

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.

Meeting was opened with a moment of silence observed in tribute to Captain Harold (Phil) Wilburn.

Members Present: Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

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

(2023-295) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

T. Blackstone made a motion approving the minutes of the Special Meeting held Friday, November 10, 2023, the Special Meeting held Wednesday, November 15, 2023, and the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, November 22, 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 informed the Board that they have had 276 total runs, 192 Township, 61 Columbus and 23 arrests. Regarding the light at Alum Creek & Rohr Roads, according to Franklin County, the lights are adjusted correctly. Trustee Hann stated that the problem seems to be trucks running the red light on north-south bound Alum Creek. Residents reported excessive speed on Astoria Avenue, several accidents in the past month. Deputy was unaware. Board asked them to investigate.

(2023-296) MOTION TO REMOVE PANASONIC TUFF BOOKS FROM INVENTORY

Department would like to donate eleven surplus Panasonic Tuff Books to Columbus for parts. T. Blackstone made a motion to remove eleven Panasonic Tuff Books from the Hamilton Township Fire Department inventory and donate to Columbus Fire to be used for parts. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-297) MOTION TO REMOVE SIX OLD COMPUTERS FROM INVENTORY

T. Blackstone made a motion to remove six old computers from the Hamilton Township Fire Department inventory. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-298) MOTION TO REMOVE HP PRINTER FROM INVENTORY

T. Blackstone made a motion to remove an HP Printer from the Hamilton Township Fire Department inventory and discard. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-299) MOTION TO ACCEPT THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT INVENTORY

T. Blackstone made a motion to accept the 2023 Fire Department inventory as presented. G. Armstrong seconded he move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea

Armstrong yea

Hann yea

(2023-300) MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF FIREFIGHTERS

BRITTON, DILLE AND MULLETT

Chief Shillingburg presented to the Board letters of resignation from firefighters David Britton, Brody Dille and Joshua Mullett. T. Blackstone made a motion to accept said resignations with a letter of thanks for their service to be compiled and sent. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-301) MOTION TO ALLOW CARRY OVER OF VACATION

T. Blackstone made a motion to allow John Blankenship to carry over 48 hours of vacation from 2023 to 2024. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-302) MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF JACKETS

T. Blackstone made a motion to approve an embroidered nylon quilted jacket for purchase by fire department personnel using their \$300.00 uniform allowance outlined in the CBA. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

Trustees noted that the request for purchases such as these need to be handled in a different manner by the department. More discussion on the proper procedure is to follow.

(2023-303) MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:50 p.m., T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss the employment and compensation for a public employee. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-304) MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 8:05 p.m., T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn from executive session, no action taken and return to a regular open session. 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. He also informed the Board that Madison Township, Jackson Township and Violet Township Fire Departments are to participate in the service for Captain Wilburn on Friday, December 15, 2023. Hamilton personnel to attend services.

(2023-305) MOTION TO INSTALL LED AND ADDITIONAL LIGHTING IN HAMILTON MEADOWS

Superintendent Marcum presented a list of additional lighting needed in Hamilton Meadows. T. Blackstone made a motion to allow Marcum to request AEP to

install LED and additional lighting in Hamilton Meadows. G. Armstrong
seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea

Armstrong yea

Hann yea

(2023-306) MOTION TO AWARD BID TO FRANKLIN HEATING & COOLING
Board reviewed bids to replace the failed HVAC unit in the rear offices of the Community Center. T. Blackstone made a motion to award to Franklin Heating & Cooling at a cost of \$8,950.00. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-307) MOTION TO ACCEPT THE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ROAD MAINTENANCE INVENTORY
T. Blackstone made a motion to approve the Hamilton Township Road Maintenance inventory for 2023 as presented. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-308) MOTION TO PURCHASE NEW ZERO-TURN FROM AG-PRO
Superintendent Marcum presented bids for the replacement of the zero-turn mower, on schedule to trade in this year. T. Blackstone made a motion to purchase a new zero-turn mower from AG-Pro at a cost of \$3,480.96. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-309) MOTION TO APPROVE ATTORNEY FEES AND RATES FOR 2024
Board reviewed the contract with Brosius, Johnson & Griggs for legal representation in 2024. T. Blackstone made a motion to approve the contract with Brosius, Johnson & Griggs for 2024, cost not to exceed \$150,000.00 without Board approval. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-310) MOTION TO NOMINATE RON GROSSMAN TO SWACO BOARD
T. Blackstone made a motion to nominate Ron Grossman to the SWACO Board. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-311) MOTION TO REMOVE ITEMS FROM INVENTORY
T. Blackstone made a motion to remove one broken metal chair and 42” round table from the Community Center inventory. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-312) MOTION TO APPROVE INVENTORY
T. Blackstone made a motion to approve the 2023 Administrative Office and Community Center building inventory as presented. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION

Regarding administrative matters, the Board was provided with copies of the following: an annexation of 8.938 acres of land in Hamilton Township to the City of Obetz; emails from the Franklin County Township Association regarding the FCTA Annual Township Meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024; an email from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission regarding MORPC's State of the Region;

Galls, Inc.	796.56
Goss Supply	1,010.00
HelpNet	263.34
Hoffman Auto Repair	180.02
HIS Emergency Care Solutions	75.00

(2023-315) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITH PURCHASE ORDERS CONTINUED

M.A.D. Graphics	\$ 1,222.50
Mango, Robert	159.99
Obetz Hardware & Builders Supply	118.34
OhioHealth/WorkHealth	1,131.00
O'Reilly Automotive	136.89
Orkin	92.99
Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP	639.90
Rent-A-John	149.00
Rusty's Towing Service	718.00
Shillingburg, Ralph	1,224.93
Silco Fire & Security	2,348.75
Verizon Wireless	<u>647.91</u>
	\$ 40,376.84

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

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

At this time, Chairman Chris Hann performed the swearing in for Fiscal Officer Lisa Shirkey.

