

HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 10, 2021

President Gary Hopkins called the March 10, 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 Gary Hopkins, to approve the February 2021 minutes.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

Motion by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Larry Kellough, to approve payment of February 2021 bills.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

GUESTS: Jim Hatfield and Garrett Guillozet. Jim introduced Garrett as the new Health Commissioner for Ross County. Garrett discussed with the Board environment issues that we face in the Township, such as nuisance complaints, and faulty sewage lines. He said that nuisance complaints could be filed by residents, and they commit to follow up with the person who files the complaint regarding resolution. He discussed the COVID vaccination efforts in Ross County, stating that 33% of the population have been vaccinated. The Board of Health has been in charge of a vaccination clinic at the Shoemaker Center at OU-C. An upcoming mega-pod at Adena Health System will be held in the near future. They will receive 4000 doses of the vaccine a week.

Jim reminded the Board of the Township Oversight Committee comprised of himself, Ben Junk, Bill Jones, and Willard Taylor.

Bruce Pauley asked if there were any special rules that should be followed for the Association's tenderloin fry event. Mr. Guillozet reminded them to require masks and social distance.

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

#1 Systems 28	\$750	Update our security system at the Fire House
#2 Cutright's TM	\$300	Fuel leak on tanker
#3 Vickers Consulting	\$900	Firefighter's SAFETY grant through FEMA
#4 Vogelpohl	\$950	Flashlights for FF helmets
#5 B&C Communications	\$3420	ODNR VFA grant 6 MARCS pagers – 50/50

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Motion by Gary Hopkins, seconded by John Cottrill to approve the 5 purchase reqs above.

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	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

- Trustee Hopkins asked Chief Cuckler to share with the Board recent examples of being on a mutual aid call, and then a township resident call comes in that needs a crew. The first example found us on a brush fire in another township. A call came in from Rinehart Rd. No one was available to go, not even the VA. Eventually Franklin took the call. Time lapse was 25-30 minutes. Another day we had three calls between 5:30 and 6:30. The first call was on St Rt 772 One of those mental health type calls where law enforcement gives a choice of jail or hospital. The person picked hospital. The next call came in from Black Run Road, and Bainbridge covered it for us. The third call was from Seelig Lane, someone was already dead. Cuckler said that Josh Hobbs, the #3 person at the State Fire Marshall's office lives in Waverly. Bill Houck is in charge of state-wide mutual aid. Cuckler will have recommendations from Bill Houck at the next Board Meeting, April 14.
- FO Snyder discussed the mutual aid agreement that was received from CEMS of Ohio (MedCare Ambulance). There was no mention of restricting boundaries, or the ability to bill for mutual aid. Given the discussion above, it was her recommendation that the Board not sign the contract, and to respond with a letter stating the need for a discussion regarding boundaries and billing rates along with an invitation to the April Board meeting.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough to not sign the mutual aid agreement with CEMS of Ohio.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

- Trustee Cottrill stated that since we are one short on the Road Crew, we would need to bid all of the mowing work out, except for Huntington Township on Liberty Hill Road. FO Snyder will provide the bid packets from last year, and like last year, the bids will be submitted and awarded as two different lots. The mowing at the FD will be included in one of those lots. Bids will be opened at the Board meeting April 14, 2021.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to proceed with the change for 2021 mowing.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

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FO Snyder shared that everything was in place to take delivery on the 2021 Ford-550. The loan documents are set, and a check will be written to Ricart for \$60,000. The Township will make a down payment of \$28,805. Expect to take deliver early April.

FO Snyder provided a CARES funding update with the Board. At this time, \$42,844.12 is appropriated, but unpaid. Yet to receive the invoice from Noble Plumbing; a large expense.

The Board discussed several items regarding Township roads, as follows:

- FO Snyder took a call regarding the bus turnaround on Shady Glen. The turn around is fine. The problem is the caller's culvert, and it is her own problem to fix.
 - A resident on Chester Hill Road showed their gratitude for the crew's hard work this winter on snow removal on their road. They gave gifts of candy and money to the employees. Such a nice gesture.
 - Part of the reason our roads are in disrepair is because we put salt down on some of our chip and seal roads.
 - The condition of Rinehart Road, Chester Hill Road, Easterday Road, and Shady Glen is poor.
 - At the April meeting the Board will discuss the chip and seal program for 2021.
- Trustee Kellough discussed a concern with the number of trash removal companies servicing Huntington Township. The more trucks, the more rounds, the more damage to our roads. He would like the Board to put an issue on the ballot asking residents for permission to take bids for trash pickup in the Township. We would then hopefully have one provider at a favorable negotiated rate.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to place an issue on the ballot November 2021 as discussed above.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

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The Board discussed its desire to move forward with the request for a speed study for three township roads. The Resolution below was voted upon and passed.

