

Chairman Chris Hann with the Pledge of Allegiance called the Regular Meeting of the Hamilton Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

Visitors Present: Lisa Everts, Bob Everts, Melissa Armstrong, Mary Ann Armstrong, Gwen Young, Marvin Young, Richard Brown

(2023-136) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

T. Blackstone made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, May 24, 2023, as presented by the Fiscal Officer. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Regarding miscellaneous Franklin County Sheriff's Department matters, deputy present at meeting informed the Board that they have received 224 calls, 131 Township, 77 Columbus and 16 resulting in citation/arrests. Complaint regarding junk cars parked on Rampart. Cars are never moved, do have valid plates. There is not a lot the sheriff can do, if the cars have up to date license. Public nuisance notice has been served on the Grenada Road property. Sheriff has been made aware that they need to accompany the township crew assigned to clean up the overgrown vegetation.

(2023-137) MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER NICHOLAS ADKINS

Chief Shillingburg presented to the Board a letter of resignation from full-time firefighter Nicholas Adkins. T. Blackstone made a motion to accept said resignation effective June 26, 2023, with a letter of thanks for his service to be compiled and sent to Mr. Adkins. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Regarding miscellaneous Hamilton Township Fire Department matters, Chief Shillingburg presented three quotes for roof repair/replacement at Station 172. One quote was an old quote dated December 31, 2022. Chief was instructed to obtain the current quote and this would be acted on later in the meeting. Chief Shillingburg informed the Board that Medic 171 is being repaired at Krieger; the Columbus air Show is scheduled for June 16, 17, and 18 at Rickenbacker. All safety plans are in place; and Fortress Fireworks are scheduled for July 4<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Hann asked Chief Shillingburg for status of the promotional process to fill the vacancies in leadership at the Fire Department. The Fiscal Officer had provided the Board with a draft copy prepared by Martin Hafey and a proposed version prepared by Captain Tom Ferrell. Shillingburg stated that he was not prepared to discuss the documents. This was the first time he had seen the document prepared by Martin Hafey. After a short discussion, the Board decided to meet in a special session on Friday, June 16, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Hann instructed Shillingburg to be prepared to review the procedure.

(2023-138) AUTHORIZATION DIRECTING FISCAL OFFICER TO CERTIFY CHARGES FOR CUTTING NOXIOUS WEEDS

Per ORC and upon direction from Franklin County Public Health a notice was sent to residents to cut weeds on their property. Upon failure to do so, the township road crew handled the matter;

(2023-138) AUTHORIZATION DIRECTING FISCAL OFFICER TO CERTIFY CHARGES FOR CUTTING NOXIOUS WEEDS CONTINUED

T. Blackstone initiated passage of the following motion.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87, I move to certify the costs incurred by the Township in connection with mowing properties located at 1991 Drexel Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43207, and 1987 Reese Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43207, to the Franklin County Auditor for collection with taxes. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-139) A RESOLUTION DECLARING PROPERTY LOCATED IN HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, A NUISANCE

T. Blackstone made a motion declaring the property owned by Xionghua Wu and located at 1077 Meadow Lane, Columbus, Ohio 43207, Tax Parcel No: 150-001011-00, a nuisance in accordance with Hamilton Township Resolution 2023-131. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-140) MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF GASOLINE POWERED POST DRIVER AND A BOOM LIFT USING OBWC SIG GRANT

BWC Safety Intervention Grant for a gasoline powered post driver and a boom lift have been approved. The township match is \$9,420.01. Fiscal Officer will work with OBWC to receive the grant, open the PO's and apply the expenditures. T. Blackstone made a motion to approve the purchase of a gasoline powered post driver from Crowder, and a boom lift from BPS using OBWC SIG Grant. Township's share is \$9,420.01. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ROAD MAINTENANCE

Regarding miscellaneous Hamilton Township Road Maintenance matters, the Board was informed of the following: West Nile found in the township test pools; there will be a tire collection set up at the township park on July 29, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; and zero turn is repaired and returned to service.

REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD BROWN

Representative Richard Brown was in attendance to discuss HB64 as it relates to Imminent Domain. Representative Brown answered questions regarding the bill and his support or non-support of the legislation. Representative Brown stated that he was looking at the best interest of his constituents and would not allow his personal opinions to come into play. He listened to the residents' concerns and stated that he would take all the concerns into consideration and communicate them back to his colleagues at the state level. The Board thanked Representative Brown for taking the time to attend the meeting.

