

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 Hann yea

Visitors Present: Mary Ann Armstrong, Gary Armstrong, Evan Armstrong, Scott Belcastro

(2022-13) APPROVL OF MINUTES

T. Blackstone made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, December 22, 2021, as presented by the Fiscal Officer. C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Hann yea

(2022-14) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

T. Blackstone made a motion approving the minutes of the Organizational Meeting held Saturday, January 1, 2022 and the Special Meeting held Monday, January 3, 2022, as presented by the Fiscal Officer. C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted M/C

Blackstone yea Hann yea

SCOTT BLECASTRO OF TREBEL

Scott Belcastro from Trebel was in attendance to discuss Hamilton Township's utility aggregation program for the season. He presented the Board with the contact information for the providers agreed upon for the 2022-2023 contract. They are Energy Harbor for the electric supplier and Volunteer Energy for the natural gas provider. Belcastro stated that any township resident who would like to discuss their options should contact his office for more information.

FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Regarding miscellaneous Franklin County Sheriff's Department matters: deputy present at meeting informed the Board that there have been 110 Township runs, 23 Columbus runs, and 7 arrests. Residents are cautioned to reduce their speed during these winter months. Slowing down could prevent an accident, roads do not look slick, but they could be covered in black ice. The round-a-bout at Lockbourne & 317 is still scheduled to be constructed this spring. The round-a-bout at Rohr & Hamilton has been put on hold for now.

(2022-15) MOTION TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP TO "COTS"

Chief Hafey requested that the Board allow him to apply for a membership with COTS – Central Ohio Trauma System. The fire department has been members previously. The Board agreed that the fire department could apply for a membership to COTS, to be reviewed in one year. This will be reviewed in one year to see if it has been of any benefit to the Township. If it has not, the membership will not be renewed. T. Blackstone made a motion to allow Chief Hafey to apply for membership to "COTS" at a cost of \$1,000.00 per year. To be reviewed in twelve months for cost savings to Hamilton Township. C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Hann yea

(2022-16) MOTION TO APPROVE MOST CURRENT UNIFORM ORDER

Chief Martin presented request for uniform replacements, stating that there would be another order following this one that would be rather substantial. Trustee Hann cautioned that in the past, new uniforms were inappropriately discarded.

(2022-16) MOTION TO APPROVE MOST CURRENT UNIFORM ORDER CONTINUED

The Board would expect that each person requesting a replacement item, have that item inspected and approved before ordering new. Chief Hafey stated that he agreed with this stipulation. T. Blackstone made a motion to approve the most current uniform order for \$5,000.00 from Trish's Stitches. C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea

Hann yea

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Regarding miscellaneous Hamilton Township Fire Department matters, Chief Hafey informed the Board of the following: M-171 waiting on part at the dealer. Trustee Blackstone inquired as to whether these parts could be shipped from another supplier or removed from an existing vehicle on the lot at Krieger as the emergency vehicle is a priority. Hafey stated that he thinks that Krieger does not have this model truck at their facility and they have tried to obtain parts from another source and nobody has them; M-173 needs four new tires at a cost of \$3,200.00; and firefighter Trent Lucas has created a year-end video for the fire department and posted it to the website. Linda Dillman from the Messenger has contacted the department and is writing an article about the video. Chief Hafey presented an updated proposal to the Board for the new engine. The cost would be \$571,416.00. The Board asked if the engine would closely match the engine previously ordered from Rosenbauer. Hafey stated that this is a spec engine currently being assembled on the line at Rosenbauer. The fire department has requested some modifications that needed to be made, particularly addressing cabinetry. The Board asked if this engine would have the heavier duty front axle, as was requested on the other engine. Hafey stated that he would check, he wasn't aware that the other engine had this upgrade. Trustee Hann stated that it provided more smooth steering of the engine. Hafey stated that the township had until end of day on January 14, 2022 to sign the agreement, other departments were interested in the engine if Hamilton Township did not act quickly. Fiscal Officer asked Chief Hafey if this price included any discounts for paying cash. Hafey did not know if this price contained a discount. Hafey would call the representative for Rosenbauer tomorrow January 13, 2022 and get answers to these questions. The Board decided to meet Friday, January 14, 2022 to review the proposal and possibly approve the purchase before the deadline. Hafey also requested that the Board purchase a new radio unit for the new engine. Fiscal Officer requested that with the purchase of new training tables at significant cost to the township, the fire department refrain from loaning the tables out for other functions. Hafey stated that the old tables belonged to the association and these tables would remain in the station. The fiscal officer also stated that the township has spent a substantial amount of taxpayer dollars on state-of-the-art equipment and training supplies in the past year. The township would like these items to not be "borrowed" by other entities or used in training outside of the firehouse. In particular, the simulated man, used for EMS training at a cost of \$65,000.00, the Board would hope this item is not being carried in and out of the department for training elsewhere. Hafey assured the fiscal officer that this never happens, that these items never leave the fire house.

(2022-17) MOTION TO GRANT SIGNATURE AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN HANN

The Board reviewed a detour request for the 665-bridge deck replacement project from the Ohio Department of Transportation. T. Blackstone made a motion to authorize Chairman Hann to sign the detour document for 665 and 23 in the township's behalf. C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea

Hann yea

Charter Communications	182.06
Charter Communications	227.57
Columbia Gas	425.97
Compton Overhead Doors	3,106.00

(2022-20) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITH PURCHASE ORDERS CONTONUED

Delille Oxygen Company	\$ 474.87
Emergency Medical Products	216.99
Goss Supply	54.00
Lowe's Business Account	62.39
Obetz Hardware & Builders Supply	209.19
Ohio Public Risk Ins. Agency	4,538.00
O'Reilly Automotive	325.59
Orkin	152.20
Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP	599.20
Rent-A-John	122.00
Roy Tailors Uniform Co.	301.42
Rusty's Towing Service	610.00
Safelite Auto Glass	102.97
Skinner Diesel Service	225.00
Time Warner Cable	229.91
United Propane	2,898.44
Verizon Wireless	648.03
Vorhees, Tyler	150.00
Worthington Direct	<u>6,569.50</u>
	\$ 46,942.22

C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Hann yea

(2022-21) MOTION TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn into executive session regarding the discipline of a public employee. C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Hann yea

(2022-22) MOTION TO ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn from executive session – no motion resulted. C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Hann yea

Discussion was held regarding the interview process for the vacant trustee position. It was decided to hold interviews beginning at 4:30 p.m. on January 17, 2022 with each candidate being given 30 minutes. Times are arranged alphabetically as follows: Adkins – 4:30 p.m., Anderson – 5:00 p.m., Armstrong – 5:30 p.m., Borders – 6:00 p.m., Crumley – 6:30 p.m., and Johns – 7:00 p.m.

(2022-23) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. C. Hann seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea Hann yea

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Attest: _____
Fiscal Officer