

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: Gwen Young, Marvin Young, Lisa Everts, Melissa Armstrong, Christine Ward, Karen Carter, Kendall Collins, Robert Kramer, Robert Andrews

(2023-200) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

T. Blackstone made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, August 9, 2023 and the Special Meeting held Wednesday, August 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

FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Regarding miscellaneous Franklin County Sheriff's Department matters, deputy present at meeting informed the Board that they have had 172 calls for service, 121 Township, 39 Columbus, and 12 arrests. Reports of several homeless camps in the township. People have reported possibly living on property owned by the City of Columbus adjacent to the township park. Lockbourne representative also reported possible sighting of the homeless in their town. Mayor Ward was not sure where they were coming from, possibly the Locke Meadow Park area. Sheriff's department will put drones in the air to see if they can locate the camps.

(2023-201) MOTION TO HIRE SHANE BARKLEY AS FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER

Chief Shillingburg introduced Shane Barkley, he is recommending Barkley be hired as the next full-time firefighter EMT-P to fill a slot being created by a promotion. T. Blackstone moved to hire Shane Barkley of 61325 Kent Lane, Cambridge, Ohio 43725, pending passage of required physical examinations and tests. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-202) MOTION TO APPROVE CPR INSTRUCTOR CLASS

Chief Shillingburg requested that eight fire employees be allowed to attend CPR instructor class. T. Blackstone made a motion to approve eight employees to attend a CPR instructor class at a cost of \$35.00 per person. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-203) MOTION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF CALEB WAITES

Chief Shillingburg presented a resignation letter from part-time firefighter Caleb Waites. T. Blackstone therefore moved to accept said resignation with a letter of thanks for his service to be compiled and sent. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Captain Thomas Ferrell was in attendance. Trustee Hann spoke to Ferrell regarding his contract and compensation package as the Hamilton Township Assistant Chief. Hann stated that we was not moving forward with Ferrell's appointment to the position until the Board had time to meet and prepare his contract. Hann stated that Ferrell might not agree to the contract.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTINUED

He would be appointed once everything was wrapped up. Hann requested a special meeting for later in the week, possibly Friday, to discuss the promotions and Ferrell's contract. Shillingburg to contact the attorney to check his availability.

Inspection of the convenience store being operated at Lockbourne and Rathmell is complete. Violations have been noted. Letters sent, waiting on response from landowner. If violations are not addressed, next step is township intervention to clean the property.

Chairman Hann asked Chief Shillingburg if he was ready to move forward with the third Lieutenant promotion. Shillingburg stated that he thought so. Hann stated that he wanted to put this promotion on hold. Trustee Blackstone inquired as to why. Hann stated that Blackstone had previously voted not to re-hire Mike Riffle and Trustee Blackstone had sat on the board that interviewed Riffle for this promotion. Hann stated he felt that Blackstone doing this was illegal. Blackstone asked Hann to explain to him how conducting an interview with a township employee was considered illegal. In addition, Blackstone stated that he did not vote no to rehiring Riffle in February. Chairman Hann stated that it was up to the other two trustees, Armstrong and Blackstone to decide on the third promotion. Hann was not going to be a part of the decision. Hann asked the Fiscal Officer to produce the minutes from the meeting where firefighter Riffle was re-hired. The minutes were found and presented to the board. All three trustees had voted yea. Hann reviewed the minutes and stated that it was settled and moved on with business. No vote resulted on the promotion for the third lieutenant position.

Chairman Hann asked Chief Shillingburg to set his retirement date. After consideration, Shillingburg stated at the end of October.

ROBERT ANDREWS FROM THE CITY OF COLUMBUS DIVISION OF WATER

Robert Andrews from the City of Columbus Division of Water was in attendance to answer any questions that he could regarding the solar project adjacent to the City of Columbus Water Division on Parsons Avenue.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ROAD MAINTENANCE

Regarding miscellaneous Hamilton Township Road Maintenance matters, Superintendent Marcum informed the Board that the Ford truck has been undercoated, needs tags and lettering.