(2023-141) MOTION TO ACCEPT BULK PROPANE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

T. Blackstone made a motion to accept the bulk propane purchase agreement with United Propane for 2023 at a cost of 1.899. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea

Armstrong yea

Hann yea

(2023-142) MOTION TO AUTHORIZE CHRIS HANN TO SIGN AGREEMENT

T. Blackstone made a motion to authorize Chris Hann to sign the agreement with United Propane in the township’s behalf. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-143) MOTION TO AWARD ROOF REPLACEMENT TO ALLIED ROOFING

At this time Chief Shillingburg returned to the meeting and presented the Board with the three current bids for the roof at Station 172. Two bids for replacement and one bid for repair. After reviewing the bids, the Board decided upon replacement of the roof. Several repairs have been attempted and the leaks continue. T. Blackstone made a motion to award the roof replacement to Allied Roofing, bid price \$58,962.00, 15-year guarantee. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION

Regarding miscellaneous administrative matters, the Board was provided with copies of the following: emails from the Ohio Township Association regarding Ohio Ambulance Transportation Program, Call To Action: Sub HB 33 State Operating Budget and Legislative Alert & Info 6/9/23; emails from Franklin County Public Health regarding ACE’s Summit, Funding Opportunity, Health Works and Summer Safety updates and Mosquito and Vector Update; and an email from Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District regarding Backyard Conversation – May 2023

(2023-144) COMMUNITY CENTER REQUESTS

T. Blackstone made a motion allowing the following uses of the Community Center building: Hannah Coffey for Friday, June 23, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., for a birthday party. Fee to be \$12.00 per hour; and Christine McCoy for Sunday, August 20, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., for a birthday party. Fee to be \$12.00 per hour. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-145) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDERS

T. Blackstone made a motion allowing the following obligations for payment without purchase orders:

Payroll \$ 99,525.84

G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-146) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITH PURCHASE ORDERS

T. Blackstone made a motion allowing the following obligations for payment with purchase orders:

ADSCO Companies	\$	304.00
All-American Fire Equipment		769.91
Atlantic Emergency Solutions		1,709.07
B & C Communications		135.00
Beem's BP Distr. Inc.		3,194.60



HAMILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fiscal Officer



The Special Meeting of the Hamilton Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by Chairman Chris Hann.

Members Present: Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

Visitors Present: Thomas Ferrell

Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Fire Department's promotional procedure and review the associated documents - prepared by former Chief Hafey, - prepared by Captain Thomas Ferrell.

Captain Ferrell presented the document that he had prepared, at the Chief's request, outlining the requirements that need to be met in order to apply for a promotion to captain or lieutenant at the Hamilton Township Fire Department. In reviewing the document, the following changes were decided upon in the lieutenant qualifications, in Ferrell's document.

Item #1 – Add statement “shall not have a break in service of more than one year”.

Trustee Hann expressed his concern that Fire Fighter Riffle would not be able to apply because he had left the department in late 2022 and been rehired in early 2023. This employee had nine years of service prior to the resignation and should be allowed to enter his name into the pool.

Trustee Blackstone disagreed, stating that this was not fair to the employees who chose not to seek employment elsewhere. This Fire Fighter had agreed to return with no seniority and should not be included in the process. He was a lateral hire and according to the contract, he was not eligible to apply. Hann stated that it was not in the contract and this had been approved by the township attorney. Trustee Armstrong agreed with Hann that Riffle should be allowed in.

Blackstone stated that he considered this unjust to the other applicants but had no choice in the matter, due to the other two trustees being in favor of Riffle's inclusion. He was only one vote.

Item #4 – Remove item 4, containing the statement “Shall not be on probation for any reason”.

There was a discussion regarding the removal of this statement and why. Trustee Blackstone was of the opinion that it needed to remain. Trustee Hann and Armstrong agreed with the removal. Ferrell was instructed to have the document updated by June 19, 2023 and distributed to the Board for approval.

Review of the “Hamilton Township Fire Department Officer Promotional Eligibility” Document.

This document was prepared by Martin Hafey and was never approved for use by the Board of Trustees. It is marked “Draft”. After a lengthy discussion of how to accomplish the testing, scoring and ranking the applicants. The original document was replaced with a one-page sheet listing the promotional placement process and the steps to be completed by each applicant.

