to approve the amend the official certificate of revenues and appropriations as laid out above.

Vote:	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Daniel Mathuews	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

General items under discussion:

- July 2019 Run Statistics: 87 total calls of which 62 were EMS for which we answered 61. 25 were fire calls and we answered 100% of those. We responded to 19 mutual aid and received 2.
- The new cemetery sign will be finished next week and installed.
- FO Snyder gave the trustees a document with the ballot language for the EMS/Fire 1 mill levy on the ballot.

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**Motion** by Daniel Mathuews, second by Larry Kellough, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 P.M.

Vote:	Daniel Mathuews	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

ATTESTED:

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President

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Vice President

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Member

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Fiscal Officer