

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 resent: Blackstone    yea                      Anderson    yea                      Hann    yea

Visitors Present: Gwen Young, Marvin Young, Lisa Everts, Robert Everts, Melissa Armstrong, Dillon Isaac, Mary Isaac, Mary Ann Armstrong

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held January 24, 2024 and the Special Meeting held February 7, 2024.

After the motion was made, Trustee Anderson stated that she had issues regarding the minutes. She wanted to know why the minutes for each meeting were so different. Fiscal Officer Shirkey stated that she (the fiscal officer) was not present at the January 24, 2024 meeting. The difference could possibly be due to two different people composing the minutes. Administrative assistant Penni Triplett composed the minutes for the regular meeting and Shirkey composed the minutes for the special meeting.

Anderson stated that she had an issue with a specific sentence in the special meeting minutes regarding a statement she made about volunteer firefighters. Chairman Hann asked her if she made the statement, she said “yes”. Anderson stated that with the “love letters” that were being circulated around the township, she was concerned that it made her look stupid. Fiscal Officer asked if she was requesting the sentence to be removed from the minutes? Anderson said “no”. The Fiscal Officer asked if she would like to have the additional statements added. Chairman Hann asked if Anderson could tell the board what was missing from the minutes, Anderson stated that she could not remember what she had said, but she knew she had said more that what was recorded in the minutes. Anderson stated that she would just vote no on the approval of the minutes for the special meeting.

(2024-53)      APPROVAL OF MINUTES – REGULAR

T. Blackstone made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, January 24, 2024, as presented by the Fiscal Officer. B. Anderson seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone    yea                      Anderson    yea                      Hann    yea

(2024-54)      APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SPECIAL

T. Blackstone made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held Wednesday, February 7, 2024, as presented by the Fiscal Officer. C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone    yea                      Anderson    no                      Hann    yea

FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

No deputy was in attendance.

(2024-55)      MOTION TO ACCEPT POLICE SERVICES AGREEMENT

Board was informed that the attorney had reviewed the 2024 police services contract from the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office. The contract is for \$1,066,367.43 an increase of \$21,336 or \$1,778 per month. The term of the contract is January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. T. Blackstone made a motion to approve the 2024 Police Services Contract with Franklin County for a total of \$1,066,367.43. B. Anderson seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone    yea                      Anderson    yea                      Hann    yea

(2024-56) MOTION TO NOT REPAIR M-174  
Chief informed the board that the cost to repair M-174 was \$29,462.82. The cost is too high. His recommendation is to declare the unit surplus and place it up for sale. Charge for diagnostics is \$477.00. Fiscal Officer to provide the PO number for payment to chief as requested by Rush Truck Center. T. Blackstone made a motion to not repair M-174, due to the cost to repair being more than the vehicle is worth. B. Anderson seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone    yea                      Anderson    yea                      Hann    yea

(2024-57) MOTION TO DECLARE M-174 AS SURPLUS AND SALE  
T. Blackstone made a motion to declare M-174 as surplus and place the unit on GOV.DEALS. B. Anderson seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone    yea                      Anderson    yea                      Hann    yea

(2024-58) MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF TURN-OUT GEAR  
Chief presented quotes from All-American for replacement of turn-out gear. There are two potential styles, PBI Max or Armor AP. These are the first sets in the three-year replacement cycle. Board asked Chief Rosenberger which set he would like to purchase and he stated PBI Max. Cost for each set is \$3,471.00. T. Blackstone made a motion to approve the purchase of nine complete sets of turn-out gear at a cost of \$31,242.78. B. Anderson seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone    yea                      Anderson    yea                      Hann    yea

(2024-59) MOTION TO PURCHASE 2 – IPADS FROM VERIZON WIRELESS  
T. Blackstone made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 – iPads from Verizon Wireless at a cost of \$2,000.00 for use with Tablet Command. B. Anderson seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone    yea                      Anderson    yea                      Hann    yea

(2024-60) MOTION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER TRENT LUCAS  
Chief Rosenberger presented a resignation letter from full-time firefighter Trent Lucas. T. Blackstone made a motion to accept the resignation of Trent Lucas effective February 18, 2024, with a letter of thanks for his service to be compiled and sent to Mr. Lucas. B. Anderson seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone    yea                      Armstrong    yea                      Hann    yea

