

The Special Meeting of the Hamilton Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Chris Hann.

Members Present: Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

Visitors Present: Gwen Young, Marvin Young

Trustee Hann opened the meeting by stating that the purpose was to prepare documentation for presentation to township residents describing the township's need for the replacement of two expiring operating levies.

The Board of Trustees was concerned about recent posts on social media regarding the need for levies that did not contain accurate information.

One particular post from a resident of Hamilton Meadows mistakenly stated the levy was being placed on the ballot to provide additional services to the new development at Warner farms in Obetz. Trustee Hann stated that he had left a message for the resident, explaining that this is incorrect, and received no response. However, the post was updated to reflect more correct information regarding the levy.

Trustees also stated that the spouse of an employee is posting derogatory comments to social media regarding the Board of Trustees. The board acknowledges that this is not something that they have control over, but noted residents are always encouraged to attend open board meetings to discuss any concerns.

The board discussed with Chief Shillingburg the issue of not having a ladder to reach the third floor of the apartments being built. Shillingburg stated that while the township does not have equipment that would reach the top floor, there were ladders belonging to neighboring departments that could be on the scene of a fire in a matter of minutes.

There was another issue of the taxes that are being collected through the TIF approved on the Warner property. The township has no representation on the CRA panel. To date, there is no plan in place to reimburse the township for the loss in revenue. However, this property has not been built out, so the impact on township Fire/EMS services is minimal.

The board noted that the previous fire chief had requested assistance in purchasing a ladder with the City of Obetz and they responded that we should rely upon mutual aid.

The board stated that they were in negotiations with the City of Obetz regarding potentially providing property to construct a new fire station. Nothing has been finalized to date.

Captain Edwards suggested that the township would benefit from keeping three medics in service at all times. This has not been possible due to staffing issues. Perhaps the board would consider adding three more medics in the future to accomplish this.

Trustees explained that adding staffing was not in the plans in the near future. The goal of the levy is to remain at the same level of service. If these levies did not pass, the township would face cuts.

Trustee Blackstone asked what could be done to keep the township equipment in the township and available for the residents. Edwards stated that he would push for the third medic to be classified as "Level One" for dispatching, meaning it would only leave the township for the most serious calls.

Trustee Blackstone stated that he had asked for this to be done over a year ago and was told it could not be accomplished. His desire is to keep all emergency equipment in Hamilton

Township and reduce the runs to the City of Columbus. The fire chief stated he did not think this was possible.

The board discussed with the chief the impact of the new multi-family development on Rathmell Road in Columbus. The Chief stated that when an incident is reported, the closest available equipment would be dispatched. This could be Hamilton Township, if Columbus's equipment were not available (in-service).

Wade Edwards asked the board what they intended to do with his present position once he retired.

Trustee Hann asked Edwards when he intended to retire, he stated he would let the board know by May, he would be retired by summer 2023.

Trustees informed Edwards that per the contract, it is the desire of the board to convert the EMS Coordinator job to an assistant chief position. Edwards asked who would do the community paramedicine duties. The board stated that the unit captains have all been trained to do this function. It is the board's intent to have the captains assume this duty. Edwards stated that of the three captains that were trained, one has resigned, one is not showing interest, but there is one captain extremely interested in the job. Edwards believes this position is a valuable public relations tool for the township and was disappointed that the township was not keeping it in its current capacity.

The board inquired on the status of the EMS Training class offered in partnership with Hamilton Local schools. Edwards stated that he currently has five students in the program. Of the five, one is planning to apply at Columbus Division of Fire, two are going to be nurses and only two are pursuing this as a career at some point. To date, the township has not been compensated for Edwards time by the board of education. Trustee Hann advised Edwards that he could continue this as a private contract with the school after he retires. The board does not plan to provide an instructor for the program in the future.

The board also advised Chief Shillingburg that no employee has been authorized by the board to function as chaplain for the fire department. It is the board's decision to use the chaplain services available through Franklin County Sheriff's Department in this capacity.

(2023-95) 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

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, Robert Everts, Mary Ann Armstrong, Melissa Armstrong, Roger Hallum, Robert Kramer, Andy Borders, Colt Baughman

(2023-96) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

T. Blackstone made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, March 22, 2023, and the Special Meeting held Wednesday, April 5, 2023. 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 211 calls for service, 28 Columbus and 16 arrests. Citizen concerns regarding speed and unsafe drivers in the round a bout at London Groveport and Lockbourne Roads. Resident's reporting drag racing all along Rohr and Bixby Roads in the township. Deputy will monitor.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Regarding miscellaneous Hamilton Township Fire Department matters, the Board was informed that all equipment is in service; all engines have had brakes checked. E-172 is to be re-inspected in six weeks. Brakes may need replaced; employment applications are being evaluated, Chief Shillingburg stated he has eleven applications for full-time employment and three part-time; and Chief Shillingburg is in the proves of obtaining quotes for the pass card entry systems at both stations as requested by the Board.

