

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: Gwen Young, Marvin Young, Melissa Armstrong, Mary Ann Armstrong,  
Robert Kramer

(2023-67) APROVAL OF MINUTES

T. Blackstone made a motion approving the minutes of the Special Meeting held Wednesday, February 22, 2023, and the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, February 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 at meeting informed the Board that they have had 264 calls for service, 67 in township, 36 traffic stops, and 5 arrests. Citizen reported three motorcycles speeding through the township on Lockbourne Road, Rathmell Road, Reese and Rohr Roads, weekend and evenings. Sheriff's Department to watch for them.

(2023-68) MOTION TO HIRE PART-TIME FIREFIGHTER

After review and introduction of proposed part-time firefighter candidate Leah M. Schultz of 2981 Wendy Lane, Grove City, Ohio 43123, and per the recommendation of Chief Shillingburg, T. Blackstone moved to appoint said person to the position of part-time firefighter with the Hamilton Township Fire Department at a rate of pay of \$20.00 per hour. Appointment made contingent upon the passage of physical and background check. 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, Fiscal Officer asked the Board if they intend to pay for recertification fee for firefighters renewing the NREMT card this year. The Board stated that the card is no longer required for employment at the fire department, per the CBA. The answer is no, the township will not pay the fee. Chairman Hann stated that with the fire levy coming up on the ballot the Board would like the community to form a committee in support of the levy. He asked the audience to consider participating in the process.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ROAD MAINTENANCE

Regarding miscellaneous Hamilton Township Road Maintenance matters, Superintendent Marcum informed the Board of the following; ball field mix cannot be delivered for two more weeks, the fields are too wet; body damage to pickup has been repaired; Rent-A-Johns are installed for the spring; road department applied for OBWC safety grant for a towable boom lift and power post driver; and Marcum requested discussion regarding raises for the road crew. This was tabled until next meeting to allow the fiscal office to research.

SCOTT BELCASTRO – TREBEL

Scott Belcastro discussed the options available to the township for the utility aggregation program at the township. Market has been volatile the past year. He presented the township with the best option for the residents. Letters to go out to households in March. Residents may opt out at any time with no penalty.

(2023-69) MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ELECTRICITY FIXED RATE

T. Blackstone made a motion to accept the electricity fixed rate of \$0.06999 per kWh from June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2025 per kwh from Archer Energy. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-70) MOTION TO ACCEPT THE NATURAL GAS FIXED RATE

T. Blackstone made a motion to accept the natural gas fixed rate of \$0.599 per Ccf from May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2025 from Archer Energy. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-71) MOTION TO ALLOW TREBEL TO REPRESENT HAMILTON TOWNSHIP

T. Blackstone made a motion to allow Trebel to represent Hamilton Township as its exclusive energy consultant and agent, and grants Trebel exclusive rights to perform such energy-related services. G. Armstrong seconded the move 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: a letter from the Franklin County Farm Bureau regarding their Policy Development Luncheon on Tuesday, April 4, 2023; an email from the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District regarding Backyard Conversation – February 2023 and an email from the Ohio Township Association regarding Legislative Alert & Info 3/3/23. Discussion was held regarding charges for CPR Training conducted by the fire department. The Board instructed Chief Shillingburg to gather information regarding what is being charged for these classes and how they are being staffed, and report back to them at the next meeting. Board suggested that he speak with Captain Edwards.

ROBERT KRAMER – CITY OF OBETZ

Mr. Kramer reported back about community concerns regarding rail traffic through populated areas. The Ohio Municipal League is trying to pass legislation on rail safety.

(2023-72) COMMUNITY CENTER REQUESTS

T. Blackstone made a motion allowing the following uses of the Community Center building: Lisa Everts for Saturday, March 18, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., for a party. Fee to be \$12.00 per hour; Denise Blevins for Saturday, April 1, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., for a baby shower. Fee to be \$12.00 per hour; Todd Blackstone for Sunday, March 19, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., for a party. Fee to be waived; and National Lime and Stone for Thursday, March

23, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for training. Fee to be waved. G.  
Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted.

