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 Anderson yea Hann yea

Visitors Present: Gwen Young, Marvin Young, Lisa Everts, Robert Everts, Robert Lorentz,

 Mary Ann Armstrong, Melissa Armstrong, Diane Stephens, Roger Hallum,

 Belinda Tucker Myers, Michael Myers, Scott Miller, Sue Morbitzer, Karen

 Six, Patti Harler, Jackie Crawford

(2024-76)\_\_\_\_APPROVAL OF MINUTES

T. Blackstone made a motion approving the minutes of the Special Meeting held Wednesday, February 14, 2024, and the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, February 14, 2024, as presented by the Fiscal Officer. B. Anderson seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Anderson 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 373 calls for service, 279 in Hamilton Township, 94 in Columbus, 28 reports and arrests, and 81 traffic stops. Domestic violence runs are down. Resident asked about a report of a child being struck by a car on Astoria Avenue. The officer had no information regarding the incident at this time .

(2024-77)\_\_\_\_MOTION TO HIRE PART-TIME FIREFIGHTERS

T. Blackstone made a motion to hire Jacob Wells, Nicholas Fisher, Dillon Brock and Riley Gibbs as part-time FF/EMT-Basics, pending passage of all physical requirements and background checks. B. Anderson seconded the motion

Blackstone yea Anderson yea Hann yea

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Rosenberger stated that emergency repairs have been completed at Station 172 by Accurate Mechanical. Large exhaust fan in restroom has shifted and was in danger of falling.

Cabinets at Station 171 are installed. Came in under the estimate @ $2055.45. Fire Department greatly appreciates the upgrade being approved and paid for by the township.

Turn-out boots have been delivered. Final cost is under the previously quoted price.

Chief Rosenberger introduced the candidates for several open positions in the fire department to the board and asked for confirmation to hire. All are certified EMT-Basics.

Compton Doors has completed replacement and reprogramming of the overhead door.

(2024-78) MOTION TO APPROVE ROBERT MANGO TO WORK THREE 8-HOUR DAYS ON-BOARDING THE RECENTLY HIRED BASIC MEDICS.

T. Blackstone made a motion to approve Robert Mango to work three 8-hour days on boarding the recently hired Basic Medics. B. Anderson seconded the motion.

Blackstone yea Anderson yea Hann yea

Chief presented the amended Lateral Transfer Policy for adoption by the board. This clears up some confusion, as lateral transfers are becoming more common.

(2024-79) MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIRE DEPARMENT’S LATERIAL TRANSFER POLICY AND PROCEDURE DOCUMENT AS PRESENTED.

T. Blackstone made a motion to approve the Fire Department’s Lateral Transfer Policy and Procedure document as presented. B. Anderson seconded the motion.

Blackstone yea Anderson yea Hann yea

Chief requested board’s approval to purchase four new filing cabinets and a white board for the department. Approximate cost of $500. This is to replace older cabinets and allow each shift officer to have a place to secure documents.

(2024-80) MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF FILE CABINETS AND WHITE BOARD AT THE DEPARTMENT, COST $500.

T. Blackstone made a motion to approve the purchase of file cabinets and whiteboard. B. Anderson seconded the motion.

Blackstone yea Anderson yea Hann yea

Chief requested the board’s approval for the cost to install a work bench area at Station 172.

(2024-81) MOTION TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF A WORK BENCH AT STATION 172 AT A COST OF $150.

T. Blackstone made a motion to approve the installation of a work bench at Station 172. B. Anderson seconded the motion.

Blackstone yea Anderson yea Hann yea

(2024-82) MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASING WATER FILTERS FOR MONTHLY REPLACEMENT FOR THE REFRIGERATORS AT STATION 171.

T. Blackstone made a motion to approve purchasing water filters for monthly replacement for the refrigerators at Station 171. B. Anderson seconded the motion.