The Board agreed with these changes. Thomas Ferrell was instructed to prepare the document and submit it to the Board along with the promotional posting document June 19, 2023.

(2023-148) A RESOLUTION DECLARING A MOTOR VEHICLE IN HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, TO BE JUNK MOTOR VEHICLE AND ORDERING REMOVAL PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 505.871

**WHEREAS**, the Hamilton Township Board of Trustees (the “Board”) has found that one white SUV motor vehicle located at 876 Kingland Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43207, Franklin County Auditor Parcel No: 150-002055-00 (the “Junk Motor Vehicle”) is three model years or older, apparently inoperable, and extensively damaged and otherwise constitutes a junk motor vehicle pursuant to

(2023-148) A RESOLUTION DECLARING A MOTORVEHICLE IN HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, TO BE JUNK MOTOR VEHICLE AND ORDERING REMOVAL PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 505.871 CONTINUED

Sections 505.871 and 505.173; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 505.871 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board is authorized to determine that a motor vehicle located on private property is a junk motor vehicle and notify and order the property owner to remove any such junk motor vehicle within fourteen (14) days after the receipt of notice, and if the property owner fails to remove the junk motor vehicle or to make arrangements for the removal within the allotted time period, the Board may proceed to remove the junk motor vehicle and enter the cost of such removal upon the tax duplicate for the property; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of Hamilton Township (the "Township") and its residents to proceed under Section 505.871 of the Ohio Revised Code in order to remove, or have removed, the Junk Motor Vehicles from the property.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Hamilton Township, Franklin County, Ohio, (the "Board") that the following Resolution be, and it hereby is, adopted:

**Section 1.** The Board hereby determines the Junk Motor Vehicle located at 876 Kingland Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43207, Franklin County Auditor Parcel No.: 150-002055-00 (Franklin County Parcel Id Numbers 0130079800 and 013007990) (the "Property"), meeting the following general description a white SUV missing, among other mechanical items, an axle and transmission; and is three model years or older, apparently inoperable and extensively damaged and otherwise individually constituting a junk motor vehicle pursuant to Sections 505.871 and 505.173 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Section 2.** The Board orders the record property owner(s) of the Property to remove the Junk Motor Vehicle or make arrangements for the removal within fourteen (14) days after receipt of notice prescribed pursuant to the provisions of Section 505.871 of the Ohio Revised Code;

**Section 3.** The Board authorizes the Chair of the Board to notify the record owner(s) and lienholders of the Property as provided in the provisions of Section 505.871 of the Ohio Revised Code;

**Section 4.** If the record property owner does not remove the Junk Motor Vehicles or make arrangements for removal within fourteen (14) days from the receipt of notice hereof, Chair of the Board is authorized to order Township employees, materials and equipment to be used to remove the Junk Motor Vehicle or to enter into a contract with a motor vehicle salvage dealer or scrap metal processing facility, as defined in Sections 4738.01 and 4737.05 of the Ohio Revised Code, for removal of the Junk Motor Vehicle, and all costs and expenses so incurred shall, when approved by the Board, be paid out of the unappropriated monies in the general fund;

**Section 5.** The Board hereby directs the Fiscal Officer to certify any and all costs and expenses that the Township incurs in the removal of the

Junk Motor Vehicle and a general description of the Property to the Auditor of Franklin County, Ohio for entry upon the tax duplicate as a lien upon the Property and for collection and reimbursement of the Township's general fund as provided in Section 505.871 of the Ohio Revised Code, and execute any and all affidavits and/or other documents as needed pursuant to the provisions of Section 505.871 of the Ohio Revised Code.

(2023-148) A RESOLUTION DECLARING A MOTOR VEHICLE IN HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, TO BE JUNK MOTOR VEHICLE AND ORDERING REMOVAL PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 505.871 CONTINUED

**Section 6.** This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in open meetings of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in formal actions were taken in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including but not limited to, Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22, except as otherwise permitted thereby.

This Resolution shall take effect at the earliest time allowed by law.

