

The Special Meeting of the Hamilton Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 4:00 p.m., by Chairman Chris Hann.

Members Present: Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

Trustees discussed with Thomas Ferrell the various components of the compensation package to be offered to Captain Ferrell, who was the applicant chosen to fill the opening left by the retiring EMS Coordinator Wade Edwards.

Beginning August 28, 2023, base salary to be \$110,000.00, with a flexible 40 hour per week schedule, with a one-year probationary period. Ferrell has the option to return to company at the end of this period, certain limitations would apply. Duties include assisting the Fire Chief, EMS Coordinator and Community Paramedicine Program. Position is not a member of the bargaining unit. Ferrell keeps all existing sick, vacation and personal leave balances accumulated to this point. The accrual of these hours going forward from date of hire will be based on his 40-hour work schedule. All bonus payments, medic, longevity and holiday are retained. A car will be provided for use by the Assistant Chief. Board will review the Assistant Chief's performance at the first meeting in December and determine his raise for 2024. Thomas Ferrell agreed to the terms of the proposed contract.

(2023-215) MOTION TO HIRE THOMAS FERRELL AS ASSISTANT CHIEF

T. Blackstone made a motion to hire Thomas Ferrell as Assistant Chief at Hamilton Township Fire Department, effective August 28, 2023. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

The Board discussed the other promotions that were needed due to the appointment of Ferrell. This creates a Captain opening which will be filled by a Lieutenant on Unit Three and a Lieutenant opening that will need to be filled by promoting a firefighter. Hann asked the Board if they were prepared to make these appointments at this meeting. Blackstone and Armstrong stated that they were ready.

(2023-216) MOTION TO APPOINT DAVID BRITTON TO CAPTAIN

T. Blackstone made a motion to appoint David "Rafe" Britton to Captain with Hamilton Township Fire Department, effective August 28, 2023. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-217) MOTION TO APPOINT STEVEN SHIRKEY AS LIEUTENANT

T. Blackstone made a motion to appoint Stevn Shirkey to Lieutenant at Hamilton Township Fire Department, moving to Unit Three, effective August 28, 2023. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-218) MOTION AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN HANN TO SIGN DOCUMENT APPROVING BALLOT LANGUAGE

The Fiscal Officer requested that the Board review the documentation from the Franklin County Board of Elections and approve the ballot language for the upcoming fire levy. Board approved the language and the following motion

resulted. T. Blackstone made a motion authorizing Chairman Hann to sign the document approving the ballot language for the fire levy to be voted on in the November general election.

(2023-218) MOTION AUTHORIZING CHAIRMAN HANN TO SIGN DOCUMENT  
APPROVING BALLOT LANGUAGE CONTINUED

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

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-219) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn at 5:10 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