(2023-97) MOTION TO INSTALL TWO UVI'S AT STATION 172

Colt Baughman from Ace Septic was in attendance and spoke to the Board regarding the drain system issue encountered at Station 172 in the past month. He recommended installing UVI's in the drain systems, a check valve, to eliminate the drain smell. These last approximately ten years. Baughman also stated that he had cleared the drain of a wax ring that apparently was dropped into the system when a toilet was replaced at the station. Once the drain was cleaned, the smell is now gone. T. Blackstone made a motion to allow ACE to install two UVI's in Station 172, under the drop ceiling. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-98) MOTION TO INSTALL GREASE TRAP AT STATION 172

Baughman also presented a plan to install a grease trap under the kitchen sink that would need to be pumped periodically. This could be accomplished by using a shop vac and emptying the contents into a 55-gallon drum, that ACE would then

pump once the drum was full. This could be done by the firemen on duty as part of their chores. T. Blackstone made a motion to hire ACE to install a grease trap under the sink at Station 172 at a cost of \$1,800.00. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

(2023-98) MOTION TO INSTALL GREASE TRAP AT STATION 172 CONTINUED

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 American Electric Power regarding upcoming change to electric bills; an email from the Franklin County Commissioners regarding an invitation to the State of the County Luncheon on April 26, 2023; an email from the Central Ohio Transit Authority regarding COTA Short Range Transit Plan Public Meetings; and an email from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission regarding OPWC District 3 – Policies and Criteria Review

Trustee Hann stated that members of the Board would be attending Lockbourne's council meeting on April 24, 2023 to discuss the need for the fire levy and answer any questions the community may have regarding the need. There was a short discussion regarding the fire levy, the cost for residents and how much revenue the proposed increase would generate for the fire department

(2023-99) COMMUNITY CENTER REQUESTS

T. Blackstone made a motion allowing the following uses of the Community Center building: Jennifer Ayers for Sunday, April 23, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., for a baby shower. Fee to be \$12.00 per hour; Amie Jesson for Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., for a bridal shower. Fee to be \$12.00 per hour; Janet Buh for Sunday, August 27, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for a family reunion. Fee to be waived; and Shauna Kidd for Saturday, July 22, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p., 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

(2023-100) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDERS

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

Payroll \$ 109,944.85

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

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-101) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITH PURCHASE ORDERS

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

Accurate	\$ 135.70
All-American Fire Equipment	2,680.00
Beem's BP Distr. Inc.	3,511.26
Bound Tree Medical	47.90
Bradley D. Raetzke, M.D.	1,000.00
Brosius, Johnson & Griggs, LLC	5,376.56

Charter Communications	90.09
Charter Communications	168.00
Charter Communications	182.40
Charter Communications	402.95
Clarke Mosquito Management Inc.	1,213.39

(2023-101) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITH PURCHASE ORDERS CONTINUED

Columbia Gas	\$ 197.51
Columbus City Treasurer	1,065.00
Compton Overhead Doors	2,153.00
Craiglow, Michael	476.12
Emergency Medical Products	254.99
Galls, Inc.	71.28
Goss Supply	417.22
Hoffman Auto Repair	519.56
Inter-Co Division 10 (Ohio) Inc.	2,202.00
Ke Wa Pa Sales, Inc.	337.08
Lowe's Business Account	152.08
Obetz Hardware & Builders Supply	159.13
Ohio Health	24.70
O'Reilly Automotive	176.34
Orkin	715.97
Rent-A-John	570.00
Shillingburg, Ralph	1,074.39
Treasurer, State of Ohio	100.00
Turnouts, LLC	800.00
U.S. Hydraulic Services, LTD	165.92
United Propane	1,903.65
Verizon Wireless	<u>647.93</u>
	\$ 28,992.12

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

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-102) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 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

The Special Meeting of the Hamilton Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:30 p.m., by Chairman Chris Hann.

Members Present: Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

Meeting regarding community involvement in support of the upcoming issues, fire department levies. Board of Trustees are asking for support from the surrounding communities, Obetz, Lockbourne, Reese and Shadeville.

Board discussed the talking points to be addressed with the public when there are specific questions regarding the need for an increase in millage.

Trustee Armstrong presented a document he had prepared listing both the old and new levy millage and collection amounts along with the cost for the current levies to the taxpayer and the cost after the increase. Also included was the projected operating cost for the fire department for the next three years.