Blackstone yea Anderson yea Hann yea

(2024-83) MOTION TO APPOVE THE PURCHASE OF A DELL LAPTOP FOR USE BY THE FIRE CHIEF AT A COST OF $1500.

T. Blackstone made a motion to approve purchasing a Dell laptop for use by the Fire Chief. B. Anderson seconded the motion.

Blackstone yea Anderson yea Hann yea

Chief verified that the department has approval from the last meeting to order the nine sets of turn-out gear. Fiscal Office stated that the gear was approved by the board for purchase at the last meeting.

(2024-84) MOTION TO DELCARE GEAR COAT #106 SURPLUS AND REMOVE FROM INVENTORY.

T. Blackstone made a motion to declare gear coat #106 surplus and remove the inventory. B. Anderson seconded the motion.

Blackstone yea Anderson yea Hann yea

(2024-85) MOTION TO SET THE PAY RATE FOR THE EMT-BASIC POSITION AT $18.00 PER HOUR.

T. Blackstone made a motion to set the pay rate for the EMT-Basic position at $18.00 per hour. B. Anderson seconded the motion.

Blackstone yea Anderson yea Hann yea

(2024-86) MOTION TO APPROVE THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE NEWLY CREATED EMT-BASIC POSITION AS PRESENTED.

T. Blackstone made a motion to approve the job description for the newly created EMT-Basic position as presented. B. Anderson seconded the motion.

Blackstone yea Anderson yea Hann yea

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ROAD MAINTENANCE

(2024-87) MOTION TO APPROVE THE PREMIER DRIVE RESURFACING PROJECT. TOWNSHIP MATCH IS $64,009.

T. Blackstone made a motion to approve the Premier Drive resurfacing Project. B. Anderson seconded the motion.

Blackstone yea Anderson yea Hann yea

Soil and water report has been completed for year end.

2.39 tons of salt will be invoiced from Franklin County.

City of Columbus came to Station 171 to clean out drain that runs under the driveway. They found illicit discharge coming from the township’s pipe. Ace Septic to repair, the aerator and control panel, returning end of work to scrub and disinfect tanks.

J. Marcum presented updated zoning violations list.

BWC inspected the new equipment purchased with the grant. Educated employees on safety do’s and don’ts. Need to send in proof of purchase and payment in full. Fill out questionnaire in 1-year.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ADMINSTRATION

(2024-88) MOTION TO CERTIFY THE DELINQUENT REFUSE COLLECTIONS TO FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR FOR SPECAIL ASSESSMENT ON PROPTERTY TAXES. TOTAL ASSESSMENT $16,643.45.

 T. Blackstone made a motion to certify the delinquent refuse collections to Franklin County Auditor for special assessment on property taxes. B. Anderson seconded the motion.

Blackstone yea Anderson yea Hann yea

(2024-89) MOTION TO APPROVE THE REIMBURSEMENT OF DAVID ROSENBERGER IN THE AMOUNT OF $60.00, TO BE REIMBURSED ON HIS NEXT PAYCHECK, FOR ALL FAMILY MEDICAL CLAIMS RELATED TO THE PERIOD OF 12/11/2023 TO 12/31/2023.

This was due to the transition of the township’s health care coverage effective 01/01/2024. Anthem refused to retroactively add new coverage. This reimbursement settles all outstanding items related to this matter.

T. Blackstone made a motion to approve the reimbursement to David Rosenberger in the amount of $60.00. B. Anderson seconded the motion.

Blackstone yea Anderson yea Hann yea

Trustee Anderson suggested that the board waive the fee for renting the community center for a resident that was celebrating sobriety. Anderson stated that sobriety was something to be proud of and the township should not charge the resident for this function.

(2024-90) MOTION TO WAIVE THE $100 RENTAL FEE FOR THE YATES PARTY

T. Blackstone made a motion to waive the $100 fee. B. Anderson seconded the motion.

Blackstone yea Anderson yea Hann yea

Trustee Anderson updated the board on the status of her projects. Anderson is scheduling a public meeting on March 13, 2024 at 6:30 pm with the Zone-In representatives from the City of Columbus. This will be held in the township community center on Lockbourne Road. She stated that this is important to address the rumors and misinformation being posted on social media.