(2023-204) MOTION TO ALLOW TIE INTO TOWNSHIP'S STORM DRAIN

T. Blackstone made a motion allowing the resident at 2007 Drexel Avenue to tie a septic system aeration unit to the storm drain if grant is received. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-205) MOTION TO PURCHASE EXTENDED WARRANTIES

Discussion was held regarding purchasing extended warranties for the new dump truck. T. Blackstone made a motion to purchase two extended warranties for the Ford single axle dump truck at a cost of \$4,280.00 and \$5,285.00. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea

Armstrong yea

Hann yea

(2023-206) MOTION TO ACCEPT BID FROM ABLE TREE SERVICE

T. Blackstone made a motion to accept the bid from Able Tree Service to remove low hanging tree between the sidewalk and curb on Alburn Drive. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-207) MOTION TO GRANT SIGNATURE AUTHORITY TO FISCAL OFFICER

Superintendent Marcum presented the information from Franklin County regarding the road project OPWC grant programs they were applying for in the Township for 2024. Both had 15% match. T. Blackstone made a motion to allow the Fiscal Officer to sign the grant application letter for road work, 2024 in the township's behalf. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-208) MOTION TO REIMBURSE FOR GUTTER PAN

Superintendent Marcum presented two gutter pain reimbursement requests to the Board. He has approved the replacements. T. Blackstone made a motion to approve the replacement of the gutter pan for Barry Adkins of 868 Kingland Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43207, and Basil Hopper of 915 Kingland Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43207, for \$382.50 for the township's share of gutter pan replacement. After inspection reimbursement to be made. 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 regarding Franklin County HMP – Update; an email from Franklin County Public Health regarding Updates; emails from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission regarding Summit on Sustainability Lunch and Invitation to join LinkUS Transit Supportive Infrastructure Program; an invitation from the Franklin County Farm Bureau to their 2nd Annual Taste of Franklin County event September 10th; a letter from United Propane regarding an update on their annual LP system safety inspection for public entity commercial customers; an email from Franklin County Public Health regarding Mosquito and Vector Updates; an email from the Ohio Township Association regarding Legislative Alert & Info 8/18/23; and an email from Franklin County Township Association regarding 2023 FCTA Safety Conference.

(2023-209) AUTHORIZATION DIRECTING FISCAL OFFICER TO CERTIFY CHARGES FOR CUTTING NOXIOUS WEEDS

Per ORC a notice was sent to residents to cut weeds on their property. Upon failure to do so, the township road crew handled the matter; 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 the property located at 3557 S. Champion 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

(2023-210) AUTHORIZATION DIRECTING FISCAL OFFICER TO CERTIFY CHARGES FOR CUTTING NOXIOUS WEEDS

Per ORC a notice was sent to residents to cut weeds on their property. Upon failure to do so, the township road crew handled the matter; 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 the property located at 3615 Linwood 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

(2023-211) COMMUNITY CENTER REQUESTS

T. Blackstone made a motion allowing the following uses of the Community Center building: Kayla Hildebrand for Sunday, November 5, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., for a birthday party. Fee to be \$12.00 per hour; Tacqua Davis for Friday, October 27, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., for a dinner. Fee to be \$12.00 per hour; Patricia Imler for Sunday, September 10, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for a baby shower. Fee to be \$12.00 per hour; and Holly Quickert for Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., for a baby shower. Fee to be \$12.00 per hour. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-212) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDERS

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

Payroll	\$ 95,548.31
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G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-213) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITH PURCHASE ORDERS

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

Beem's BP Distr. Inc.	\$ 2,848.35
Bound Tree Medical	3,445.03
Charter Communications	48.75
Clarion Events	216.60
Delille Oxygen Company	133.79
Emergency Medical Products	51.16
Franklin County Sheriff	87,746.43
Goss Supply	199.00
Landsel Title Agency	125.00
Office Depot	55.28
OhioHealth/WorkHealth	678.00
Orkin	87.99

Rent-A-John	378.00
The Daily Reporter	<u>46.00</u>
	\$ 96,059.38

(2023-213) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITH PURCHASE ORDERS CONTINUED

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

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-214) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Attest: _____
Fiscal Officer