

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: Marvin Young, Gwen Young, Mary Ann Armstrong, Missy Armstrong, Evan Armstrong

(2022-194) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

T. Blackstone made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, May 25, 2022, 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 in attendance informed the Board that they have had 214 calls for service since the last meeting, 47 Columbus, and 7 arrests.

(2022-195) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS UNDER THE TOWNSHIP'S STANDARD ALLOWANCE

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, effective March 11, 2021 ("ARPA" or the "Act").

**WHEREAS**, the Act created the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund ("CLFRF") which, among other things, appropriated money to cities, nonentitlement units of local government, and counties to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease ("COVID-19").

**WHEREAS**, Hamilton Township (the "Township") has received a distribution of funds ("ARPA Funds") through the CLFRF.

**WHEREAS**, the Final Rule adopted by the Department of Treasury provides that participants may use ARPA Funds for the provision of government services up to the amount of the experienced revenue loss, whether that be the standard allowance amount or the amount calculated using the formula set forth in the Rule.

**WHEREAS**, government services generally include any service traditionally provided by a government, unless Treasury has stated otherwise. The Rule and other guidance provides that "government services" expressly recognized by Treasury include, but are not limited to, (a) road building and maintenance, and other infrastructure; (b) health services; (c) general government administration, staff, and administrative facilities; (d) environmental remediation; (e) provision of police, fire, and other public safety services (including purchase of fire trucks and police vehicles); (f) maintenance or pay-go funded building infrastructure; and (g) modernization of cybersecurity, including hardware, software, and protection of critical infrastructure.

**WHEREAS**, the Township, by virtue of Resolution No. 2022-101, has elected to take the "standard allowance", and presume that up to \$10 million, but not to exceed the Township's award, in revenue has been lost due to the public emergency, for the provision of government services.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") has identified a project or expenditure which, in the judgment of the Board, qualifies as a permitted use of the ARPA Funds, in direct support of the provision of governmental services, which consists of the following: for the installation of commercial carpet squares in Station 171 and 172 at a cost of \$5,429.43 and \$6,679.95 respectively. (the "Expenditure").

**WHEREAS**, the Board believes that it is in the best interest of the Township and its residents to approve the Expenditure and authorize the use of a portion of ARPA funds for the Expenditure.

**NOW THEREFORE**, by the Board of Trustees of Hamilton Township, Franklin County, Ohio, that:

(2022-195) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS UNDER THE TOWNSHIP'S STANDARD ALLOWANCE CONTINUED

**RESOLVED**, the Township elected to use the standard allowance by way of Resolution 2022-101 and its presumption of revenue loss due to the public health emergency and to use the amount authorized herein to fund the provision of government services.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board believes, in exercising its reasonable judgment, that the Expenditure meets the criteria in ARPA and the Final Rule, and is a permissible expenditure of ARPA Funds for the provision of government services.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Expenditure is hereby authorized and shall be paid for from the ARPA Funds in the amount of/an amount not to exceed: \$13,000.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, no obligations paid under the authority of this Resolution were incurred prior to March 3, 2021.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

(2022-196) MOTION TO ACCEPT QUOTE FROM CLARK BAILEY FOR CARPET INSTALLATION

Chief Shillingburg presented copies of quotes for new carpeting in the fire houses, after reviewing the quotes T. Blackstone made a motion to accept the quote from Clark Bailey, Bailey's Carpet for installation of commercial carpet squares in station 171 and 172 at a cost of \$5,429.43 and \$6,679.95, respectively. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2022-197) MOTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR .GOV DOMAIN

T. Blackstone made a motion to approve the application for .Gov domain for Hamilton Township and authorize Chairman Hann to sign such agreement in the Township's behalf. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2022-198) MOTION TO ALLOW CHIEF SHILLINGBURG TO ADVERTISE JOB OPENINGS

T. Blackstone made a motion to allow Chief Shillingburg at his discretion, to use any media source available to him to advertise job openings at the Fire Department. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2022-199) MOTION TO RAISE HOURLY RATE FOR PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER/EMT

T. Blackstone made a motion to raise the hourly rate for part-time firefighter/EMT to \$20.00 per hour. Fiscal Officer commented that even though the raise in pay was possible, she had one issue. This pay rate is higher than the starting rate for first year firefighters, even though it is understood these part time positions do not have any benefits. The Board was not concerned. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2022-200) MOTION TO PURCHASE REMAINING MOTOROLA WALKIE RADIOS

T. Blackstone made a motion to purchase the remaining Motorola walkie radios from B & C Communications at a cost of \$57,102.75. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2022-201) MOTION TO UPGRADE OLDER BASE UNITS

T. Blackstone made a motion to upgrade the older base units in the fire department at a cost of \$1,323.75. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2022-202) MOTION TO REMOVE NINE RECLINING CHAIRS FROM INVENTORY

T. Blackstone made a motion to declare nine reclining chairs from the fire houses as surplus, remove from inventory and discard them. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2022-203) MOTION TO PURCHASE TWO NEW DESKTOP COMPUTERS

T. Blackstone made a motion to purchase two new desktop computers for the fire houses at a cost of \$2,000.00 for both. 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 of the following: 317 & Lockbourne Road round-a-bout postponed until September; Rohr Road, westbound lane only to open soon; turn around on Commerce Street in Lockbourne is now open to Canal Road; equipment inspections are underway. Brakes have all been checked on engines; Wade Edwards would like to have Board approval for the EMS training classes to be held at Hamilton Township High school in 2022-2023 school year. Thirteen students have expressed interest, the class begins in August. The Board requested Wade's presence at the next board meeting to discuss; and Fire Department has permission to use the old farmhouse at Warner farm for training. Township needs to sign liability waiver removing Obez from harm if any injuries occur.