Anderson stated that the Google.Gov emails are set up and ready to go.

Facebook page is up and running.

The board discussed the need to possibly hire an outside company to manage IT functions. Several companies were suggested.

Trustee Anderson stated that she wanted to discuss and vote on awarding the lateral transfers that the board was considering.

Trustee Anderson had several question regarding the original applications and the employee’s qualifications at point of hire with HTFD. In particular, Daniel Grubb, she was unable to locate his original application. Fiscal Office and Captain Robert Mango stated that Grubb had a least two year’s experience at John Gleen Airport Fire Department before coming to Hamilton in 2022. Anderson also stated that she feels that laterals should be given to all employees under consideration, this is important to retain staff.

Trustee Hann asked Anderson to make the motion separately.

The following motions were made by Trustee Anderson:

(2024-91) MOTION TO AWARD A LATERAL TRANSFER TO DYLAN WAMSLEY DUE TO PAST EXPERIENCE IN EMS & FIRE AT A PREVIOUS EMPLOYER.

B. Anderson made a motion to approve a lateral transfer to Dylan Wamsley. Motion not seconded. Motion failed.

(2024-92) MOTION TO AWARD A LATERAL TRANSFER TO RICHARD LEWIS DUE TO PAST EXPERIENCE IN EMS & FIRE AT A PREVIOUS EMPLOYER.

B. Anderson made a motion to approve a lateral transfer to Richard Lewis. Motion not seconded. Motion failed.

(2024-93) MOTION TO AWARD A LATERAL TRANSFER TO DANIEL GRUBB DUE TO PAST EXPERIENCE IN EMS & FIRE AT A PREVIOUS EMPLOYER.

B. Anderson made a motion to approve a lateral transfer to Daniel Grubb. T. Blackstone seconded the motion.

(2024-94) MOTION TO AWARD A LATERAL TRANSFER TO MICAH COLLETT DUE TO PAST EXPERIENCE IN EMS & FIRE AT A PREVIOUS EMPLOYER.

B. Anderson made a motion to approve a lateral transfer to Micah Collett. Motion not seconded. Motion failed.

RESIDENT’S ADDRESSING THE BOARD

Resident of Shadeville asked questions regarding the quarrying operation in the area. The township offered to help determine what is being planned on the quarry directly behind their residence. Trustee Anderson stated she would check with the City of Columbus.

Board answered questions regarding fencing permits and regulation regarding placement of travel trailers on property within the township. Resident was encouraged to contact Franklin County with questions.

Resident asked who patrols Hamilton Meadows, they were confused after seeing Franklin County Sheriff, Obetz and CPD in the sub-division recently. The Sheriff liaison stated that the area is patrolled by Franklin County, but the other units could provide mutual aid if needed. He also stated that the Sheriff’s department is currently hiring and adding deputies.

Specific questions regarding Rathmell Road, who is responsible for speeders. Trustee Hann stated that West of Lockbourne is in Obetz. But the sheriff can patrol it.

Drag racing was reported on Tecumseh. Peel outs on Belford. Sheriff to monitor.

(2024-95) MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:30 P.M. TO DISCUSS (EMPLOYEE MATTERS), USE THE PETE DISCRETION THAT MOST CLOSELY MATCHES THIS.

T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn to executive session. B. Anderson seconded the motion.

Blackstone yea Anderson yea Hann yea

(2024-96) MOTIION TO ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:40 P.M., NO ACTION TAKEN.

T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn executive session. B. Anderson seconded the motion.

Blackstone yea Anderson yea Hann yea

(2024-97) MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:45 P.M.

T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn. B. Anderson seconded the motion.

Blackstone yea Anderson yea Hann yea

 HAMILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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 Fiscal Officer