Huntington Township Regular Meeting
April 14th, 2026

President John Cottrill called the April 14th, 2026, Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the Fire House.

Roll Call:	John Cottrill	Present
	Bud Lytle	Present
	Blake Kellough	Present

President Cottrill then read the meeting rules of order.

Motion by Bud Lytle, second by John Cottrill to approve the March Regular Meeting minutes.

Vote:	Bud Lytle	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes

Motion by Blake Kellough, second by Bud Lytle to approve the March 31st Special Meeting minutes

Vote:	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Motion by Blake Kellough, second by John Cottrill to approve March payments.

Vote:	Blake Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes

Assistant Prosecutor Chase Carter spoke to the Board about the associated paperwork with getting a loan for the tractor/mower and Kellough added on to that by giving an ETA on it.

Carter then asked the board to adopt a resolution accepting the deed to Floral Hills Cemetery.

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Motion by John Cottrill, second by Bud Lytle to adopt a resolution accepting the deed for Floral Hills Cemetery.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes

Cottrill next brought up having the Prosecutor help the TWP make the Floral Hills access road a public roadway, and Carter further elaborated on it.

Motion by Bud Lytle, second by John Cottrill to seek an opinion from the Prosecutor to pursue making the Floral Hills access road a public road.

Vote:	Bud Lytle	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes

Motion by Bud Lytle, second by Blake Kellough to seek a legal opinion from the Prosecutor regarding selling the house at Floral Hills along with some unused acreage.

Vote:	Bud Lytle	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Carter then spoke of his official legal opinion on the erosion issue on Beatty Road, and citing the ORC, as well as previous similar cases, explained that the TWP is not liable for the issue.

Resident Ryan Williams of Shady Glen next addressed the Board about speed issues on Shady Glen. He said that he'd gotten signatures for having a traffic study done, and told the Board that if the TWP cannot fund the study, that they are interested in helping. Mr. Williams gave the signatures to Cottrill and proposed the idea of getting speed limits posted, requesting that they be 25mph, and install speed bumps or other traffic calming devices. Cottrill mentioned that we have tried for years to get all township roads posted at 35mph, and said a speed study would be a good place to start; additional talks were had about making the bus turnaround usable as well.

Williams next brought up the possibility of having an OT list for having a Deputy patrol the area, and Lytle elaborated on it a little bit, indicating a low feasibility of it, and instead recommending a neighborhood watch program.

Lytle next spoke thanking Carter for giving us closure on the Beatty Road issue.

Cottrill then discussed our cemeteries, including items at them that are in violation of the cemetery rules. He next mentioned that on May 2, there will be a flag placement day for veterans at Floral Hills and that all are welcome to come help.

Cottrill next mentioned that Robin Snyder is finished with her work at Floral Hills, thanking her for all the work she has done, and discussed donating to her the laptop she'd been using to do all the work on.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Bud Lytle to approve donating the Floral Hills laptop to Robin Snyder.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes

Cottrill next discussed a MARCS radio grant through the Ohio Department of Corrections that gives radios and chargers, mentioning using some that we get for our road crew.

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Blake Kellough to accept MARCS radio donations from the Ohio Department of Corrections.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes

Cottrill discussed the 1 mil levy that is expiring this fall, and Lytle added that the FD is doing better than it has been financially, but that we need to put the levy on the ballot with the SAFER grant expiring.

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Motion by Bud Lytle, second by John Cottrill to approve putting a FD 1 mil renewal levy on the ballot for fall of 2026.

Vote:	Bud Lytle	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes

Lytle brought up the idea of getting TWP email address through outlook for the Board and the Road Crew employees for a total of 7 addresses.

Chief Depugh next covered runs for the previous month, stating that the FD has only missed 7 runs this year (contracted out via mutual aid). He then asked Haines for a tax exemption number and certificate.

Motion by Bud Lytle, second by Blake Kellough to approve the purchase of 5 helmet decals from Taylor's Tins for a total of $260.

Vote:	Bud Lytle	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Depugh spoke about needing new turnout gear, and asked Haines whether or not the TWP has received the R/E taxes from the Auditor yet, to which Haines said we have not. Depugh further mentioned using Thomas Gas instead of Airgas, saying that it would save the TWP $20 a fill. He finished by saying that T-Mobile had given another quote, different from what was given last meeting, and further discussion ensued between he and the Board that there would likely be a Special Meeting this month.

Haines then read over the two reallocations he'd made since the previous meeting.

Motion by Blake Kellough, second by John Cottrill to approve the reallocations made by Haines.

Vote:	Blake Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes

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Motion by John Cottrill, second by Bud Lytle to approve renewing the contract with Sedgwick for $595.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes

Haines then spoke about how switching to having phone services through Spectrum instead of GloFiber at the garage would take the phone bill from about $78 to around $35 a month, requesting that the Board make the switch.

Motion by Bud Lytle, second by Blake Kellough to approve canceling phone service at the garage through GloFiber.

Vote:	Bud Lytle	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Motion by Blake Kellough, second by John Cottrill to approve adding a phone line at the garage through Spectrum for approximately $35 a month.

Vote:	Blake Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes

Motion by Bud Lytle, second by Blake Kellough to approve the annual insurance premium through OTARMA for $34,506.

Vote:	Bud Lytle	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

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Motion by Bud Lytle, second by Blake Kellough to approve the annual Ross County EMA contract for $150.

Vote:	Bud Lytle	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Motion by Bud Lytle, second by Blake Kellough to go into executive session for personnel matters at 7:17 pm.

Vote:	Bud Lytle	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Bud Lytle to resume the meeting at 7:51 pm.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Bud Lytle to promote part-time employee Harold Humphrey from Lieutenant to Captain, giving him a 10% raise from the base rate.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes

Motion by Bud Lytle, second by John Cottrill to promote full-time employee Abe Winter from Lieutenant to Captain, giving him a 10% raise from the base rate.

Vote:	Bud Lytle	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes

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Motion by Blake Kellough, second by Bud Lytle to promote part-time employee Brian Sims to Lieutenant, giving him an additional 5% on the hour.

Vote:	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes

Motion by Blake Kellough, second by John Cottrill to hire Jeffrey Spires part-time to the FD as a FF2/paramedic.

Vote:	Blake Kellough	Yes
	John Cottrill	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Bud Lytle to accept Hadley Casey into the FD Underage program as a FFV.

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes

Lytle and Depugh then discussed the FD, mentioning that things are going well.

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Motion by John, second by Blake Kellough to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM

Vote:	John Cottrill	Yes
	Blake Kellough	Yes
	Bud Lytle	Yes

ATTESTED:

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President

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Vice President

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Trustee

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Fiscal Officer