(2024-61) MOTION TO PURCHASE FIVE PAIRS OF BOOTS  
T. Blackstone made a motion to purchase five pairs of size 11 fire boots at a cost of \$1,750.00. B. Anderson seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone    yea                      Anderson    yea                      Hann    yea

(2024-62) MOTION TO HIRE EMT-BASIC'S  
T. Blackstone made a motion to hire seven EMT-Basic's for newly created part-time positions within the Fire Department. B. Anderson seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone    yea                      Anderson    yea                      Hann    yea

Several citizens had questions regarding the hiring of the EMT-Basics and how they are to be used. Chairman Hann stated that they would be used in the same manner as any other part-time fireman the township employs. Chief Rosenberger added that these EMT-Basic employees could do any function that a paramedic can other than administer drugs.

Audience member asked if the current EMT education program at Hamilton Township High School could possibly be used to create a pool of these EMT-Basic's to hire. Chief Rosenberger stated that he and Assistant Chief Andy have been discussing a safety service class with Hamilton Township Schools that could potentially turn out both law enforcement and fire candidates.

Community member commented that it needs to be clarified that the fire chief or firemen were not required to live in the township. Chairman Hann stated that this used to be true when the Township had only volunteers. This is not true now, someone was mistaken.

Another community member commented that the group who was circulating the letters in the township should sign the letter and identify themselves.

After this comment Trustee Anderson stood up and applauded.

## HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Regarding miscellaneous Hamilton Township Fire Department matters, Chief Rosenberger informed the board of the following: All-American has fixed the roll up door on E-172, auto eject, pump panel horn, low point drain valve and foam module on E-171; M-173 repaired at Krieger; Compton Doors has ordered the new remotes for overhead doors, to be delivered in two weeks; Fire Department to train inspectors and Officers for 6.5 hours; Fire Department to train on the solar fields on Parsons Avenue; Chief to perform a walk-thru at the farm house at 5076 S. High Street (Hartman Farms) on February 16, 2024, as a potential fire training site; South Central Power has offered to conduct a class at Station 172. Fifty students are required to participate in order for them to schedule; and chainsaws have been repaired.

# HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ROAD MAINTENANCE

Regarding Hamilton Township Road Maintenance matters, Road Superintendent Marcum informed the board of the following: trees on Astoria Avenue have been removed; test street lighting (LED) has been installed on Struif Court. The residents seem to approve of the brighter lighting; the township was turned down for a road grant on the first round in 2023 and approved in the second round in January 2024. Funding has been awarded for Premier Drive; township match (80/20) is \$64,008.00. This was included in the 2024 budget. Construction taking place in summer 2024; new HVAC Unit is installed and working properly in the back offices at the community center; Brad Foster is now the acting engineer, after Cornell Robertson retired; and the boom lift purchased with the OBWC grant is ready for delivery.

(2024-63) MOTION TO SEND LETTER OF SUPPORT

Trustees reviewed a letter of support for the Alum Creek Drive widening project. Trustee Anderson noted a typographical error in the letter, administrative assistant corrected and the following motion resulted: T. Blackstone made a motion to send letter of support for Alum Creek Drive widening to the Franklin County Engineer. B. Anderson seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea

Anderson yea

Hann yea

(2024-64) SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION TO CHAIRMAN HANN

T. Blackstone made a motion to authorize Chairman Hann to sign the letter of support in the township's behalf. B. Anderson seconded the move and the vote resulted.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION

Regarding miscellaneous administrative matters the board was provided with copies of the following: an email from Franklin County Public Health regarding Updates; an email from Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District regarding Backyard Conversation – February 2024; an email from Franklin County Public Health regarding Situational Update – February 1, 2024; an email from the Ohio Township Association regarding Township News Break; and the board reviewed a letter from the Department of Natural Resources regarding an application for a new mining permit along Morehead Road west of Lockbourne. Trustees requested the township office to contact the company requesting the permit and ask them to attend a meeting in the near future.