New Employee Update: Christopher Speak has completed his physical and Nicholas Willeke to complete 14<sup>th</sup> of June.

Hamilton Township Fire Department and Obetz are meeting regarding EMS Services at the Fortress. The Board advised Chief Shillingburg and Captain Ferrell that additional medics would not be provided free of charge to the City of Obetz for activities at the Zucchini fest, as the practice was last year.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTINUED

Board discussed the need to place a new medic on order. Fire department was advised to complete the specification process so the Board could select a provider. Trustees discussed the need to place a levy on the ballot in the fall. Fiscal Officer Shirkey discussed her views on how much money the township would need to operate at present levels with Chairman Hann. The Board decided to hold a planning session in the near future with the fire chief. Shirkey cautioned the Board that with the current economic situation, all township departments should be cautious with their spending and cut costs wherever they could. Shirkey went on to say, residents may be hesitant to vote for a large tax increase. Some residents may simply not be able to afford this increase, especially those on a fixed income.

(2022-204) MOTION TO AWARD INSTALLATION OF HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE DOORS

T. Blackstone made a motion to award the installation of handicapped accessible doors to the front entrance at the Community Center to Thomas Doors at a cost of \$2,482.00. Half to be paid up front and the other half due upon completion. 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, Road Superintendent Marcum informed the Board of the following: insurance adjusters have inspected the storm damage to the Community Center roof. Waiting on decision from underwriting; and he has contacted Franklin County to obtain grant funding for 2023 road projects in Hamilton Township. Board discussed the quote to refurbish the sign board in front of the Community Center. They decided as a group that the sign did not need to be fixed.

(2022-205) MOTION TO REMOVE FILE CABINETS FROM INVENTORY

T. Blackstone made a motion to declare two five drawer file cabinets that were in the sheriff's office as surplus and remove from inventory and discard. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

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environmental remediation; (e) provision of police, fire, and other public safety services (including purchase of fire trucks and police vehicles); (f) maintenance or pay-go funded

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Armstrong yea

Hann yea

(2022-207) 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 matters; 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 5226

Edgeview Road, Columbus, Ohio 43207 and 1077 Meadow Lane, Columbus, Ohio 43207, to the Franklin County Auditor for collection with taxes. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C



(2022-207) AUTHORIZATION DIRECTING FISCAL OFFICER TO CERTIFY CHARGES FOR CUTTING NOXIOUS WEEDS CONTINUED

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2022-208) MOTION TO CERTIFY DELINQUENT TRASH ACCOUNTS TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

T. Blackstone made a motion to certify delinquent trash accounts to the Franklin County Auditor for placement of the charges in the amount of \$12,926.45 upon the tax duplicate for collection with taxes. A list of names and the amount of the delinquencies are on file in the administrative office of the Hamilton Township Board of Trustees. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted.

M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2022-209) A RESOLUTION DECLARING PROPERTY LOCATED IN HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO, A NUISANCE

T. Blackstone made a motion declaring the properties owned by Jared Dailey and located at 876 Grenada Road, Columbus, Ohio 43207, Tax Parcel No: 150-002006-00; Cheryl A. Rhodes and located at 1159 Secrest Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43207, Tax Parcel No: 150-001795-00; and Fanyi Zeng and located at 1928 Todd Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43207, Tax Parcel No: 150-000615-00, a nuisance in accordance with Hamilton Township solution 2022-167. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted.

M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2022-210) MOTION TO GRANT SIGNATURE AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN HANN

T. Blackstone made a motion granting signature authority to Chairman Hann to sign a letter of support for the pending rezoning application by Arch City Group, LLC for property located at 6746-6748 Canal Road, Lockbourne, Ohio, 43137, Tax Parcel No: 150-000010-00. 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 Franklin County Public Health regarding Mosquito Program Update, Franklin County CHA/AAR Preview Webinar for Elected & Administrative Officials, FCPH COVID Update – Week of 5/30/2022 and Reconvening the Health Works Franklin County Coalition; an email from the Ohio Township Association regarding Legislative Alert & Info 6/02/22; an email from Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District regarding Backyard Conservation – May 2022 and an email from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission regarding funding available for Public Works in Franklin County.

(2022-211) COMMUNITY CENTER REQUESTS

T. Blackstone made a motion to allow Marie Stewart use of the building for Saturday, September 17, 2022, 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

(2022-212) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDERS

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

Payroll \$ 148,889.41

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

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2022-213) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITH PURCHASE ORDERS

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

All-American Fire Equipment \$ 1,202.37

Atlantic Emergency Solutions 272.66

Beem's BP Distr. Inc. 4,498.09

Best One Tire Service 2,383.96

Bound Tree Medical 1,726.47

Bradley D. Raetzke, MD 1,000.00

Charter Communications 88.96

Charter Communications 177.93

Columbia Gas 65.94

Columbus City Treasurer 1,410.00

Compton-Overhead Doors 146.00

Delille Oxygen Company 188.95

DreamSeats, LLC 11,007.52

Emergency Medical Products 2,784.69

EMSAR Medical 2,100.00

Franklin County Sheriff 83,699.59

Galls, Inc. 174.25

Goss Supply 159.39

Krieger Ford 481.37

Linton, Randy 510.00

Obetz Hardware & Builders Supply 30.97

Office Depot 75.09

O'Reilly Automotive 10.84

Orkin 500.00

Rent-A-John 445.00

The Daily Reporter 46.00

Thomas Door 2,484.00

Time Warner Cable 229.91

Trish's Stitches 384.97

Verizon Wireless 647.99

\$ 118,932.91

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

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2022-214) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn at 8:37 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