

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, Shirley Blades, Robert Everts, Melissa Armstrong

(2023-104) APROVAL OF MINUTES

T. Blackstone made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, April 12, 2023 and the Special Meeting held Sunday, April 23, 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 stats to report. Juvenile issues in Steeplechase, deputy is taking care of the situation. Deputy is beginning the enforcement of parking violations and abandoned vehicles in Hamilton Meadows sub-division. Drag racing off Rohr Road seems to have stopped, The business that owns the driveway that is being used has been instructed to erect a gate and fencing to restrict access to the property. Frequent red-light violations are being reported at the intersection of Rathmell and Lockbourne Roads. Sheriff car has been requested by the Board to watch the intersection in the early morning hours.

CITY OF COLUMBUS – DEREK ANDERSON AND ADAM SINGLESTEIN

Nexterra Energy was selected by the City of Columbus to construct a solar panel field on Parsons Avenue, near the water treatment facility. They were in attendance to explain the project and answer any questions/concerns regarding it from township residents. Columbus is committed to green projects as their climate action goals. This solar field will generate enough electricity to power 5000 residential homes for one full year. Power generated will only be used by the City of Columbus, not the Google Project. This field will be west of Hamilton Meadows and a north to south configuration with a tracker system that automatically moves the panels with the solar positioning. There should be no noise or reflection from the panels that would disturb the area. Construction has begun with site preparation and is expected to take 7 to 8 months to complete. Two emergency entrance/exits will be constructed adjoining township roads, one at Edgeview and another at Grenada Road in Hamilton Meadows. These are for emergency access only and will not be used for any in or out-going traffic. The primary access to the solar field will be off Parsons Avenue. Solar field will be landscaped with low growing vegetation and mowed twice per year, with the road frontage kept at 10" maximum height. There should be no danger of fire from vegetation. Surface water will be mitigated with four detention basins including ditches. Property will be landscaped on three sides with rows of trees, the only section not surrounded by trees would be the area between the solar field and the water treatment facility. The Board encourages any resident with questions or concerns to contact the township office.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Regarding miscellaneous Hamilton Township Fire Department matters, Captain John Blankenship addressed the Board regarding a trade that he was involved in with firefighter Scott Johnson. Blankenship stated that on February 25, 2023, he worked a shift trade with Scott Johnson, in return Johnson was to work a shift on April 30, 2023.

## HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTINUED

Blankenship stated that there was an on-going internal investigation regarding Johnson when the first trade occurred on February 25, 2023. Blankenship was told to go ahead and work the trade. Scott Johnson resigned from the fire department effective April 11, 2023, leaving him unable to fulfill his trade with Blankenship on April 30, 2023. Blankenship stated that two weeks ago, he was told not to use a sick day for April 30, 2023. Blankenship felt his integrity was being questioned, as he has been a long-time township employee who would not use a sick day in this manner. Blankenship asked if he could have the time off excused?

Chairman Hann asked Blankenship what he wanted the Board to do? The trades were an agreement between two employees and not covered by any part of the CBA. Blankenship stated that he would like to see a document composed and approved that outlines the trade procedure. Especially since two other fire department employees had encountered the same situation as him and been treated differently. Hann asked who these employees were and Blankenship stated Cantrell and Pullen. Hann asked Chief Shillingburg if he was aware of these incidents, Shillingburg stated "no". Hann stated that the Board was not going to get involved and if they had to get involved they would consider not allowing trading of shifts at all. Trustee Blackstone stated that he had a problem with the risk when employees did not complete the trades in a timely manner. This trade spanned over three months; many things can happen as time passes. Trustee Armstrong agreed, trades should be allowed but perhaps not over this amount of time span.

Hann asked Blankenship if he had contacted Scott Johnson since his departure from the department, he should ask Johnson to repay him the shift he worked for him. Blankenship stated that he had talked to Johnson on several occasions, but not about repayment of the time. Hann suggested that Blankenship contact Johnson and request payment. The only other option is to personally file a case with small claims court for repayment. Blankenship stated he would work his shift on April 30, 2023, the day he requested for trade.

Chief Shillingburg informed the Board of the following: E-172 has 50% wear on the brakes. The brakes have 12,166 miles on them. They will be rechecked in six weeks; siren repaired on M-173; kingpin issue on M-171 it is at Krieger Ford; he has six interviews for two open positions in the fire department. The delay in hiring is due to length of time to obtain BCI and driving abstracts; power cot has been delivered for the new medic; Lt. Cameron Lowe has requested permission to attend a Scott Air Pac technical class at Grandview fire department. The Board was in approval that he can attend at a cost of \$175.00; EMS will be provided to the Fortress Obetz on May 10<sup>th</sup>, baseball opening day; air show at Rickenbacker in June; Devono's has graciously donated time and material to repair the rust on the back fender of CH171 car; and the roof at 172 is still leaking, Chief to contact roofing companies to get estimates to replace this section immediately.

