

HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2021

President Gary Hopkins called the October 18, 2021 meeting to order at 5:33 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 September Regular Meeting minutes.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Motion by Larry Kellough, second by John Cottrill to approve payment of the September 2021 bills.

Vote:	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

GUEST: Mark Johnson, State Rep for District 92, which most likely will soon be the district for most of Ross County. He is a resident of Green Township, a Republican, and a 40-year union member. He would like to see EMS resources shared in a district. Complimented the Twp regarding our Firehouse, website, and EMS service. (Provided his cell number 740.649.1355)

GUEST: Emily Schmidt, Deputy Assistant to the Sheriff's Office. The Board asked for Emily to attend our meeting to discuss vagrants sitting alongside St Rt 772 near Valley Road across from the old Gibson's Store. The Sheriff's office is aware of these two people, as they have made contact with them. They live in a camper along Easterday Road. The Sheriff's office has been called there on domestic issues. Cannot determine if they are homeless or not if they have the camper. She advised that we track community complaints, and to encourage residents to contact the Sheriff's office so they may track the concerns as well. Next topic of conversation was the drug issues at Mt Tabor Cemetery. Residents are encouraged to call the Sheriff, but also we have installed fencing and a gate. Third topic, an A frame home on St Rt 772, same side as Gibson's, down that way, last lived in by Willard Mathews brother. Last item discussed was that Ross County is down 11 deputies.

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

#1 Master Locksmith	\$75	Upstairs door for drug storage
#2 Alert-All	\$248.50	Items for school fire safety week
#3 Cutright Maint	\$1222.30	Maint/Repair on Suburban

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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

Update on squads: New one is at Mark Porter Ford for transmission recall work. Our fav tech, Dusty, left. Developing a new relationship with service.

- **Chief Cuckler** asked the Board to approve the resignation of Tyler Fellure from the paid, part-time crew. He has a full time position with Columbus Fire.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to accept the resignation of Fellure as discussed above.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

- **Chief Cuckler** asked the Board to terminate three people from the paid, part-time crew for not submitting schedules and working the agreed upon shifts each month. Geoffrey Perry; Dallas Pontious; and Emily Grooms.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough to terminate Perry, Pontious, and Grooms as discussed above.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

- **Chief Cuckler** asked the Board to hire Ian Harden to the paid, part-time crew. 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 terminate Harden as discussed above.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
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	Larry Kellough	Yes

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- **Chief Cuckler** asked the Board to approve revisions to the Scheduling SOP XIX, Section 19 b)1) & 2). The update will state that if a shift has been open for 7 days, a single carded employee may take it.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to approve the revisions to the SOP for the FD as discussed above.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

- **Chief Cuckler** brought to the Board's attention that the current medical director for the Township, Dr David Hill, has issued a vaccine mandate for every person who is on a squad, going into home effective 12/1/2021. Chief asked FO Snyder to get the RC Prosecutor's opinion. Prosecutor Marks stated that the medical director has the right, and we must comply. Chief believes we will lose a considerable amount of our part-time staff if they are forced to vaccinate. Scioto Twp made the decision to move to Ohio Health. It is not a doctor, but they will replace the doctor for us. They do not have a mandate at this time. For \$2,160 a year we could fall under the medical directorship of Ohio Health. Trustees Cottrill and Hopkins both stated that they are not in favor of vaccine mandates. Chief ask the Board to authorize a move to Ohio Health for our medical director.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to change our medical directorship to Ohio Health.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

The Board then discussed a new fueling station. The current tanks violate code. Tristen Carter provided cost estimates and recommendations. The current thought is one central fueling station at the Garage for both the EMTS and Road Crew. The plan is to ask Prosecutor Marks if this plan would be eligible for the American Rescue funds. The new fueling station will require a perimeter fence, barbed wire, and automated gate. My physically secure the fuel tanks, and lock the gates.

Trustee Cottrill had several items for discussion.

- 1) He obtained 3 quotes for Chip/Seal at the cemetery:
 - a. \$4800 James & John
 - b. \$2648 Brewster – G&J
 - c. \$1600 Parrot
 - d. Discussion centered around the lack of money in the fund to do this work.
- 2) We were awarded the \$3,000 cemetery grant!

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- 3) Cottrill is applying for the infrastructure grant with the assistance of Charlie Ortman, county engineer. He will provide a letter of recommendation. Many Twps are applying for this grant. Huntington would plan to use the money for pave Keiser Rd. Paul Cottrill will quote. Trustee Kellough stated that he was not satisfied with 20/20's work this past summer in chip/sealing the road. Could cost upwards of \$179,000. Trustee Cottrill stated that the cost per mile is \$179,000. Ross Co Engineer Charlie Ortman's group can pave it quicker.

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

Reappropriations:

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
8. \$383.47 from 1000.110.312 to 1000.110.314
9. \$55.59 from 2031.330.323 to 2031.330.314
10. \$1218.70 from, 2111.230.420 to 2111.220.314.
11. \$4800 from 2111.230.420 to 2111.220.599

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

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

CARES Federal Fund:

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

Cemetery Fund:

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

Reappropriations:

- 12. \$276.29 from 1000.110.312 to 1000.110.314 to cover tax collection expense
- 13. \$1,338.38 from 2111.230.190 to 2111.220.314 to cover tax collection expense
- 14. \$1000 from 1000.110.315 to 1000.330.420 because election expense will not be needed
- 15. \$1,200 from 2041.410.190 to 2041.410.360 to cover mowing
- 16. \$150 from 2041.410.211 to 2041.410.360 to cover mowing
- 17. \$10,000 from 2111.230.190 to 2111.230.420 for funding needed in Op supplies
- 18. \$2,000 from 2111.230.215 to 2111.230.420 for funding needed in Op supplies

CARES Federal Fund:

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

Cemetery Fund:

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

Reappropriations:

- 19. \$276.29 from 1000.110.312 to 1000.110.314 to cover tax collection expense
- 20. \$1,338.38 from 2111.230.190 to 2111.220.314 to cover tax collection expense
- 21. \$1000 from 1000.110.315 to 1000.330.420 because election expense will not be needed
- 22. \$1,200 from 2041.410.190 to 2041.410.360 to cover mowing
- 23. \$150 from 2041.410.211 to 2041.410.360 to cover mowing
- 24. \$10,000 from 2111.230.190 to 2111.230.420 for funding needed in Op supplies
- 25. \$2,000 from 2111.230.215 to 2111.230.420 for funding needed in Op supplies

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General items under discussion:

- September 2021 Run Statistics: 124 total calls of which 122 were EMS for which we answered 122. 2 were fire calls and we answered 100% of those. Gave 45 mutual aid and received 8.
- Cares funding was returned - \$13,797.73.
- To open the new account, VCNB needs signature cards and photo ids for everyone.
- FO Snyder shared that Engineer Charlie Ortman had contacted her, asking her to review meeting records from 1977-1981 regarding Seeig Land. Unable to find reference.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Larry Kellough, to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

ATTESTED:

President

Vice President

Member

Fiscal Officer