

HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2021

President Gary Hopkins called the November 10, 2021 meeting to order at 5:34 P.M. at the Fire House.

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

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill, to approve the October Regular Meeting minutes.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to approve payment of the October 2021 bills.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

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

#1 Breathing Air	\$3,645	Compressor work
#2 Vickers Consulting	\$1,250	\$50 for SAFER grant and \$1200 for AFG grant
#3 Vogelpohl	\$3,648.87	Invoices dating back to 9/2020 that FO Snyder never received. Gear, Uniforms, etc. for FD.

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

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

- **Chief Cuckler** asked the Board to hire two people to the paid, part-time crew. Tiffany Williamson FF2/Paramedic at \$13.14 /hr. and Isaac Fullerton FF2 only at \$9.46/hr. Fullerton is in school to become an EMT-B. Harden works for Circleville and is a FF1/EMT A. He is currently in class to become a FF2.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to hire Williamson & Fullerton as recommended by Chief Cuckler.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
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	Larry Kellough	Yes

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- **Chief Cuckler** asked the Board to sign a mutual aid agreement with Pike County EMS. FO noted that earlier this year we were asked to sign a mutual aid agreement in Pike County and declined. Snyder would like the Board to wait until the next meeting to discuss while she locates the letter that was mailed declining to sign the agreement and the appropriate meeting minutes.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to table this discussion until the next Board meeting.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

The Board then discussed premium pay under the American Rescue Plan for our emergency responders for the pay periods that fall within 3.23.2020 – 12.31.2020. The discussion centered around paying \$3 an hour premium pay for every hour worked between the dates above, thereby allowing us to spread out the pay in annual payments for the previous year. At \$3 an hour we spread it over 4 years, but once an employee reaches \$25,000 they have maxed out and may no longer receive the premium pay.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough to pay \$3 an hour premium pay to our emergency responders as discussed above for the period 3.23.20 – 12.31.20. The person must still be employed by the Township to receive the premium pay. Snyder will talk to OPERS and OP&F to see if the pay is pensionable.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

The Board discussed premium pay under the American Rescue Plan for our road crew. Snyder shared that the prosecutor would not give an opinion on the legality of premium pay for road workers. He did advise if the Board did decide to go that route, that the motion needed to include that the employees a) physically handled equipment and items that were touched and handled by others, b) performed in person work, and c) interacted with others while at work. The Board will discuss this further at the December meeting.

The Board discussed other uses of the American Rescue Plan funding. Mentioned were culvert replacements, sewage system upgrades, new fueling centers, and COVID test kits available to residents at the Fire House, as well as donations to Huntington Local School, and all the local churches in the Township.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to purchase 250 test kits to be stored at the Fire House, but given away free. Cuckler will order the COVID test kits.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

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Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to pay Chief Larry Cuckler \$1000 and Assistant Chief Tristen Carter \$800 ip premium pay out of the American Rescue Plan funding for their work during the pandemic.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

The Board discussed the Township Infrastructure Grant. Cottrill is finalizing the grant application but he is waiting on a letter from Charlie Ortman, the county engineer. SC Construction estimate is \$179k, the county engineer’s estimate is \$213k to pave Keiser Road. The trustees were not pleased with the work that SC Construction(Jamie) did on our roads in 2021. They met with him on Chester Hill Road to show why they were not satisfied. He said that we purchased the wrong gravel, and it was not his fault, but he would be willing to share the costs to correct the situation with us. Kellough then stated that he would rather see us pave DeBord and Skyver, but Cottrill said it was too late in the process to make that change. The Board discussed “drag patch” on the bad places. Costs \$52k/mile to pave now, and expect that to become more expensive.

The Board discussed applying for the David Meade Massie Grant. \$5k available with no matching requirement. Cottrill would like to use the money for fencing the cemetery. The completed application is due by November 26th.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to apply for the David Meade Massie grant and use the funds for the cemetery if awarded.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

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

CARES Federal Fund:

- a. Please certify \$32.79 of interest into 2272-701.0000 Interest
- b. Appropriate \$64.94 into 2272-290-420

Cemetery Fund:

- a. Certify \$4,000: \$2600 in 2041-299-0000 and \$1400 in 2041-804-0000
- b. Appropriate \$4,000 into 2041-410-360-0000

Reappropriation:

1. \$276.29 from 1000.110.312 to 1000.110.314 to cover tax collection expense
2. \$1,338.38 from 2111.230.190 to 2111.220.314 to cover tax collection expense
3. \$1000 from 1000.110.315 to 1000.330.420 because election expense will not be needed
4. \$1,200 from 2041.410.190 to 2041.410.360 to cover mowing
5. \$150 from 2041.410.211 to 2041.410.360 to cover mowing
6. \$10,000 from 2111.230.190 to 2111.230.420 for funding needed in Op supplies
7. \$2,000 from 2111.230.215 to 2111.230.420 for funding needed in Op supplies

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Motion by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Larry Kellough to approve the certifications, appropriations, and reappropriation as discussed above.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

General items under discussion:

- October 2021 Run Statistics: 104 total calls of which 96 were EMS for which we answered 96. 8 were fire calls and we answered 100% of those. Gave 26 mutual aid and received 4.
- Discussed AEP and lines above Mt Tabor Cemetery. Easements.
- The EMS Account at VCNB is ready to begin receiving deposits. The account at Huntington National Bank will be closed once money no longer flows there.
- The Board discussed the need for new sewage systems at both the firehouse and garage. Have asked the Prosecutor for an opinion on using the American Rescue Funds for this purpose; awaiting his opinion. The house/land for sale adjacent to the garage is owned by Mary Howard's grandson.

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

Vote:	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

ATTESTED:

President

Vice President

Member

Fiscal Officer