Armstrong will work with Richard Johns to create a Facebook page where residents can ask questions and receive accurate answers from the township leadership. Armstrong to monitor the page and the postings.

Trustees discussed the need to communicate to the taxpayers the need for the levies and the potential problems created if the levies are not approved. The Board is to schedule an organizational meeting for the levy committee as soon as possible.

(2023-103) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Arrest: _____
Fiscal Officer

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, Shirley Blades, Robert Everts, Melissa Armstrong

(2023-104) APROVAL OF MINUTES

T. Blackstone made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, April 12, 2023 and the Special Meeting held Sunday, April 23, 2023, as presented by the Fiscal Officer. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

FRANKLN COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

Regarding miscellaneous Franklin County Sheriff’s Department matters, no run stats to report. Juvenile issues in Steeplechase, deputy is taking care of the situation. Deputy is beginning the enforcement of parking violations and abandoned vehicles in Hamilton Meadows sub-division. Drag racing off Rohr Road seems to have stopped, The business that owns the driveway that is being used has been instructed to erect a gate and fencing to restrict access to the property. Frequent red-light violations are being reported at the intersection of Rathmell and Lockbourne Roads. Sheriff car has been requested by the Board to watch the intersection in the early morning hours.

CITY OF COLUMBUS – DEREK ANDERSON AND ADAM SINGLESTEIN

Nexterra Energy was selected by the City of Columbus to construct a solar panel field on Parsons Avenue, near the water treatment facility. They were in attendance to explain the project and answer any questions/concerns regarding it from township residents. Columbus is committed to green projects as their climate action goals. This solar field will generate enough electricity to power 5000 residential homes for one full year. Power generated will only be used by the City of Columbus, not the Google Project. This field will be west of Hamilton Meadows and a north to south configuration with a tracker system that automatically moves the panels with the solar positioning. There should be no noise or reflection from the panels that would disturb the area. Construction has begun with site preparation and is expected to take 7 to 8 months to complete. Two emergency entrance/exits will be constructed adjoining township roads, one at Edgeview and another at Grenada Road in Hamilton Meadows. These are for emergency access only and will not be used for any in or out-going traffic. The primary access to the solar field will be off Parsons Avenue. Solar field will be landscaped with low growing vegetation and mowed twice per year, with the road frontage kept at 10” maximum height. There should be no danger of fire from vegetation. Surface water will be mitigated with four detention basins including ditches. Property will be landscaped on three sides with rows of trees, the only section not surrounded by trees would be the area between the solar field and the water treatment facility. The Board encourages any resident with questions or concerns to contact the township office.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Regarding miscellaneous Hamilton Township Fire Department matters, Captain John Blankenship addressed the Board regarding a trade that he was involved in with firefighter Scott Johnson. Blankenship stated that on February 25, 2023, he worked a shift trade with Scott Johnson, in return Johnson was to work a shift on April 30, 2023.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTINUED

Blankenship stated that there was an on-going internal investigation regarding Johnson when the first trade occurred on February 25, 2023. Blankenship was told to go ahead and work the trade. Scott Johnson resigned from the fire department effective April 11, 2023, leaving him unable to fulfill his trade with Blankenship on April 30, 2023. Blankenship stated that two weeks ago, he was told not to use a sick day for April 30, 2023. Blankenship felt his integrity was being questioned, as he has been a long-time township employee who would not use a sick day in this manner. Blankenship asked if he could have the time off excused?

Chairman Hann asked Blankenship what he wanted the Board to do? The trades were an agreement between two employees and not covered by any part of the CBA. Blankenship stated that he would like to see a document composed and approved that outlines the trade procedure. Especially since two other fire department employees had encountered the same situation as him and been treated differently. Hann asked who these employees were and Blankenship stated Cantrell and Pullen. Hann asked Chief Shillingburg if he was aware of these incidents, Shillingburg stated "no". Hann stated that the Board was not going to get involved and if they had to get involved they would consider not allowing trading of shifts at all. Trustee Blackstone stated that he had a problem with the risk when employees did not complete the trades in a timely manner. This trade spanned over three months; many things can happen as time passes. Trustee Armstrong agreed, trades should be allowed but perhaps not over this amount of time span.

Hann asked Blankenship if he had contacted Scott Johnson since his departure from the department, he should ask Johnson to repay him the shift he worked for him. Blankenship stated that he had talked to Johnson on several occasions, but not about repayment of the time. Hann suggested that Blankenship contact Johnson and request payment. The only other option is to personally file a case with small claims court for repayment. Blankenship stated he would work his shift on April 30, 2023, the day he requested for trade.

