

HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
MAY 12, 2021

President Gary Hopkins called the May 12, 2021 meeting to order at 5:32 P.M. at the Fire House.

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

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough, to approve the April 2021 regular meeting minutes.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Motion by Larry Kellough, second by Gary Hopkins, to approve the April 26, 2021 Special meeting minutes.

Vote:	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, seconded by Gary Hopkins, to approve payment of April 2021 bills.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

GUEST: Bruce Pauley, President of the Huntington Township Volunteer Fire Department Association appeared before the Board to share information and ask for permission for an event as follows:

- The fish fry will be July 10, Saturday, from 11:00 until sold out. Will be a drive-through again.
- The chili cook-off will be in October.
- The gun raffle sale is still ongoing – 300 tickets will be sold at \$10 each.
- A toy drive will be held at Family Dollar. People could buy toys at the store, then donate them to the Fire Department for the Breakfast with Santa. Asked permission to do this, since the Township name will be in use. No problem.
- Invited the Board to attend the monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 at the Firehouse.

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GUEST: Larry Cuckler, Fire Chief, approached the Board to ask for approval of three (3) purchase requisitions, as follows:

#1 Fire Catt	\$2,347.72	Annual testing hose, ladders, nozzles
#2 Fire Safety Services	\$1,455.82	Order more fire hose; first set still on order
#3 Southern Ohio Eqpt	\$2,500	Flatbed for brush truck after trade-in of \$2000

Motion by Larry Kellough, second by Gary Hopkins to approve all three (3) purchase requisitions.

Vote:	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

- Chief Cuckler gave an update on the wrecked squad. He stated that the insurance for the other party cited for the accident will only pay \$25,000 towards the repair. He then discussed the status of the squad, stating that the box on the squad was not sitting correctly. Upon inspection it was noted that the electrical connection was unplugged. Once plugged in it almost self-corrected, but the driver-side rear corner was still down and would not lift. The frame is bent. A heavy truck shop called Blubaugh will straighten the frame. Other noted problems: the windshield leaks, and there is an adjustor problem, plus waiting on parts.
- Chief Cuckler asked the Board to approve rehire Kyle McCain to the part-time paid crew. He is a FF2/Paramedic and will earn \$13.14/hr. Fulltime at the A Plant outside Piketon.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough to rehire McCain as noted above.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

- Chief Cuckler asked the Board to approve the following terminations from the paid part-time crew:
Kevin Stuebs - His certification cards have lapsed (FF/P)
Derek Smith – Has not worked or submitted hours

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to dismiss Stuebs and D Smith as noted above.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
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	Larry Kellough	Yes

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- Chief Cuckler asked the Board to approve the resignation of Casey Millard from the paid part-time crew. He stated that he does not have time to work for our Twp.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to accept Millard's resignation as noted above.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

- The Board discussed with Chief Cuckler two other accidents attributed to the Fire Department. One is a report of damage to the stop sign on Pritchard Lane caused by the squad. The Chief feels that is a disgruntled resident and is incorrect. The squad was checked in that moment for damage; none was noted. The second event occurred on Mt. Tabor Road when the squad was backing up and caught in some rebar causing a rip in the fender.
- Trustee Kellough brought up the chip and seal program for this summer, stating that the ½ mile on Willet will cost \$16,500, not \$11,000. That brings the new total to \$117,800. There was some discussion of Willet vs Mt Zion, but the Board stayed with Willet Road.

FO Snyder asked the Board to approve the following re-appropriations due to the additional property and liability insurance. It was higher because our 3-year run history was much higher than they were told.

Fire Fund

- Re-appropriate \$2,249 from 2111.230.323 Repairs & Maint into 2111.220.381 Property Insurance
- Re-appropriate \$3,445 from 2111.230.230 Repairs & Maint and put \$1,625 into 2111.220.381 Property Insurance and \$1,820 into 2111.220.382 Liability Insurance.
- Re-appropriate \$648 from 2111.220.314 Tax Collection Fees into 2111.220.382 Liability Insurance

Cemetery Fund

Re-appropriate \$500 from 2041.410.190 Other Salaries into 2041.190.323 Repairs & Maint

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough to approve the reappropriation as discussed above.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
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	John Cottrill	Yes

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- Trustee Hopkins discussed a nuisance property on St Rt 772 just east of Bishop Hill Road. The property is owned by the wife of Morton Leach, and Kevin Trego is responsible for paying the property taxes on said property. A representative from the Ohio EPA contacted Hopkins inquiring about the piles of brush along the property too close to the road. There had been a community complaint. The rep asked Hopkins who was dumping the brush, and asked if we could find out who it was in order to take legal action. We have been there twice for camper fires. Kelly Spindler of the Health Department ha also been involved. The property could be viewed as a commercial dump if someone can find out if the brush is being dumped for a price.

- The Board and Chief Cuckler discussed the status of all three levies for Fire and EMS operations. The 2 mill is the next one to expire. It was approved as a renewal the last time it was on the ballot, which was November 6, 2018. The Board could put it on the ballot this fall, or next spring, or the fall of 2022.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to place the 2 mill levy back on the ballot November 2021. FO Snyder will have a motion prepared for the June meeting.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

General items under discussion:

- April 2021 Run Statistics: 95 total calls of which 89 were EMS for which we answered 89. 6 were fire calls and we answered 100% of those. Gave 29 mutual aid and received 4.
- The Board discussed Terry Wilt. He returns to work May 17, 2021, full duty.
- Trustee Hopkins instructed FO Snyder to shut-off all cell phones except Trustee Kellough's on the Sprint plan. The R&B employees will return their phones and use their personal ones.
- The R&B employees will resume their 4 days – 10 hours a day schedule on May 17, 2021.
- The Board and Fire Chief discussed responses to the Mutual Aid informational gathering meeting that will be held at our Firehouse on Thursday, May 13, 2021. To this point we are expecting representatives from Union Twp. and Scioto Twp.
- FO Snyder informed the Board that the Twp. has been subjected to a FEMA Federal Monitoring Review due to the SAFER Grant. Everything has been remitted per their request by Snyder and Chief Cuckler except for a Procurement Policy. Snyder noted that the Twp. does not have that policy, but she will be gathering information and creating said policy.
- FO Snyder informed the Board that the audit of the 2019-2020 records is almost completed by JL Uhrig.
- FO Snyder informed the Board that all liquor licenses in the Twp. have been renewed.
- Chief Cuckler informed the Board that Nathan Cuckler declined the opportunity to take the Advanced EMT coursework at PRJVS that was approved at the April meeting. Instead he will self-pay and take the Paramedic class. FO Snyder asked about Korey Pauley's refresher course approved at the April meeting at PRJVS. Cuckler said to leave it as is.

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Motion by Larry Kellough, second by John Cottrill, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 P.M.

Vote: Larry Kellough Yes
 John Cottrill Yes
 Gary Hopkins Yes

ATTESTED:

President

Vice President

Member

Fiscal Officer