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RESOLUTION 3.10.2021

ADOPTED: March 10, 2021

SUBJECT: Request for Engineering Speed Zone Study on Three Township Roads

It was moved by Mr. Kellough and seconded by Mr. Cottrill that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Huntington Township Board of Trustees requests that an engineering speed study be conducted for three township roads, as follows:

Windy Ridge Road from Blain Highway to St Rt 772;
Hartwood Road from St Rt 772 to Denver Road;
And Chester Hill Road from St Rt 772 to Windy Ridge Road.

This request is made per O.R.C. 4511.21(I), the procedure for lowering township road speed limits. The definition of “rural” is located in O.R.C.01(O)(5).

WHEREAS, the notification of this request for a speed study is to be sent to Charles Ortman, the Ross County Engineer, and Michal Dombrowski, the Director of ODOT District 9.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Trustees of Huntington Township, Ross County, Ohio, requests Charles Ortman, the Ross County Engineer to conduct a speed study on the Huntington Township roads defined above, in order to declare a reasonable and safe prima-fascia speed limit.

As to such action, each member voted as follows:

Mr. Larry Kellough “yes” Mr. John Cottrill “yes” Mr. Gay Hopkins “yes”

CERTIFICATION

I, Robin Snyder, the Fiscal Officer of Huntington Township, Ross County, Ohio, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted March 10, 2021.

Robin Snyder

4.11.2021

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FO Snyder prepared a summary of Prosecutor Marks' opinion on certifications for full-time EMTs of the Fire Department. The Board reviewed the summary and necessary steps, and decided to take no action at this time, but to re-visit the next time we hire a full-time member to the crew.

FO Snyder asked the Board to approve the following certifications, appropriations, and re-certifications:

Road Fund

Certify \$60,000 into 2031.971.0000 Other Debt Proceeds. Appropriate \$60,000 into 2031.760.740 Machinery, Equipment, and Furniture.

- This resource is a loan from Vinton County National Bank for the purchase of the 2021 Ford F-550 for the Road Department.

Re-appropriate funding for the down payment on the new truck

- General Fund - \$15,000 from 100.330.420 Operating Supplies into 100.760.740 Machinery Equipment, and Furniture
- Gas Fund - \$5,805 from 2021.330.420 Operating Supplies into 2021.760.740 Machinery Equipment and Furniture
- Road Fund - \$5,000 from 2031.330.420 Operating Supplies into 2031.760.740 Machinery Equipment and Furniture

Re-appropriate funding to cover principal and interest payment on new truck in September

- Road Fund - 10,766.67 from 2031.330.420 Operating Supplies into \$10,000 for the principal payment 2031.820.820 and \$766.67 for the interest payment.

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

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

General items under discussion:

- February 2021 Run Statistics: 65 total calls of which 62 were EMS for which we answered 62. 3 were fire calls and we answered 100% of those. Gave 20 mutual aid and received 4.
- FO Snyder shared that we received our first payment of \$726.96 from Fire Recovery.
- Update on wrecked squad. Snyder received a check from Hylant for \$23,051.87 towards the squad. (less a \$1000 deductible) Chief Cuckler hopes it is ready in 4 weeks.
- Korey Pauley will take an EMT-A refresher course.

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- The Board discussed Terry Wilt’s hearing with the Industrial Commission of BWC. Trustee Hopkins will join the virtual meeting on behalf of the township.
- Trustee Cottrill and Hopkins will each get a quote for our property and liability insurance, in addition to the one from Rinehart. The Board and FD were not satisfied with the adjustor’s work.
- The Board signed the Mileage Certification for the Engineer’s Office; unchanged for 2021.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

ATTESTED:

President

Vice President

Member

Fiscal Officer