

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 absent Hann yea

Visitors Present: Lisa Everts, Robert Everts, Gwen Young, Marvin Young, Andy Borders

(2022-215) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

T. Blackstone made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, June 8, 2022, as presented by the Fiscal Officer. C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong absent 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 251 calls, 190 Township, 49 Columbus and 2 arrests.

(2022-216) MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER AMBER LISTER

Chief Shillingburg presented to the Board a letter from part-time firefighter Amber Lister in which she declares her intent to resign from the department. T. Blackstone therefore moved to accept said resignation with a letter of thanks for her service to be compiled and sent to Mrs. Lister. C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong absent Hann yea

(2022-217) MOTION TO REMOVE ITEMS FROM INVENTORY

Chief Shillingburg presented a list of expired turn-out gear for the firefighters. T. Blackstone made a motion to declare fifteen pieces of turn-out gear expired and surplus, and remove from inventory and discard. C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong absent Hann yea

(2022-218) MOTION TO APPROVE \$500 EDUCATIONAL REIMBURSEMENT

Michael Riffle, full-time firefighter, submitted a request to use his 2022 continuing education money for a fire science class at Columbus State. T. Blackstone made a motion to approve \$500.00 educational reimbursement payable to Michael Riffle. C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong absent Hann yea

(2022-219) MOTION TO ACCEPT LIABILITY WAIVER FROM CITY OF OBETZ

Chief Shillingburg presented a liability waiver from the City of Obetz for the fire training on Warner Farms, vacant house. This has been reviewed by our legal counsel and approve by them. T. Blackstone made a motion to accept the liability waiver from the City of Obetz. C. Hann seconded the move and the vote Resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong absent Hann yea

EMS COORDINATOR/COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC

Wade Edwards discussed the EMS Training program at Hamilton Local Schools for 2022-2023 academic year. Trustees asked how the previous class turned out, Edwards stated he had seven students enrolled in 2021-2022.

EMS COORDINATOR/COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC CONTINUED

Of Those seven, only two completed the class, for a 60% turnover. Students dropped out for various reasons. Of those two that completed, not one decided to seek employment at the township. Edwards believes this is due to the township requiring its part-time fire employees to be enrolled in medic school or be paramedics. There are many departments hiring part-time employees that do not have these qualifications, Harrison Township, Violet Township and Amanda are among them. It is his understanding that these departments hire them and pay for their medic schooling, after they agree to work for the department a certain amount of time. The fiscal officer stated that Hamilton Township has offered this type of agreement before, only to have employees leave before the agreement is fulfilled and the township incurred significant cost to recoup the admission cost from the former employees. The fiscal officer asked if the school was possibly willing to pay for the instructor, and what would happen when Captain Edwards retires? Captain Edwards stated that he has no idea if the school would be willing to pay for the instructor and he would not leave the program until it is finished. The Board cautioned Edwards that they were not interested in paying for a program that the township receives no benefits from. In other words, taxpayer dollars were not going to be spent to train EMS employees for other departments. The Board agreed to approve the departments participation in this educational program for one more year. At this point it will be evaluated.

The fiscal officer, with the Board's approval, is setting up a new pay code for Edwards to use this school year to track his time at the schools. Edwards stated he spends eight hours per week teaching this class. The cost will be reported to the Board at the end of the school year.

Captain Edwards was asked by Chairman Hann how many residents he was currently monitoring in his community paramedic role. He stated fourteen patients. Edwards was asked how the three captains that were cross-trained, at a significant cost to the township, to back him up are doing in this role? Edwards stated that none of them were functioning as back-ups for him. Grant Hospital was taking over with his patients when he was on vacation or off of work for other reasons. Hann remarked that the former chief had told him these captains were training regularly with Edwards. Edwards stated this was not a true statement. Only one captain has expressed an interest, which was Tom Ferrell. Discussion was held regarding the certification process for this type of position, how often it happens and what is the procedure. Chairman Hann stated that in his opinion when Edwards retires this position will be eliminated. The Board plans to look at this position in the fall and discuss it's worth.

Trustee Blackstone discussed the need for the community to be informed that in the event of another power outage or disaster, the Community Center would be opened for residents to use. The trustees agreed that the township needs to formulate a plan and stock some supplies.

Edwards discussed the reasons for the decrease in EMS billing revenue.

(2022-220) MOTION TO APPROVE EMS TRAINING CLASS

T. Blackstone made a motion to approve Wade Edwards participation in the EMS Training class at Hamilton Local Schools for the academic year 2022-2023. C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea

Armstrong absent

Hann yea

(2022-221) MOTION TO PURCHASE STIHL WEED EATER

T. Blackstone made a motion to purchase a Stihl weed eater for the road department at a cost of \$349.00.

(2022-221) MOTION TO PURCHASE STIHL WEED EATER CONTINUED

C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong absent Hann yea

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ROAD MAINTENANCE

Regarding miscellaneous Hamilton Township Road Maintenance matters, the Board was informed that there has been no response from Barb Cox regarding grants; still waiting on decision from insurance company regarding storm damage to Community Center and superintendent has contacted several stucco companies for second opinions on damage to building.

(2022-222) 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; 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 876 Grenada Road, Columbus, Ohio 43207, to the Franklin County Auditor for collection with taxes. C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong absent Hann yea

(2022-223) RESOLUTION DECLARING PROPERTY LOCATED IN HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, A NUISANCE

T. Blackstone made a motion declaring the property owned by Integrity Real Estate Holdings LLC and located at 3629 S. Champion Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43207, Tax Parcel No: 150-000326-00 and Sky Tall Real Estate LLC and located at 2018 Lisle Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43207, Tax Parcel No: 150-000498-00, a nuisance in accordance with Hamilton Township Resolution 2022-168. C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong absent Hann yea

(2022-224) SIGNATURE AUTHORITY TO FISCAL OFFICER TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH OTARMA

T. Blackstone made a motion authorizing the Fiscal Officer to sign the property and liability agreement with the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority, in the township's behalf. C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong absent Hann yea

(2022-225) MOTION APPROVING CONTRACT WITH UNITED PROPANE

T. Blackstone made a motion approving the contract with United Propane for the 2022-2023 season to provide LP gas to the township at a set rate. C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong absent Hann yea

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION

Regarding miscellaneous administrative matters, the Board was provided copies of the following: an agenda from the Franklin County Rural Zoning Commission

regarding case ZON-22-02 – 6746-48 Canal Road; an email from Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District regarding Certification to Inspect and Maintain Stormwater Control Measures in Ohio; an email from the Ohio Township Association regarding Legislative Alert & Info 6/17/22;

\$ 21,140.08

(2022-228) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITH PURCHASE ORDERS CONTINUED

C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong absent Hann yea

(2022-229) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong absent Hann yea

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Attest: _____
Fiscal Officer