## (2023-105) MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER DONALD W. CHAPLES III

Chief Shillingburg presented to the Board a letter from full-time firefighter Donald W. Chaples III in which he declares his intent to resign from the department. T. Blackstone therefore moved to accept said resignation with a letter

of thanks for his service to be compiled and sent to Mr. Charles 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, Superintendent Marcum informed the Board of the following: Board of Health is organizing a tire collection in the township. Would like to use the parking lot at the park. They also ask that the township advertise the pickup date and time; potholes are filled; preparing to issue notices for various violations both health department and zoning violations; and Clarke is setting out mosquito traps for the season. Township residents are encouraged to report any breeding sites to them for testing at 614-525-BITE. Superintendent gave an update on the BWC Grant – it has been submitted. Township match is \$9,420.00.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION

Regarding miscellaneous Hamilton Township administrative matters, the Board was provided with copies of the following: an agenda from the Franklin County Board of Zoning Appeals regarding case VA-4053 – 4852 Kawanee Place; an email from Franklin County Public Health regarding Mosquito Preseason and Vector Updates; an email from the Ohio Township Association regarding Legislative Alert and Info 4/21/23; and an email from Columbus Regional Airport Authority regarding Columbus Air Show at Rickenbacker International Airport.

(2023-106) MOTION TO SUPPORT THE CDC OVERDOSE DATA TO ACTION

T. Blackstone made a motion to support the CDC Overdose Data to Action: Limiting Overdose through Collaborative Actions in Localities (OD2A LOCAL) grant as requested by Franklin County Public Health. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-107) SIGNATURE AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN HANN

T. Blackstone made a motion authorizing Chairman Hann to sign Franklin County Public Health letter in the Township’s behalf. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-108) MOTION TO SEND CERTIFIED LETTER

T. Blackstone made a motion to send 7-day notice to clean up nuisance property by certified letter to resident at 867 Grenada Road. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-109) SIGNATURE AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN HANN

T. Blackstone made a motion authorizing Chairman Hann to sign nuisance letter in the Township’s behalf. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-110) COMMUNITY CENTER REQUESTS

T. Blackstone made a motion allowing the following uses of the Community Center building: Khristian Siniff for Sunday, May 7, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00

p.m., for a baby shower. Fee to be \$12.00 per hour; Erica Braxton for Saturday, July 29, 2023, from 12:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., for a baby shower. Fee to be \$12.00 per hour; and Randi Blankenship for Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for a baby shower. Fee to be \$12.00 per hour.

(2023-110) COMMUNITY CENTER REQUESTS CONTINUED

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

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-111) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITHOUT PURCHASE ORDERS

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

Payroll \$ 105,782.14

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

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-112) OBLIGATIONS FOR PAYMENT WITH PURCHASE ORDERS

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

All-American Fire Equipment	\$ 313.60
Atlantic Emergency Solutions	1,239.34
Baer, Tyler	159.95
Beem's BP Distr. Inc.	2,670.45
Best One Tire Service	212.76
Bound Tree Medical	3,058.66
Center for Resilience & Wellness, LLC	600.00
Change Healthcare Technology	2,581.07
Charter Communications	48.47
Charter Communications	225.25
Columbus City Treasurer	1,447.50
Columbus City Treasurer	212.83
Delille Oxygen Company	488.11
Emergency Medical Products	99.90
Franklin County Sheriff	87,746.43
Galls, Inc.	367.74
Goss Supply	218.64
Marcum, Joshua	249.99
Motorola Solutions	1,370.25
National Lime & Stone Co.	577.71
Ohio Health Emergency Medical Services	2,400.00
OhioHealth/WorkHealth	1,110.00
Peterson Highway Safety, Inc.	154.28
Sam's Club	136.31
Shirkey, Lisa	35.00
Trish's Stitches	9,094.40

\$ 116,818.64

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

Blackstone yea Armstrong yea Hann yea

(2023-113) ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At Approximately 8:32 p.m., T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) for the purpose of considering the appointment, discipline and/or employment of Township employees.



(2023-113) ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION CONTINUED

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

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-114) ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 9:03 p.m., T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn from executive session and return to an open session, no action taken. G. Armstrong seconded the move and the vote resulted. M/C

Blackstone yea                      Armstrong yea                      Hann yea

(2023-115) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, T. Blackstone made a motion to adjourn at 9:04 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