Hamilton School Board Member Wally Obert came forward and performed the swearing in of newly elected Trustee Belinda Anderson.

(2023-316) MOTION TO RAISE HOURLY RATE FOR ATTENDANTS

The Board discussed the salary for Community Center attendants. Due to the difficulty finding people to work these openings, the Board considered raising the hourly rate. T. Blackstone made a motion to raise the hourly rate for the Community Center attendants to \$20.00 per hour, effective immediately. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mayor Kirk from the City of Obetz was in attendance. She provided updates to the Board regarding the annexation of Enchanted Acres and the purchase and annexation of the additional vacant property owned by the Younkin Family. She also discussed the proposed ingress and egress to the property as well as round-about placement on Rathmell Road.

(2023-317) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, t. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 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 7:00 p.m., by Chairman Chris Hann.

Members Present: Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

The draft of the 2024 budget was discussed, no issues were noted. Board to approve temporary appropriations at the regular meeting scheduled for December 27, 2023.

(2023-318) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

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(2023-319) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

T. Blackstone made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, December 13, 2023, and the Special Meeting held Tuesday, December 19, 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, no run report for this meeting. Holidays were busy. Greg Thomas from Franklin County Engineers Office was in attendance to discuss the issue that the township has reported regarding the intersection of Alum Creek & Rohr Road. He discussed video from the engineers office showing that the light is programmed correctly. The issue is with trucks running the red lights. From 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., 47,000 vehicles pass through this intersection. Average speed on Alum Creek is 57 MPH. Board instructed the deputies to write tickets to any vehicles observed running the red lights.

(2023-320) MOTION TO HIRE WALTER NAEDER AS A FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER

Chief Rosenberger requested the Board hire one full-time firefighter pending passage of required exams. T. Blackstone made a motion to hire Walter Naeder as a full-time firefighter pending passage of all physical evaluations and requirements. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-321) MOTION TO REMOVE ZEB LISTON AND TYLER BAER FROM PROBATION

Chief Rosenberger recommended that Zeb Liston and Tyler Baer be removed from their one-year probationary period. T. Blackstone made a motion to remove Zeb Liston and Tyler Baer from their one-year probation. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-322) MOTION TO RE-HIRE BRODY DILLE AS A PART-TIME 6-DAY FIREFIGHTER

Former employee Brody Dille requested to hire back as a part-time 6-day firefighter. Discussion was held regarding his resigning before his probationary period was completed. The Board approved his hiring as long as the required contractual reimbursement had been paid to the township. Dille understands the hour requirement to retain his employment is 48 hours per month. T. Blackstone

made a motion to re-hire Brody Dille as a part-time 6-day firefighter. 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 Rosenberger discussed roof repairs at Station 171, diesel pump issues and purchasing an additional headset for E-171. He informed the Board that the block heater on the generator at 171 has been repaired; power cot on M-172 is out of service. Repairs are scheduled to be completed. Believed to be a battery issue. M-174 needs repairs. Department is contacting Horton to check on part availability. These parts will only be purchased and installed if they can be transitioned to the new medic on order. The Chief presented a 2024 gear replacement plan. This was discussed by the Board. Trustee Blackstone stated he agreed with the plan if it provides each firefighter custom gear for both every day and backup. No employee should be searching for properly fitting replacement gear after a fire. The Board would like each person to have two sets of custom gear fitted to them. Fire Chief presented a sick leave donation for Dylan Wamsley from another full-time firefighter. The person wished to remain anonymous. The donation was for 48 hours. The Fiscal Officer will post the hours to Wamsley’s sick leave balance.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ROAD MAINTENANCE

Regarding miscellaneous Hamilton Township Road Maintenance matters, the Board was informed that three trees need to be removed for the sidewalk replacement project in 2024. The Board would like to see if legislation can be passed prohibiting tree planting between the sidewalk and the street in the future. The road crew helped repair the roof at Station 171.

(2023-323) MOTION ALLOWING CHAIRMAN HANN TO SIGN BOARD OF ELECTIONS AGREEMENT IN TOWNSHIP’S BEHALF

The Board reviewed the agreement between the Board and Franklin County Board of Elections to provide a polling location at the Community Center. T. Blackstone made a motion allowing Chairman Hann to sign the Board of Elections agreement in the township’s behalf. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-324) MOTION TO APPROVE HAMILTON TOWNSHIP 2024 BUDGET AND PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS AS PRESENTED

The Fiscal Officer presented the final expense budget for 2024, totaling \$10,579,000 and requested that it be approved. T. Blackstone made a motion to approve the Hamilton Township 2024 budget and permanent appropriations as presented. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the motion 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: a letter from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources regarding significant change to Industrial Minerals Permit with Application Number: IMM-183-14; an email from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission regarding Transit Supportive Infrastructure (TSI) Southeast Technical Working Group (TWG) Local Project Priorities; an email from the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District regarding Backyard Conversation – December 2023; an email from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency regarding the H2Ohio Chloride Reduction Grant Program; an email from the Ohio

Township Association regarding Legislative Alert & Info 12/23/23; and an email from the Central Ohio Transit Authority regarding Equitable Transit Oriented Development (ETOD) Advisory.

Blackstone yea

Armstrong yea

Hann yea

Trustee Hann thanked Gary Armstrong for his service to the community as trustee and wished him well in future endeavors.

(2023-328) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 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