

HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
MAY 8, 2019

President Vice President Gary Hopkins called the May 8, 2019 meeting to order at 5:32 P.M. at the Township Fire House.

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

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

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

Motion by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Larry Kellough, to approve payment of April 2019 bills.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

GUEST: Larry Cuckler, Fire Chief, approached the Board to ask for approval of two (2) purchase requisitions, as follows:

- #1 Stryker Medical \$3,577.60 Stair chair for squad #916. Ours was stolen while on a run on Valley Road.
- #2 FireStationFurniture.com \$3,200 2 double recliners with consoles for FD break room

Motion by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Larry Kellough to approve both purchase requisitions.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

- Chief Cuckler asked the Board to approve the hiring 4 applicants to the part-time paid FF/EMS crew: Martin Kuntzman (FF2/EMT-B @ \$11); Ryan Hayes (rehire FF2/EMT-B @ \$11); Bill Malone (FF1 @ \$9); and Greg Campbell (FF1 @ \$9).

Motion by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Larry Kellough to approve hiring the 4 applicants listed above at the noted hourly rates.

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Vote: Gary Hopkins Yes
Larry Kellough Yes

- Chief Cuckler revisited with the Board the need for a new squad given the age of the older one, and the increasing frequency of use of both squads now that we are fully staffed, around the clock department. He provided a quote/proposal from Burgess Hearse & Ambulance Sales for a 2019 McCoy Miller 170” module, mounted on a Ford F450 4x4 chassis for \$212,000. Currently there is a Ford rebate which lowers that cost to \$207,610. Delivery is 4 to 5 months after receipt of chassis and signed PO. Quote is under a state bid. He would like to see us sell the old squad for around \$80,000. The Board will discuss this in further detail at the July 12 meeting.

- Fiscal Officer Snyder discussed her concern that violations were occurring regarding excessive hours worked by the paid part-time crew; by the time she received the time cards the hours had already been worked. As a result, Eric Price needs to be paid for 13.75 hours of overtime that he was only paid straight time. (The “½” needs to be paid.) She asked the board to approve a resolution that states:

On the 8th day of May, 2019, the Township of Huntington, County of Ross, State of Ohio, hereby adopts, ratifies, and resolves that the following limitations for work hours for the Paid, Part-time Crew at the Fire Department shall be adhered to in order to comply with FLSA 7(k) rules:

- 1) The Township pay period is 14 days long.*
- 2) During this 14-day period, no part-time employee will work more than 106 hours. No exceptions.*
- 3) In order to maintain part-time status, no part-time employee will be permitted to work more than one thousand five hundred sixty hours (1,564). No exceptions.*

It should be noted that these rules have been in effect since the Official Opinion was rendered by Ross County Prosecutor Matthew S. Schmidt on August 25, 2017. (Attached to this resolution.)

Motion by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Larry Kellough to approve this resolution above immediately.

Vote: Gary Hopkins Yes
Larry Kellough Yes

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The Board discussed the Fire & EMS 1 mill levy that expired 12.31.18 for which we are now receiving the last year of tax receipt collections. In 2018 the levy provided \$56,087.62. That 5-year levy was last voted upon in 2013. Frequently the Board has talked of letting this levy go since voters approved the 1.5 mill permanent levy. FO Snyder said that a decision would need to be made at the June meeting.

The Board discussed current cemetery rates. The rates were last increased February 10, 2013 for open/close and lots. Currently the rate are as follows:

\$450 – open/close regular days in the week
\$600 – open/close Saturday, Sunday, and holidays
\$200 – open/close infant or cremation
\$300 – a lot for township residents in Huntington township cemetery
\$400 – a lot for non-township residents in Huntington Township cemetery
\$200 for all other cemeteries per lot except Golden Gate which is free

Previous increases: 2005, 2009, 2010, and 2013

Motion by Larry Kellough, seconded by Gary Hopkins to charge the wages of the employees mowing the Huntington Township cemetery to the Cemetery Fund.

Vote:	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

FO Snyder asked the Board to approve the following re-appropriations in the cemetery fund:

Cemetery Fund

1. Re-appropriate \$3500 to 2041.410.190 Wages, \$494 to 2041.410.211 OPERS, and \$53 to Medicare. Take \$4,047 from 2041.410.360 Contracted Services.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Larry Kellough to approve the changes to our estimated appropriations for 2019 as laid out above.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

Several guests appeared before the Board to discuss Easterday Road. Dialog captured is not verbatim; more the basic thoughts and concerns of those appearing.

Jason Stulley – a resident on Easterday Rd asked if the Board had received news on the FEMA application. Trustee Hopkins replied that the Township's share would be 25%, and if the project was \$1,000,000 we would have to pay \$250,000. The Township does not have that kind of money

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available for that size of project. Mr. Stulley stated that he enjoys the peace that having the road closed brings, but during the winter it will be difficult to navigate. He also restated that the corner at the top of Easterday Road is bad, to which Hopkins replied that the Board will continue to work on it.

Frank Beatty – a resident on Easterday Road. Asked if he was permitted to stop people from driving around the barricade and on his property. He stated that motorcycles and ATVs are doing just that. Some people are going way outside the 40' right away. Hopkins said that the Board will make a better barricade in the center to reduce the people moving around the barricade to go up/down the hill. Beatty stated that the hill continues to drop and most recently dropped another 1 ½'. He reiterated his desire that the road be permanently closed

General items under discussion:

- April 2019 Run Statistics: 78 total calls of which 73 were EMS for which we answered all of them. 5 were fire calls and we answered 100% of those. We responded to 16 mutual aid and received 2.
- EMS Collections in April were \$22,484.95 – a record month!
- FO Snyder presented to the Board a wellness program made available to our employees through O-BWC. It is voluntary and administered by the BWC. If an employee participates and completes certain goals, they will receive a \$75 gift card.
- FO Snyder reviewed the latest Medicount statistical review with the Board.
- FO Snyder reviewed a letter from Representative Bob Peterson regarding the new State of Ohio Transportation Budget and the estimated increases in gas tax of \$67,395 per year.
- The Board discussed Denver Cemetery and the 20 lots that were given to the Watkins family due to their donation of land for the cemetery. Charlie Watkins affirmed to Gary Hopkins that he has not given any of those lots to people outside their family.
- Trustee Hopkins discussed Ronda Rhea and stated that she would be sending a check for \$400 to purchase two lot in Denver Cemetery between her mom and dad. Snyder will create the deeds once the payment is received.
- A question was asked regarding the Blain Highway hill that has been closed for several months. The trustees say that it will take months yet, and that there is consideration of rerouting the road.
- Trustee Hopkins state appreciation to Rob Grooms, Tristen Carter, and Larry Cuckler for their continued work and effort with our full-time coverage at the Fire Station for our community.
- The Board discussed collecting bids for the 2019 chip and seal program in our township. FO Snyder will provide the amount available for the program this year. Issue 1 funds will be used to pave a section or Rinehart Road this fall.

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Motion by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Larry Kellough, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

ATTESTED:

President

Vice President

Member

Fiscal Officer