Chief Shillingburg informed the Board of the following: E-172 has 50% wear on the brakes. The brakes have 12,166 miles on them. They will be rechecked in six weeks; siren repaired on M-173; kingpin issue on M-171 it is at Krieger Ford; he has six interviews for two open positions in the fire department. The delay in hiring is due to length of time to obtain BCI and driving abstracts; power cot has been delivered for the new medic; Lt. Cameron Lowe has requested permission to attend a Scott Air Pac technical class at Grandview fire department. The Board was in approval that he can attend at a cost of \$175.00; EMS will be provided to the Fortress Obetz on May 10th, baseball opening day; air show at Rickenbacker in June; Devono's has graciously donated time and material to repair the rust on the back fender of CH171 car; and the roof at 172 is still leaking, Chief to contact roofing companies to get estimates to replace this section immediately.

(2023-105) MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER DONALD W. CHAPLES III

Chief Shillingburg presented to the Board a letter from full-time firefighter Donald W. Chaples III in which he declares his intent to resign from the department. T. Blackstone therefore moved to accept said resignation with a letter

of thanks for his service to be compiled and sent to Mr. Charles 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 of the following: Board of Health is organizing a tire collection in the township. Would like to use the parking lot at the park. They also ask that the township advertise the pickup date and time; potholes are filled; preparing to issue notices for various violations both health department and zoning violations; and Clarke is setting out mosquito traps for the season. Township residents are encouraged to report any breeding sites to them for testing at 614-525-BITE. Superintendent gave an update on the BWC Grant – it has been submitted. Township match is \$9,420.00.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION

Regarding miscellaneous Hamilton Township administrative matters, the Board was provided with copies of the following: an agenda from the Franklin County Board of Zoning Appeals regarding case VA-4053 – 4852 Kawanee Place; an email from Franklin County Public Health regarding Mosquito Preseason and Vector Updates; an email from the Ohio Township Association regarding Legislative Alert and Info 4/21/23; and an email from Columbus Regional Airport Authority regarding Columbus Air Show at Rickenbacker International Airport.

(2023-106) MOTION TO SUPPORT THE CDC OVERDOSE DATA TO ACTION

T. Blackstone made a motion to support the CDC Overdose Data to Action: Limiting Overdose through Collaborative Actions in Localities (OD2A LOCAL) grant as requested by Franklin County Public Health. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-107) SIGNATURE AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN HANN

T. Blackstone made a motion authorizing Chairman Hann to sign Franklin County Public Health letter in the Township’s behalf. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-108) MOTION TO SEND CERTIFIED LETTER

T. Blackstone made a motion to send 7-day notice to clean up nuisance property by certified letter to resident at 867 Grenada Road. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-109) SIGNATURE AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN HANN

T. Blackstone made a motion authorizing Chairman Hann to sign nuisance letter in the Township’s behalf. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-110) COMMUNITY CENTER REQUESTS

T. Blackstone made a motion allowing the following uses of the Community Center building: Khristian Siniff for Sunday, May 7, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00

p.m., for a baby shower. Fee to be \$12.00 per hour; Erica Braxton for Saturday, July 29, 2023, from 12:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., for a baby shower. Fee to be \$12.00 per hour; and Randi Blankenship for Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for a baby shower. Fee to be \$12.00 per hour.

(2023-110) COMMUNITY CENTER REQUESTS CONTINUED

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

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-111) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDERS

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

Payroll \$ 105,782.14

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

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-112) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITH PURCHASE ORDERS

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

All-American Fire Equipment	\$ 313.60
Atlantic Emergency Solutions	1,239.34
Baer, Tyler	159.95
Beem's BP Distr. Inc.	2,670.45
Best One Tire Service	212.76
Bound Tree Medical	3,058.66
Center for Resilience & Wellness, LLC	600.00
Change Healthcare Technology	2,581.07
Charter Communications	48.47
Charter Communications	225.25
Columbus City Treasurer	1,447.50
Columbus City Treasurer	212.83
Delille Oxygen Company	488.11
Emergency Medical Products	99.90
Franklin County Sheriff	87,746.43
Galls, Inc.	367.74
Goss Supply	218.64
Marcum, Joshua	249.99
Motorola Solutions	1,370.25
National Lime & Stone Co.	577.71
Ohio Health Emergency Medical Services	2,400.00
OhioHealth/WorkHealth	1,110.00
Peterson Highway Safety, Inc.	154.28
Sam's Club	136.31
Shirkey, Lisa	35.00
Trish's Stitches	9,094.40
	<u>\$ 116,818.64</u>

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

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-113) ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At Approximately 8:32 p.m., T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) for the purpose of considering the appointment, discipline and/or employment of Township employees.

(2023-113) ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED

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

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-114) ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 9:03 p.m., T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn from executive session and return to an open session, no action taken. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-115) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn at 9:04 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