HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2018

President Daniel Mathuews called the February 14, 2018 meeting to order at 5:33 P.M. at the Township Firehouse.

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

Fiscal Officer Robin Snyder was absent; in her place was Jeff Vickers & Patty Kellough.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Daniel Mathuews, to approve the January 2018 Reorg/Regular minutes.

Vote: Gary Hopkins Yes
      Daniel Mathuews Yes
      Larry Kellough Yes

Motion by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Larry Kellough, to approve payment of January 2018 bills.

Vote: Gary Hopkins Yes
      Larry Kellough Yes
      Daniel Mathuews Yes

GUEST: Brett Gibson addressed the Board regarding the barrels he has along the roadway. Trustee Hopkins explained that he should have received a letter from the Board, but Mr. Gibson denied receiving said letter. Hopkins then read the letter to Gibson, and tells him that the barrels must be removed. Gibson asked how wide is the right away and Trustee Kellough replied 40 feet. Gibson asked about surveying the right away. Hopkins stated that the barrels need to be removed by the railroad tracks first. Hopkins suggested putting a guard rail up. Gibson agreed and said he would remove the barrels by tomorrow by the railroad track. Kellough suggested installing a 15 mph curve sign. Trustee Mathuews recommended a stop sign. Hopkins agreed to the stop sign.

Motion by Daniel Mathuews, seconded by Larry Kellough to install a stop sign, curve sign, and guardrails.

Vote: Daniel Mathuews Yes
      Larry Kellough Yes
      Gary Hopkins Yes

GUEST: Larry Cuckler, Fire Chief, approached the Board to ask for approval of seven (7) purchase requisitions, as follows:

#1 B&C Communication $5,889 Pagers/radios
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#2 Motorola $1,108 Pagers/radios
#3 The Fire Store (Witmer) $ 400 Oxygen cascade fill hose
#4 Breathing Air System $ 400 Parts for breathing air system
#5 Bright Solutions $2600 Replace heads on pole light out front and add second light. Add arm& light to front pole.
#6 Mike Cunningham $1500 Replace 13 lights inside fire house
#7 State Electric $1350 13 LED lights for work by Mike Cunningham

Motion by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Daniel Mathuews, to approve 6 of the purchase requisitions, and table #5.

Vote: Gary Hopkins Yes
      Daniel Mathuews Yes
      Larry Kellough Yes

➤ Chief Cuckler asked the Board to remove three people from the part-time paid crew: Ryan Boyd; Nathaniel Freeman; and Aaron Swayne for failure to follow Article XIX, Section 24 of the SOP. (Not maintaining an active status appropriately)

Motion by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Larry Kellough, to terminate employment of the three employees as noted above: Ryan Boyd; Nathaniel Freeman; Aaron Swayne.

Vote: Gary Hopkins Yes
      Larry Kellough Yes
      Daniel Mathuews Yes

➤ Chief Cuckler asked the Board to approve the application of Emily Davis to the volunteer fire department.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Larry Kellough, to approve the application of Emily Davis to the HTVFD.

Vote: Gary Hopkins Yes
      Larry Kellough Yes
      Daniel Mathuews Yes

➤ Chief Cuckler asked the Board to approve a new stipend program for carded FF/EMS volunteers: 4 events (training fire run, squad run) will earn $50; 8 events = $100; and 12 events = $150 per month. Paid every 3 months in April, July, October, and January. Retroactive to 1/1/2018. Members of the paid crew do not qualify, even if they are on a volunteer run/training, they are paid as employees.
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Motion by Daniel Mathuews, seconded by Larry Kellough, to approve the new stipend program as outlined above.

Vote:  
Daniel Mathuews  Yes  
Larry Kellough  Yes  
Gary Hopkins  Yes

➢ Chief Cuckler asked the Board to approve an “All Call” proposal. The Chief/Assistant Chiefs when in command of a large scale emergency, and after having exhausted all personnel at the scene of such an emergency can call an “All Call” for any available off duty part-time paid member. Members responding to the “All Call” will be paid four (4) hours call in pay (at their regular rate). Then after four (4) hours they will be paid by their hourly rate until released by the officer in charge.

Motion by Daniel Mathuews, seconded by Gary Hopkins, to approve “All Call” Program as outlined above.

Vote:  
Daniel Mathuews  Yes  
Gary Hopkins  Yes  
Larry Kellough  Yes

➢ Chief Cuckler asked the Board to approve a pay increase of $0.50 an hour for all part-time emergency crew employees effective with the first full period after the meeting. (February 26 – March 11, 2018 which will pay March 16, 2018.) The pay rates have been the same since April 2016. Union Township just began paying their paramedics/firefighters $13.50/hr.; Advanced EMTs/FF earn $12.45/hour, and Basic EMT/firefighters earn $11.40/hr. The Fire Department secretary will also receive this pay increase.

Motion by Daniel Mathuews, seconded by Larry Kellough, to approve a pay increase of $0.50/hour for all members of the part-time emergency crew effective with the March 16, 2018 pay check.

Vote:  
Daniel Mathuews  Yes  
Larry Kellough  Yes  
Gary Hopkins  Yes

➢ Chief Cuckler informed the Board that Adena released Dr. Alice Frazier as EMS Medical Director for Ross County. Leadership for the Fire Department met with Ohio Health and Dr. Hill, the Medical Director of Fayette County EMS. We like Dr. Hill’s aggressive attitude toward patient care and his desire to provide our ALS members with the needed drugs to offer our residents exceptional EMS care. Dr. Hill will act as our Medical Director for $1 a year, and we will pay Rod List, the Fayette County EMS Captain, $500 a year.

Motion by Daniel Mathuews, seconded by Larry Kellough, to approve accepting Dr. Hill as the Township’s medical director at $1 a year and to pay $500 a year to Rod List.
Motion by Daniel Mathuews, seconded by Larry Kellough, to approve the County Engineer’s mileage certification for Huntington Township of 47.105 miles.

Vote: Daniel Mathuews  Yes
Larry Kellough  Yes
Gary Hopkins  Yes

Motion by Larry Kellough, seconded by Gary Hopkins, to approve reimbursing Daniel Mathuews $146.98 for repairs behind the Township garage that Mathuews repaired and paid for on behalf of the Township.

Vote: Larry Kellough  Yes
Gary Hopkins  Yes
Daniel Mathuews  Yes

General items under discussion:

- EMS billing receipts reached an all-time high mark: $16,008.93.
- There will be a competitive bid for the 2018-2019 Property and Liability Insurance Coverage. Sharon, of Rinehart Agency, the current agency, will be at the March meeting and the competitive bid will be presented at the April meeting.
- January 2018 Run Statistics: 82 total calls of which 74 were EMS for which we answered 63 of them. 8 were fire calls and we answered 100% of those.
- Trustee Hopkins received a call from a Harris Station resident who wants the Township to maintain his private drive that runs off of the end of Harris Station. Hopkins and Kellough will look at it. Hopkins suggested to the resident that he needed to put down gravel and fix it.
- Trustee Kellough received a call from a lady at the end of Cox Road who wanted the trustees to build her driveway.

Motion by Daniel Mathuews, seconded by Gary Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

Vote: Daniel Mathuews  Yes
Gary Hopkins  Yes
Larry Kellough  Yes
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ATTESTED:

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President

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Vice President

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Member

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Fiscal Officer