T. Blackstone made a motion approving said Resolution. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-149) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fiscal Officer

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Members Present: Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

Visitors Present: Gwen Young, Marvin Young, Lisa Everts, Mary Ann Armstrong, Melissa Armstrong, Sue Morbitzer, Patti Harler, Karen Six

(2023-150) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

T. Blackstone made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, June 14, 2023, and the Special Meeting held Friday, June 16, 2023, as presented by the Fiscal Officer. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-151) MOTION TO HIRE FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTERS

Chief Shillingburg introduced Lacey Wood and Micah Collett to the Board. He requested that they be hired as full-time firefighter EMT-P's. Per the recommendation of Chief Shillingburg, T. Blackstone moved to hire Micah S. Collett of 928 Heyl Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43206, and Lacey Wood of 5775 Saffron Avenue, Galloway, Ohio 43119, as full-time firefighters EMT-P's with the Hamilton Township Fire Department pending successful passage of required physical and psychological evaluation. Firefighters to receive wages and benefits as outlined in contract with Local 3344. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-152) MOTION TO APPROVE NEEDED REPAIRS TO CH 171 VEHICLE

Chief car 171 needs several repairs, including weather stripping and door handles that are malfunctioning. T. Blackstone made a motion to approve all needed repairs to CH 171 vehicle at Byers Chevrolet at an estimated cost of \$711.84. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-153) MOTION TO ACCEPT LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM WADE EDWARDS

Chief Shillingburg presented a letter from Wade Edwards notifying the Board of his retirement date. Edwards will work until September 7, 2023, at which time he will use all paid time off until its exhausted on November 30, 2023. Edwards will work with the township to transition his duties. T. Blackstone made a motion to accept the letter of retirement from Wade Edwards as presented. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Regarding miscellaneous Hamilton Township Fire Department matters, Chief Shillingburg informed the Board that all equipment is in service; E-173 has primer pump issues; and Rohr Road and St. Rt. 317 to be closed for 75 days

beginning July 17, 2023 for the installation of a roundabout. Trustee Hann asked Shillingburg about the status of the EMS contract with Fortress Obetz for special events. Shillingburg stated that an agreement was being worked out. Township services were not heavily used at events at the Fortress this year. Staffing has been an issue, if necessary he would force.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTINUED

Judy Campbell has been in contact with the township regarding the VFW construction issue. The new construction had not been inspected because zoning was not informed of the project. Trustee Hann to obtain the contact numbers/ email address for the person in charge at the VFW and give them to Chief Shillingburg. Trustee Hann believes that one issue is that an incorrect address is being used for the business.

(2023-154) MOTION TO HIRE ABLE TREE TO CUT DANGEROUS TREES FROM 876 GRENADA

Tree Cutting and clean up in progress at 876 Grenada Road was discussed. T. Blackstone made a motion to hire Able Tree to cut dangerous trees from the rear of 876 Grenada Road at a cost of \$3,000.00. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ROAD MAINTENANCE

Regarding miscellaneous Hamilton Township Road Maintenance matters, Superintendent Marcum informed the Board that he had no update on new Ford 550 dump truck at this time. Superintendent Marcum presented an updated list of zoning violations to be turned into Franklin County and an updated list of properties on a watch list for high grass and weeds.

(2023-155) A RESOLUTION DECLARING PROPERTY LOCATED IN HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, A NUISANCE

T. Blackstone made a motion declaring the property owned by Jessica T. and Nicholas Grady and located at 3637 S. Champion Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43207, Tax Parcel No: 150-001551-00; and Integrity Real Estate Holdings LLC and located at 3629 S. Champion Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43207, Tax Parcel No: 150-000326-00, a nuisance in accordance with Hamilton Township Resolution 2023-131. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-156) MOTION AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN HANN

Fiscal Officer presented the letter of engagement for the 2021-2022 financial audit from Julian & Grube. Requested a signature from Chairman Hann. T. Blackstone made a motion authorizing Chairman Hann to sign the letter in the township' behalf. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION

Regarding miscellaneous administrative matters, the Board was provided with copies of the following: an email from Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security regarding Franklin County HMP Schedule Update; an agenda from the Technical Review Committee regarding case CU-4072- Hayden Falls Drive. Meeting has been cancelled; an email from the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District regarding Backyard Conversation – June 2023; and



an email from Franklin County Public Health regarding Mosquito and Vector Update. Trustee Armstrong attended the Lockbourne Village council meeting since the last meeting. He reminded the Board that there would be a public meeting on July 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the event center in the old masonic lodge regarding the development of property on Rowe Road by NM Savko.



Blackstone yea

Armstrong yea

Hann yea

(2023-160) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea

Armstrong yea

Hann yea

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
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