Trustee Hann has recently been contacted by the Village of Lockbourne leadership. They would like to use the township community center as a place of shelter in their disaster plan. Hann stated that the community center has a generator, several cots and limited supplies for use. Residents have showers available at the fire department if needed. Trustee phone numbers have been provided to Lockbourne so they can contact an elected official if they need to use the facility.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Wally Obert, a township resident residing on Parsons Avenue, requested the board’s assistance in contacting the Franklin County Building Permit section regarding his request for a permit to construct a shed on his property. Mr. Obert stated that he had repeatedly tried to contact the office downtown and they would not return his calls. He also stated that it is not possible to go into the office and speak with them in person. Trustee Hann stated that someone on the board should be able to help him. Hahn was surprised that Mr. Obert’s daughter, who is a trustee, had not intervened to help him. Trustee Anderson stated that she would take time off work the next day and walk over to the Franklin County Offices and see what she could do.

Mr. Obert also stated that he would like to be informed if the township is aware of any plans to demolish the old school building at the corner of Rathmell and South High in Columbus. He is dedicated to saving this building and would make every effort to prevent the demolition of it. Mr. Obert said he is in the process of having the building moved to a new location and it will be utilized to teach school children about the township’s history.

Mr. Obert also commented in regard to the “love letters” sent to township residents recently, he advised the board not to worry about the content. In his years on the school board, he has received many such letters. In his opinion, if the author of the letter would not identify himself, he would rip the letter up.

Andy Borders asked the board if the township was contributing any money to the Alum Creek Drive widening project. Chairman Hann stated no, the board feels that the jurisdictions that benefit from the widening should pay for the project. Hamilton Township gains no benefits from the widening of Alum Creek Drive. The board is happy to submit the letter endorsing it, they have no money to help pay for it.

Trustee Anderson addressed the board and informed them of several tasks she has taken responsibility for, these include the following: Creating a new application for employment. She feels the old one was outdated. This application will be placed online on the township website and can be printed, filled out and submitted to the township office for consideration.

Taking charge of the .GOV email addresses. The township already has the designation, it just needs to be set up. This will make the township email addresses more secure.

(2024-65) COMMUNITY CENTER REQUESTS

Blackstone    yea                      Anderson    yea                      Hann    yea

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

B. Anderson seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                  Anderson yea                  Hann yea

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

Accurate	\$	561.64
Ace Hardware – Groveport		108.49
Ace Septic Tank		610.00
Ascentis Corporation		843.00
B & C Communications		45.00
Beem’s BP Distr. Inc.		5,555.21
Best One Tire Service		832.42
Blankenship, John		232.19
Bound Tree Medical		3,059.83
Bradley D. Raetzke, MD		1,000.00
Bronson HelpNet		263.34
Brosius, Johnson & Griggs, LLC		1,971.18
Center for Resilience & Wellness, LLC		600.00
Change Healthcare Technology		2,940.55
Charter Communications		127.96
Charter Communications		36.99
Charter Communications		159.95
Columbia Gas		432.11
Columbus City Treasurer		1,275.00
Columbus City Treasurer		200.75
Columbus Radiology Corporation		178.00
Delille Oxygen Company		148.68

(2024-67) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITH PURCHASE ORDERS CONTINUED

Galls, Inc.	\$ 777.32
Goss Supply	378.50
Hoffman Auto Repair	244.91
Horton Emergency Vehicles	1,175.28
HSI Emergency Care Solutions	116.48
John Deere	3,480.96
Ke Wa Pa Sales, Inc.	195.28
Knapheide Truck Equipment Center	29.00
Krieger Ford	8,292.58
Local Waste	8,197.02
Obetz Hardware & Builders Supply	137.69
Ohio Township Assn Risk Mgmt. Authority	107.00
O'Reilly Automotive	247.52
Orkin	102.99
Rent-A-John	149.00
Rusty's Towing Service	363.50
Sharps Compliance, Inc.	333.89
The Daily Reporter	289.00
Wellston Fire Department Training Academy	900.00
Zoll Medical Corporation	4,249.20
	\$ 50,949.41

B. Anderson seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone   yea                      Anderson   yea                      Hann   yea

(2024-68) ADJOURNMENT

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

Blackstone   yea                      Anderson   yea                      Hann   yea

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fiscal Officer