M/C

Blackstone yea

Armstrong yea

Hann yea

(2023-73) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDERS

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

Payroll \$ 103,541.92

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

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-74) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITH PURCHASE ORDERS

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

Accurate \$ 3,393.91

Adkins, Nicholas 150.49

All-American Fire Equipment 205.50

Beem's BP Distr. Inc. 2,150.12

Bound Tree Medical 1,364.43

Bradley D. Raetzke, MD 1,000.00

Change Healthcare Technology 1,468.14

Charter Communications 288.00

Charter Communications 182.40

Clarion Events 2,888.00

Columbus City Treasurer 1,147.50

Galls, Inc. 427.89

Goss Supply 157.30

HelpNet 263.34

Johns, Richard 120.00

Krieger Ford 1,683.34

Lucas, Trenton 159.95

Obetz Hardware & Builders Supply 49.60

O'Reilly Automotive 48.93

Orkin 92.99

Quality Rubber Stamp 218.90

Rent-A-John 147.00

Shillingburg, Ralph 1,261.81

Staples 2,999.85

SW Firefighting Technologies 2,044.66

The Daily Reporter 25.00

United Propane 2,159.32

Verizon Wireless 647.89

Zoll Medical Corporation 3,165.61

\$ 29,911.87

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

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-75) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn at 8:36 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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Fiscal Officer

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.

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Visitors Present: Gwen Young, Marvin Young, Mary Ann Armstrong, Evan Armstrong, Patti Harler, Sue Morbitzer, Robert Kramer, Melissa Armstrong

(2023-76) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

T. Blackstone made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, March 8, 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 OFFICE

Regarding miscellaneous Franklin County Sheriff's Office matters, deputy present at meeting informed the Board that they had 233 calls for service, 38 traffic stops and 12 arrests. Dangerous intersection reported by the Love's Truck Stop and Alum Creek. Deputy requested to monitor.

(2023-77) MOTION TO HIRE FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER

T. Blackstone made a motion to hire Tyler Hopper of 5980 Brook Road, Baltimore, Ohio 43105, as a full-time firefighter EMT/P, with the Hamilton Township Fire Department pending passage of required physical examination and mental assessments. Firefighter to receive wages and benefits as outlined in the contract with Local 3344. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-78) MOTION TO ACCEPT QUOTE FROM COMPTON DOORS

The Board reviewed three quotes for door replacement at Station 171. T. Blackstone made a motion to accept the quote from Compton Doors for the replacement of two bay doors at Station 171, at a cost of \$6,800.00 (3,400.00 per door). G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-79) MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER SCOTT JOHNSON

Chief Shillingburg presented a letter of resignation from Captain Scott Johnson Sr. from his position at Hamilton Township Fire Department effective April 11, 2023. T. Blackstone made a motion to accept said resignation of Mr. Johnson, effective April 11, 2023. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-80) MOTION TO TERMINATE THE PROBATIONARY STATUS OF PART TIME FIREFIGHTER WILLEKE

T. Blackstone made a motion to terminate the probationary status and employment of part-time firefighter Willeke with the Hamilton Township Fire Department effective immediately. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea

Armstrong yea

Hann yea

(2023-81) MOTION TO TERMINATE THE PROBATIONARY STATUS OF PART TIME FIREFIGHTER MCKEAN

T. Blackstone made a motion to terminate the probationary status and employment of part-time firefighter McKean with the Hamilton Township Fire Department effective immediately. 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 the exhaust system at 172 has been upgraded; and the Fire Department completed three days of EVOC Training. Trustee Hann requested that the Board begin the process of forming a fire levy committee, they need to appoint a chairperson and begin producing educational materials.

(2023-82) MOTION TO APPROVE TOWNSHIP ROAD MILEAGE AS REQUESTED FROM FRANKLIN COUNTY ENGINEER

Mileage report for the township was presented to the Board. The township lost 0.354 miles of road in 2022. T. Blackstone made a motion to accept the 2022 road mileage from Franklin County; the township now maintains 15.412 miles of roadway. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ROAD MAINTENANCE

Regarding miscellaneous Hamilton Township Road Maintenance matters, township road department employees have permission from the Board to assist HYA in the application of drainage materials on the ball fields in the park; the Marco Mix that is normally applied there is on back order through the vendor. Josh met with OBWC on grant for boom lift and post driver. Application to be submitted by Friday. Solar Panel project on Hartman Farm behind the meadows, the developer wants to use gates at Edgeview and Grenada for emergency access to the property. This is for fire suppression purposes. These gates will not be open for hauling. The Board requested that NO trucks be driven onto this property through Hamilton Meadows. Bridge inspection for Canal Road is satisfactory. David Smith with Franklin County zoning has been actively working on zoning violations in the township.

