

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: Mary Ann Armstrong, Marvin Young, Gwen Young, Melissa Armstrong,
Janet Bush, Tami Peters, Jonathan Wocher

(2023-43) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

T. Blackstone made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, January 25, 2023 and the Special Meeting held Monday, January 30, 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 181 calls for service, 52 Columbus, 35 traffic stops, 19 citations, and 2 serious car accidents in the township. Board requested that the deputies patrol for speeding in the school zones along Rathmell Road.

JOHNATHAN WOCHER REGARDING PROPOSED GET-GO

Planning team for the Get-Go Market proposed for the corner of Jackson Street and South High were in attendance. They were requesting that the Board vacate two alleys in the Shadeville area so that the process could move forward. They answered many questions for the audience and the Board. Most regarding how they were going to handle the flow of traffic. They explained that there were currently traffic studies being conducted by themselves and Franklin County. The Board informed the developer that they are not opposed to vacating the alleys. The Board and developer agreed that the alleys would be vacated by the township once the traffic study is completed and the ingress and egress were determined. This prevents the alleys being vacated and becoming the property of the adjoining landowners to maintain, should the plans for developing the property fall through.

(2023-44) MOTION TO APPROVE EXTENSION OF DIESEL EXHAUST HOOK UP AT STATION 172

Chief Shillingburg informed the Board that engine 171 has been relocated to Station 172 with the delivery of new engine 171. Engine 171 (now engine 172) is longer than the previous engine that the diesel exhaust system was designed to fit. Hastings has determined that the system needs to be extended so the hose will fit into the exhaust for the newer engine. The cost of retrofitting the exhaust in the building is \$2,500.00. T. Blackstone made a motion to approve the extension of the diesel exhaust hook up at Station 172 to accommodate engine 172. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-45) MOTION TO EXPEND \$1,500.00 TO REPAIR GUTTER SYSTEM AT STATION 171

T. Blackstone made a motion to expend \$1,500.00 on parts to repair gutter system near the back door of Station 171. This alleviates a drainage problem. Township road maintenance to perform repair work. 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.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ROAD MAINTENANCE

Regarding miscellaneous Hamilton Township Road Maintenance matters, the Board was informed of the following: 2022 NPDES report completed; accident update – Geico assumed full liability, will pay for repairs at Burns Body Shop; backhoe is out of service. Cylinder leaking, repairs being performed at US Hydraulics; and pesticide inspection performed February 2, 2022. No violations.

(2023-46) MOTION TO CERTIFY DELINQUENT TRASH ACCOUNTS TO THE FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR

T. Blackstone made a motion to certify 4th quarter delinquent trash accounts to the Franklin County Auditor for placement of the charges in the amount of \$16,879.31 upon the tax duplicate for collection with taxes. A list of the 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 motion 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 Soil and Water Conservation District regarding Monthly Update and In-Person Webcast Viewing Opportunity; an email from the Ohio Township Association regarding Legislative Alert & Info 2/3/23; an email from the Franklin County Engineer regarding Franklin County Engineer’s Alum Creek Drive (SR 317 to Groveport Road) Improvement Project; and an email from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission regarding MORPC SFY 2024-2027 Local Tip Projects.

(2023-47) COMMUNITY CENTER REQUESTS

T. Blackstone made a motion allowing the following uses of the Community Center building: Brook Holbrook for Saturday, February 25, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm., for a birthday party. Fee to be \$12.00 per hour; Charlene Spence for Saturday, March 11, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., for a baby shower. Fee to be \$12.00 per hour; Khristian Siniff for Saturday, March 4, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., for a birthday party. Fee to be \$12.00 per hour; Karen Bennett for Sunday, March 12, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., for a party. Fee to be \$12.00 per hour; Marie Stewart for Saturday, June 3, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., for a graduation party. Fee to be \$12.00 per hour; and Destiney Loveless for Saturday, April 29, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 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

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Tyler Vorhees, Nicholas Willeke and Scott Russell, all former employees of the Hamilton Township Fire Department were recognized. Tyler Vorhees addressed the Board regarding back-pay for eight former employees that terminated

employment with the department prior to the collective bargaining agreement with Local 3344 being ratified. Vorhees asked Chairman Hann if the Board intended to pay the back pay and Hann stated “no”. At this point trustee Armstrong asked to address the question.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD CONTINUED

Trustee Armstrong stated that per Peter Griggs the Board’s legal representative, the members of Local 3344 were working with no contract from July 1, 2022 to January 15, 2023. So, the members who terminated employment are not eligible for back pay as they were no longer employed by the township when the new contract was signed.

Vorhees stated that the following employees were demanding payment of retroactive pay, they feel it is due to them: Patrick Kauble; Matthew McKean, Scott Russell; Jared Sroufe; Michael Riffle; Colin O’Connor; Tyler Vorhees; and Nicholas Willeke.

Vorhees stated that the group had been in contact with the pension fund and the Board of Trustees are in violation of the Ohio Police & Fire – Employer Manual Page 21, Pensionable Earnings, ORC 742.01 – Police & Fire Fund definitions, ORC 4113.15 - Semi-Monthly Payment of wages. Vorhees informed the Board that the group of former employees had been in contact with two attorneys from their labor union and they were willing to represent the eight former employees in legal action against the Board. Vorhees needed a letter from the Board stating that they were not willing to pay the back pay.

Chairman Hann informed Vorhees that the Board needed to contact their legal representative regarding this issue and he would be back in contact with the group as soon as he had an answer. Vorhees provided the contact number for himself and the pension board to Hann.

(2023-48) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDERS

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

Payroll	\$ 213,561.86	
G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted.	M/C	
Blackstone yea	Armstrong yea	Hann yea

(2023-49) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITH PURCHASE ORDERS

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

All-American Fire Equipment	\$ 2,684.59
Ascentis Corporation	819.00
Atlantic Emergency Solutions	282.99
Beem’s BP Distr. Inc.	3,144.77
Bound Tree Medical	3,818.05
Bradley D. Raetzke, MD	1,000.00
Breathing Air System	839.21
Charter Communications	182.40
Coastal Fire Training	680.00
Columbia Gas	313.24
Columbus City Treasurer	218.03
Ferrell, Thomas	85.24

Goss Supply	137.54
Grainger	262.71
Ke Wa Pa Sales, Inc.	243.40
Kelly Printing	67.15
Krieger Ford	365.50

(2023-49) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITH PURCHASE ORDERS CONTINUED

Local Waste	\$ 7,479.31
Lucas, Trenton	500.00
Motorola Solutions	1,065.15
Obetz Hardware & Builders Supply	137.95
O'Reilly Automotive	45.98
Orkin	254.00
Rent-A-John	147.00
Shillingburg, Ralph	784.95
Skinner Diesel Service	260.00
Speak, Christopher	182.99
Turnouts, LLC	400.00
United Propane	2,254.47
Verizon Wireless	<u>647.87</u>
	\$ 29,303.49

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

(2023-50) 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

Attest: _____
Fiscal Officer