Huntington Township Regular Meeting/Budget Hearing
July 10th, 2026

President Cottrill called the Budget 2027 Hearing to order at 5:34 P.M. at the Township Firehouse.

Roll Call: John Cottrill
Bud Lytle
Blake Kellough

Haines then went over the main points/highlights of each fund for the 2027 budget.

Lytle then asked that we combine the two cemetery funds (2041 & 2042), to make things easier from a budgeting standpoint and to better secure the cemetery funds. Further discussion ensued, but no action was yet taken.

Haines mentioned paying the road crew only out of the 2021 instead of both the 2021 and 2031 funds, and the trustees agreed that that was a better idea then how we are currently doing it.

Motion by Bud Lytle, seconded by John Cottrill, to approve the 2027 forecasted budget as is.

Vote: Bud Lytle
John Cottrill
Blake Kellough

Motion by John Cottrill, seconded by Blake Kellough, to approve adjourning the budget hearing.

Vote: John Cottrill
Blake Kellough
Bud Lytle

President Cottrill called the July 10 Regular Meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. at the Township Firehouse.

Roll Call: John Cottrill
Bud Lytle
Blake Kellough

Motion by Blake Kellough, seconded by Bud Lytle, to approve the May Regular Meeting minutes.

Vote: Blake Kellough
Bud Lytle
John Cottrill

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Motion by John Cottrill, seconded by Blake Kellough, to approve the June Regular Meeting minutes.

Vote: John Cottrill
Blake Kellough
Bud Lytle

Motion by Bud Lytle, seconded by Blake Kellough, to approve June 2026 payments.

Vote: Bud Lytle
Blake Kellough
John Cottrill

Cottrill next spoke about issues with our current fuel supplier, and discussed using Diesel Direct instead. He mentioned that Diesel Direct would also upgrade our fuel stations at the Fire Department as well as the RB Garage. The Trustees decided to sit down with Diesel Direct and work on a contract to be brought up at the next meeting.

Cottrill next discussed purchasing a side by side to be used at the cemeteries as well as for the Road Crew. He continued to say that he got two quotes for side by sides, one from AG Pro for a John Deere Gator for $20,378 and a Kawasaki Mule from a private owner for $16,000. Haines discussed concerns with pulling additional money out of the road funds, and the decision was tabled until the next meeting.

Cottrill and Lytle discussed the Floral Hills Cemetery deed, and Lytle mentioned that he had spoken with Asst. Prosecutor Chase Carter and he seemed to think we would have the deed before the end of July

Cottrill went on to give an update on the insurance claim at Floral Hills, and proceeded on to mention that he'd applied for a cemetery grant for approximately $4600.

Cottrill then mentioned that he had called Mound Waste & Recycling and that prices were significantly lower than what we are currently paying through Rumpke.

Motion by Bud Lytle, seconded by John Cottrill, to approve transferring all TWP trash services from Rumpke to Mound.

Vote: Bud Lytle
John Cottrill
Blake Kellough

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Motion by John Cottrill, seconded by Bud Lytle to approve the resolution proceed.

Vote: John Cottrill
Bud Lytle
Blake Kellough

Motion by Bud Lytle, seconded by Blake Kellough, to adopt the OTA sample cyber security policy, changing verbiage to reflect Huntington Township.

Vote: Bud Lytle
Blake Kellough
John Cottrill

Cottrill mentioned that the Board received a formal complaint about Bridenbaugh lane, and Lytle elaborated that it is about a rainwater issue on the road; explaining that there was logging and excavation at the back of the road, contributing to the problem. The trustees agreed to meet out there and try and fix the problem.

The Trustees then discussed having a fish fry at the fire department; Lytle mentioned that he believes that the TWP would at least recoup to the Fire Fund the money spent.

Motion by Bud Lytle, seconded by John Cottrill, to approving having a fish fry at the fire department on Saturday August 29, approving up to $3000 to be spent, with proceeds going back into the Fire Fund..

Vote: Bud Lytle
John Cottrill
Blake Kellough

Cottrill mentioned the issue with the Pump on the fire truck, and the Trustees further discussed repairing the truck vs getting a new one. Lytle mentioned that they would like to have a new truck, but are not in a position to purchase a new one, further saying that we have to fix the truck we have. Depugh said that the Truck should not even be in the firehouse because of it being past it's service life, and went on to mention several issues with the truck. He said that it's not worth repairing, but we don't have a choice. The Trustees then concluded to have the truck repaired.

Depugh went on to mention several maintenance issues with some of the FD vehicles, including the squads, fire truck, and brush truck.

Cottrill went on to discuss the planned paving coming in higher than we expected. The original approval was approximately $156,000, and the actual paving has came in at approximately $228,700. Kellough mentioned that he measured the road to be shorter and narrower than the County Engineers had. The Trustees decided that they would meet with the engineer's office to resolve the issue.

Depugh asked the board whether or not they would be open to give him a credit card, and Lytle said that he is not opposed to it, Kellough agreed, and Cottrill said that the purchases must be approved in advance.

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Motion by Bud Lytle, seconded by Blake Kellough, to approve a VCNB credit card for Austin Depugh, being that prior approval must be given before any purchases are made.

Vote: Bud Lytle
Blake Kellough
John Cottrill

Haines then went over a reallocation he'd made since the last meeting.

Motion by John Cottrill, seconded by Bud Lytle to approve the reallocations made by Haines.

Vote: John Cottrill
Bud Lytle
Blake Kellough

Haines brought up that the FD has already expended approximately 64% of the FD's salary expense, and that hours must be reformed/regulated or else the fund will run out. Further discussion ensued between Haines, the Trustees, and Depugh regarding the FD hours.

Motion by Bud Lytle, seconded by Blake Kellough, to approve setting a Special Meeting July 20 at 6pm at the FD to discuss FD scheduling, and other emergency items as needed.

Vote: Bud Lytle
Blake Kellough
John Cottrill

Motion by John Cottrill, seconded by Bud Lytle, to go into executive session for personnel matters at 8:07 pm.

Vote: John Cottrill
Bud Lytle
Blake Kellough

Motion by Bud Lytle, seconded by Blake Kellough, to reopen the meeting from executive session at 8:21pm

Vote: Bud Lytle
Blake Kellough
John Cottrill

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Motion by Blake Kellough, seconded by Bud Lytle to hire William Strain to the FD PT as a FF2/paramedic.

Vote: Blake Kellough
Bud Lytle
John Cottrill

Motion by John Cottrill, seconded by Bud Lytle to hire Kevin Fausnaugh Jr to the FD PT as a FF2/Paramedic.

Vote: John Cottrill
Bud Lytle
Blake Kellough

Motion by Bud Lytle, seconded by John Cottrill to hire Megan Spencer to the FD PT as a FF1/Paramedic

Vote: Bud Lytle
John Cottrill
Blake Kellough

Motion by Blake Kellough, seconded by Bud Lytle to hire Joseph Cosenza to the FD as a Volunteer

Vote: Blake Kellough
Bud Lytle
John Cottrill

Motion by Bud Lytle, seconded by Blake Kellough to Hire Kaiden Attwood to the FD PT as a FF2.

Vote: Bud Lytle
Blake Kellough
John Cottrill

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Motion by Bud Lytle, seconded by John Cottrill to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

Vote: Bud Lytle
John Cottrill
Blake Kellough

ATTESTED:

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President

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Vice President

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Member

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Fiscal Officer