(2023-83) MOTION TO SUPPORT THE 3C & D PASSENGER RAIL CORRIDOR

T. Blackstone made a motion to support the 3C & D passenger rail corridor through central Ohio, as requested by Rory McGuiness, City of Columbus and authorizing Chairman Hann to sign the letter of support in the township's behalf. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-84) MOTION TO HIRE JAMIE MILES FOR ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER

Township Fiscal Officer requested approval to hire Jamie Miles for the position of Assistant Fiscal Officer. This would be a part-time position, 12-18 hours per week. Effective April 11, 2023. T. Blackstone made a motion to hire Jamie Miles



for the position of Assistant Fiscal Officer at a rate of pay of \$48.00 per hour. This is contingent upon the passage of a background check and a pre-employment drug screening. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted.  
M/C

(2023-84) MOTION TO HIRE JAMIE MILES AS ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER  
CONTINUED

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-85) MOTION TO ACCEPT CUSTOMER LIST

T. Blackstone made a motion to accept the customer list provided by TREBEL for the aggregation program and authorize Chairman Hann to sign in the township's behalf. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted.                      M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-86) MOTION APPROVING THE OPT-OUT LETTER

T. Blackstone made a motion approving the OPT-OUT letter to be mailed to residents from TREBEL. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted.                      M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-87) MOTION TO APPROVE AMENDED 2023 APPROPRIATION LINE ITEM

T. Blackstone made a motion to approve amended 2023 appropriation line item in the ARPA fund, as requested by the Fiscal Officer. G. Armstrong seconded the move 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 County Emergency Management & Homeland Security regarding Franklin County Natural Hazard Mitigation planning process and Severe Weather Awareness Week – March 19-25, 2023; the Technical Review Committee Agenda regarding case VA-4053 – 4852 Kawanee Place. Meeting has been canceled; a letter from Sedgwick regarding group retrospective rating re-enrollment for policy #32520704; and an email from the Ohio Township Association regarding Legislative Alert & Info 3/17/23.

CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

The Board answered several questions regarding the development of property on Lockbourne Road, near Hamilton Meadows. The Board responded that currently there were negotiations in process with the City of Oetz regarding the development and the loss of revenue. The Board expressed the importance of the passage of the upcoming levies.

(2023-88) COMMUNITY CENTER REQUESTS

T. Blackstone made a motion allowing the following uses of the Community Center building: Mary Ann Bush for Saturday, April 8, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., for a birthday party. Fee to be waived; and Michelle Elliott for Saturday, May 6, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., for a baby shower. Fee to be \$12.00 per hour. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted.                      M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-89) MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 8:05 p.m., T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss compensation of public employees. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea

Armstrong yea

Hann yea

(2023-90) MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 8:25 p.m., T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn from executive session and return to regular meeting. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-91) MOTION TO AWARD YEARLY RAISES

T. Blackstone made a motion to award yearly raises to the Road Department and the Administrative Assistant of 5% of their current salary. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-92) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDERS

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

Payroll	\$ 99,866.42
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G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-93) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITH PURCHASE ORDERS

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

Ace Septic Tank	\$ 800.00
All-American Fire Equipment	3,428.07
B & C Communications	85.00
Beem’s BP Distr. Inc.	2,701.52
Best One Tire Service	2,928.16
Bound Tree Medical	7,035.28
Brosius, Johnson & Griggs, LLC	2,768.10
Change Healthcare Technology	5,398.95
Charter Communications	49.01
Charter Communications	559.17
Charter Communications	91.20
Columbia Gas	236.76
Delille Oxygen Company	209.61
Emergency Medical Products	1,165.55
Franklin County Fire Chiefs Association	25.00
Franklin County Sheriff	87,746.43
Galls, Inc.	56.05
Goss Supply	102.96
Horton Emergency Vehicles	449.36
Julian & Grube	600.00
Lowe’s Business Account	93.00
M.G. Abbott Inc.	330.00
Ohio Health	545.00
Ohio Health Emergency Medical Services	675.00

Orkin	87.99
Sam's Club	174.96
Sedgwick	3,120.00
Skinner Diesel Service	260.00
Treasurer, State of Ohio	100.00

(2023-93) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITH PURCHASE ORDERS CONTINUED

Turnouts, LLC	\$ 800.00
United Propane	<u>1,179.61</u>
	\$ 123,801.74

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

Blackstone ye                      Armstrong ye                      Hann ye

(2023-94) 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 ye                      Armstrong ye                      Hann ye

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Fiscal Officer