

HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2021

Fiscal Officer Robin Snyder called the January 14, 2021 Re-Organization meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. at the Township Firehouse.

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

**RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING**

**Motion** by John Cottrill, seconded by Gary Hopkins to elect Gary Hopkins as President for 2021 as well as the Fire Department liaison.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, seconded by John Cottrill to elect John Cottrill as Vice President for 2021 as well as Cemetery Liaison.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, seconded by John Cottrill to appoint Larry Kellough as Road Crew Supervisor for 2021.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, seconded by John Cottrill, to set the meeting schedule of the Board of Trustees as the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 at the Township Fire House.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, seconded by John Cottrill, to approve the Annual Permanent Appropriations for 2021 of \$1,251,155.54, leaving \$43,402.78 unappropriated across all funds.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

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**FO Snyder** shared that the 2021 Official Certificate of Estimated Resources is \$1,294,558.32: \$378,029.64 is carry-over from 2020 and \$1,055,989.57 represents the new resources expected in 2021. Snyder also shared all of the “unexpected” sources of funds in 2021 from BWC dividends, to Coronavirus Funding, to sales of our vehicles.

Snyder applauded the Fire Department for a record year: 1,020 runs and \$190,623.84 in EMS receipts.

\*\*\*REGULAR MEETING\*\*\*

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, seconded by John Cottrill, to approve the December 2020 minutes.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

**Motion** by John Cottrill, seconded by Gary Hopkins, to approve payment of December 2020 bills.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

**GUEST:** The Board expected Sharon Daugherty from Rinehart Insurance to attend and speak about the damage estimate on our squad. She was not able to attend. Chief Cuckler provided the update to the Board. The estimate on our claim is at \$35,697.50 per Patty Debrowski of Hylant. The squad was inspected at Burgess Ambulance. \$19,220.59 was due to suspension damage. Pilata Ford dealer in Wooster, Ohio also inspected it for suspension and engine damage. Burgess put in an oil filter and 13 quarts of oil and said that it sounds good, no engine trouble. Pilata Ford found that the oil filter was full of ball bearings and shavings, so the feeling is that the engine is “toast”. Pilata checked the frame after we explained that the squad had been airborne. They stated that the frame is true. We feel that the following work is needed; new engine, front axle assembly, hub with bearings on the left side. The ford engine is on backorder until February 11, 2021. In the meantime, we are continuing to borrow the squad from the Ross County Fire and Rescue organization. (Nate Freeman)

**GUESTS:** Aaron Rourke with ODNR and Dwayne Seeling of Water’s Edge Canoe Livery spoke to the Board about designating Paint Creek as a Scenic River Designation. ODNR would need a letter of support, in the form of a Resolution, approved by the Board. There are five townships in Ross County that would need to support this designation as well. There will be no infringement upon the rights of property owners along the creek, and Hirsch’s fruit farm would be permitted to resource water for their crops. Rourke discussed the various sections of Paint Creek as well as Rocky Fork and Rattlesnake stretching through Highland and Ross counties. Other organizations supporting this effort are the National Park Service, Chillicothe Trails, and Footpaths in other parks.

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**Motion** by John Cottrill, seconded by Gary Hopkins, to pass a resolution to show support of a scenic river designation for Paint Creek in Huntington Township.

Vote:                      John Cottrill                      Yes  
                                 Gary Hopkins                      Yes

**GUEST:** Dwain Robbins, resident, attended to ask the Board if the missing minutes had been located. They have not been located. He shared that he has yet to hear back from County Engineer Charlie Ortman regarding the FEMA Funds.

**GUEST:** Larry Cuckler, Fire Chief, approached the Board to ask for approval of seven (7) purchase requisitions, as follows:

#1 Health Safety Inst	\$1280	On line 40 trainings for EMTs
#2 Korey Pauley	\$251	Reimburse for testing fees
#3 Amazon (Twp credit card)	\$240	5 landline telephones for the FD
#4 Cutright TM	\$375	Suburban repairs
#5 Justin DePugh	\$2,480	Upstairs shower room construction/leak repair
#6 Fastenal	\$563	Drill, grinder, batteries, charger
#7 Larry Cuckler	\$65.96	Reimburse for reflective lettering

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, seconded by John Cottrill, to approve the seven (7) purchase requisitions as requested by Chief Cuckler.

Vote:                      Gary Hopkins                      Yes  
                                 John Cottrill                      Yes

➤ Cuckler asked the Board to terminate Benjamin Countryman from the part-time crew for failure to maintain active status and work one 12 our shift per month.

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill, to approve the termination of Countryman from the part time paid crew for not maintaining on active status.

Vote:                      Gary Hopkins                      Yes  
                                 John Cottrill                      Yes

➤ Cuckler provided an update on the progress of Fire Recovery USA. Eight (8) claims were submitted and are in progress with a potential collection of \$1,563.50.

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**The Board and Fire Chief** continued the mutual aid discussion. At the December meeting, the Board instructed Cuckler to provide a boundary map of where our EMTs would and would not run for mutual aid at our January meeting. Instead, Cuckler passed out a paper that showed mutual aid distances from five different townships to the intersection of Blain Highway and St Rt 772 where our FD is located. He shared that the Pike County EMS is out of business and signed with Med Care to provide services for their county. Reportedly, they are selling their squads.

For our township, Cuckler suggests that we set a limitation on the distance we will travel, for example 10 to 12 miles. If further away, a volunteer crew could make the run, but not our paid crew.

He also shared that Green Township (Kingston) has implemented 24/7 coverage, but not full-time people. They are paying \$3 more an hour than our pay scale.

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, seconded by John Cottrill, to approve the slate of board members to the Volunteer Firefighters' Dependents Fund in the annual election as presented by SO Snyder.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

- Trustee Cottrill asked to expend funds on the purchase of ground protection mats in order to lessen damage in the cemeteries when digging graves in wet conditions. He also wants approval to purchase two pads for the outriggers on the backhoe that would cost \$109.99 each. The expense is to be paid using the township credit card. He stated that we might need a small backhoe to help lift the mats.

**Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins, to purchase the ground mats and outrigger pads as discussed above.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes

- The Board discussed paying Paul Corcoran for the two trees he has cut down and removed for the Township. One tree on Denver and the other tree on Liberty Hill. We will pay him \$600 a tree for a total of \$1200.

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill, to pay Corcoran \$600 per tree he cuts/removes on behalf of our township.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

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General items under discussion:

- December 2020 Run Statistics: 92 call of which 83 were EMS and we answered all of them. 9 were fire-related. We gave 29 mutual aids and received 1.
- Snyder stated that the CARES deadline has been extended until December 31, 2021,
- The Township inventory is due to be compiled by the end of January 2021.
- The Board discussed safety of the Road Crew, specifically when cutting down trees. An employee was seriously hurt in January. In the future, if a downed tree is on a line we will wait for the entity who owns the line to cut it. The trustees will begin having monthly safety meetings with the crew.
- While passing out the disinfectant sprayers to Township churches, Trustee Cottrill discovered that two are no longer meeting - Bishop Hill Methodist and Baptist Hill Church. He will give those sprayers to Open Door Church and Real Joy church since many of our residents attend those churches.
- Trustee Cottrill reported that the plumbing work and water fountain had been completed at the garage.
- If we have available CARES funding, Trustee Cottrill would like to see us pass out COVID supplies to residents. For discussion at the February meeting.

**Motion** by Gary Hopkins, seconded by John Cottrill, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 P.M.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

ATTESTED:

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President

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Vice President

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Member

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Fiscal Officer