

HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 14, 2018

President Daniel Mathuews called the March 14, 2018 meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. at the Township Firehouse.

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

Motion by Daniel Mathuews, seconded by Gay Hopkins, to approve the February 2018 Regular minutes.

Vote:	Daniel Mathuews	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

Motion by Daniel Mathuews, seconded by Gary Hopkins, to approve payment of February 2018 bills.

Vote:	Daniel Mathuews	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

GUEST: John Ward, of Reub Hill Road, addressed the Board regarding the condition of Reub Hill Road. Specifically, the hill is sliding again on the Huntington Township side and creating a very dangerous condition. He is concerned with a tragedy during farming season. In addition, Twin Township has closed the road on the other side due to dangerous conditions on the hill on their side. A guard rail is not a solution because it will slide away as well. The trustees committed to looking at the road the next day, and continuing discussions with the Ross County Engineer's office for a better solution. Trustee Hopkins also spoke about a similar condition on McCann Lane where it seems the whole hill is coming off and we are experiencing landslides.

GUEST: Gary Price, of Turner Road, addressed the Board regarding the condition of Turner Road where it is caving in on both sides. Vehicles traveling that road are being torn up due to terrible pot holes. Trustee Hopkins shared that the chip and seal work started on that road last year will continue from the bridge up past the gun shop, but did acknowledge the poor condition of that road as well.

GUEST: Bruce Pauley reopened the topic of the Boy Scouts' Explorer Program that was approved last fall to take place at the Fire Department. Julie DiSantis and Kendrick Ertley joined Bruce in discussing the plan to get this program moving. Bruce will be the Unit Commander of the Post and they will meet 1 or 2 times a month at the Fire House. The next step is to begin recruiting, get paperwork signed by our fire chief, meeting with the adults involved about protecting the participants.

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

#1 Cutright's	\$543.96	Brakes on rescue truck
#2 Fire Safety Services	\$11,000	5 sets of turnout gear
#3 Bright Solutions	\$ 3,900	6 light heads on parking light poles
#4 Emblem Enterprises	\$ 300	200 arm & head patches
#5 Jack's Tires	\$1873.56	6 Goodyear tires for the new squad

Motion by Daniel Mathuews, seconded by Gary Hopkins, to approve the 5 purchase requisitions.

Vote: Gary Hopkins Yes
Daniel Mathuews Yes

GUEST: Sharon Dougherty, of Rinehart Insurance Agency, addressed the Board regarding the property and liability insurance proposal for the Township covering the May, 2018 – May, 2019 period. Most of the time was spent educating the Board on the benefits of their policy, support, and coverage; then she highlighted expected differences between the competitive bid coming from Burnham and Flowers Insurance Agency.

Benefits: Our agency for 25 years. 45 claims have been settled. A good working relationship. Greg Henneke is our risk management support person. Their occurrence form is the best in the industry. We truly own the policy and can exit at any time. Among other positive points of their coverage.

Risks with B&F: Philosophy and forms that they write, more like renting a policy, not owning it. Check prior accident coverage rule. Leave freely?

She suggested that we obtain a copy of their intergovernmental contract.

Her agency will provide us with the policy premium late April.

Discussion: The Board discussed this year's plan for mowing the grass at the Fire House and the Township's cemeteries. South Central Services has provided this service for the last several years, most recently charging \$400 to mow at the Fire House and \$1700 for the cemeteries. There was discussion about developing a different mowing schedule; for example, deciding how many times each cemetery should be mowed in a month given its visibility and access, and the weather. This will be discussed further at the April meeting, but in the meantime, the Board will ask South Central Services to complete the April mowing as it has been done in the past.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Daniel Mathuews, to authorize South Central Services to mow the Township cemeteries and the Fire House for April.

Vote: Gary Hopkins Yes
Daniel Mathuews Yes

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Discussion: Forfeited property offered to the Township is not free and clear; the back property taxes and legal fees associated with the forfeiture process would have to be paid by the Township.

Motion by Daniel Mathuews, seconded by Gary Hopkins, to not file a petition to seek the forfeited property. (FO Snyder will make the Ross County Prosecutor's office aware of this decision.)

Vote: Daniel Mathuews Yes
Gary Hopkins Yes

General items under discussion:

- February 2018 Run Statistics: 71 total calls of which 58 were EMS of which we answered 48 calls. 13 were fire calls and we answered 100% of those.
- FO Snyder informed the Board that a certified public records training course will be offered this June at Zane Trace Local Schools; she will register all 4 elected officials for the course.
- Ross County Prosecutor Matthew Schmidt reviewed the Agreement we have made with Dr. David Hill to be our EMS Medical Director. He gave his approval.
- Regarding the situation on Easterday Road with Brett Gibson, the barrels were moved to the left side of the road and stop signs are up.
- The Board discussed if there was a right away access for McCann Lane to Rinehart Road. Such access is shown on the map of the Township.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Daniel Mathuews, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

Vote: Daniel Mathuews Yes
Gary Hopkins Yes

ATTESTED:

President

Vice President

Member

Fiscal Officer