

Hamilton Township Trustee's Meeting

August 1, 2018

Trustee Joe Rozzi called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Motion made by Mr. Rozzi with a second by Mr. Cordrey to approve the Clerk's journal and accept the tapes as the Official Minutes of the July 25, 2018 Special Township Trustee Meeting.

Roll call as follows:	Joe Rozzi	Yes
	Darryl Cordrey	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes

Motion made by Mr. Rozzi with a second by Mr. Walker to approve the billing invoices for payment cycle July 23, 2018 – July 27, 2018 checks numbered 79079 - 79086.

Roll call as follows:	Joe Rozzi	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Darryl Cordrey	Yes

Motion made by Mr. Rozzi with a second by Mr. Cordrey to approve the billing invoices for payment cycle July 30, 2018 – August 3, 2018 checks numbered 79087 – 79105 (void checks 79100 – 79102).

Roll call as follows:	Joe Rozzi	Yes
	Darryl Cordrey	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes

There was a swearing in of Police Officer Molly Hayden by Chief Scott Hughes.

There was a swearing in of Firefighter/Paramedic Renee Simmons by Chief Brian Reese.

Trustee Joe Rozzi made a motion to enter into Executive session to consider the appointment of a public employee/official at 6:40 pm, and seconded by Trustee Darryl Cordrey. In Executive session were the Trustees, Brent Centers, and Ms. Oeder.

Roll call as follows:	Joe Rozzi	Yes
	Darryl Cordrey	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes

Trustee Joe Rozzi made a motion to come out of Executive session at 6:51 pm, and seconded by Trustee Joe Walker.

Roll call as follows:	Joe Rozzi	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Darryl Cordrey	Yes

Public Comments

Trustee Joe Rozzi opened the floor for public comments at 6:51pm.

Jim Hunter, stated his wife fell last Wednesday and broke her arm. Mr. Hunter stated the paramedics were there quicker than he was ready for them. The job they did was tremendous. They hit the vein the first try. Mr. Hunter stated he was ecstatic with the service they provided, quick efficient. Mr. Hunter stated the driver was even trying to miss the potholes on the way to the hospital. Mr. Hunter asked Chief Reese to extend a "Thank you" to his guys.

Trustee Joe Rozzi closed the floor to public comments at 6:53pm.

Administrator, Brent Centers followed up on some questions from the public at the June 20, 2018 meeting.

Administrator, Brent Centers informed the Board that the Hamilton Township will partner with the Village of Maineville to host a Citizens Police Academy starting January 7, 2019 and will conclude on March 4, 2019.

Trustee Darryl Cordrey asked if that would be held in the administration building?

Police Chief Scott Hughes stated it would primarily be in the training room.

Trustee Joe Walker asked how many it will be opened up to?

Chief Hughes stated they have not put a number on it yet, but to keep things within reason, about 30.

Trustee Joe Rozzi asked if these would be evening classes?

Chief Hughes stated it is tentatively scheduled from 6:30 – 8:30 and will be posted on our website and social media.

Administrator Brent Centers informed the Board that we have been spending quite a bit of money on the community center and not received much out of it. To date we have spent \$17,189.00. It needs new gutters, soffits, and some concrete work which would cost about \$8,000.00. The community center is booked for \$50 per visit unless the group is non-profit. The original agreement was done in 1980 and if anytime the Board wants to give the community back, a memorandum of understanding would need to be done to gift it back.

Trustee Joe Walker asked if there has been any contact with the church to see if they want it back?

Kenny Hickey stated he will get a hold of our contact.

Trustee Darryl Cordrey asked if we have a plan in place to provide for the residence?

Brent Centers stated the Valley Vineyards or other private centers, add a community room onto the new firehouse, but there is not definite plan in place.

Trustee Darryl Cordrey asked what was the maximum capacity?

Kenny Hickey stated it is 50 and another option would be the meeting room.

Trustee Darryl Cordrey would like to know the church's thoughts and have a plan in place for the community to go.

Trustee Joe Rozzi stated that it might be a good opportunity to work with a developer for a community center in a commercial development or private development.

Brent Centers stated the annual financial information statement is condensed into a small packet for the Trustees.

Brent Centers stated the audio from the July 18, 2018 meeting, cut out because there was not enough memory and that's why it was not posted on the website. We are still working on getting it right.

Brent Centers stated the meeting room will be updated before the next meeting. There will be new paint and replace the projector screen with a television.

Human Resource Manager, Kellie Krieger requested the Board make a motion to remove Firefighter Michael Burden from the Hamilton Township roster effective August 1, 2018.

Trustee Joe Rozzi made the motion as stated above, and seconded by Trustee Darryl Cordrey.

Roll call as follows: Joe Rozzi Yes

Darryl Cordrey	Yes
Joe Walker	Yes

Human Resource Manager, Kellie Krieger requested the Board make a motion to approve moving Sean Oakes from the co-op position to a part time position within the fire department at the pay rate of \$14.00 per hour effective July 29, 2018.

Trustee Joe Rozzi made the motion as stated above, and seconded by Trustee Darryl Cordrey.

Roll call as follows:	Joe Rozzi	Yes
	Darryl Cordrey	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes

Human Resource Manager, Kellie Krieger requested the Board make a motion to approve re-assign Megan Haas from a part time position into the Fire Tech position effective July 29, 2018.

Trustee Joe Rozzi made the motion as stated above, and seconded by Trustee Darryl Cordrey.

Roll call as follows:	Joe Rozzi	Yes
	Darryl Cordrey	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes

Administrator, Brent Centers requested the Board make a motion to approve a Large Purchase order in the amount of \$13,000.00 to bring the funds up for a new ambulance.

Trustee Joe Rozzi made the motion as stated above, and seconded by Trustee Darryl Cordrey.

Roll call as follows:	Joe Rozzi	Yes
	Darryl Cordrey	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes

Administrator, Brent Centers requested the Board make a motion to approve a Large Purchase order in the amount of \$10,362.46 for the purchase of 3 sets of fire gear.

Trustee Joe Rozzi made the motion as stated above, and seconded by Trustee Darryl Cordrey.

Roll call as follows:	Joe Rozzi	Yes
	Darryl Cordrey	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes

Administrator, Brent Centers requested the Board make a motion to approve a Large Purchase order in the amount of \$400,000.00 for the resurfacing of Ford Road, Stephens Road, Hamilton Avenue, Stephens Street, and Robin Drive.

Trustee Joe Rozzi made the motion as stated above, and seconded by Trustee Darryl Cordrey.

Roll call as follows:	Joe Rozzi	Yes
	Darryl Cordrey	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes

Trustee Joe Rozzi made a motion and seconded by Trustee Darryl Cordrey to approve Resolution # 18-0801, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$2,500,000.00 of township fire station bonds, series 2018.

Roll call as follows:	Joe Rozzi	Yes
	Darryl Cordrey	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes

Trustee Joe Rozzi made a motion, and seconded by Trustee Darryl Cordrey to approve Resolution # 18-0801A, authorizing and approving an increase in township appropriations in the General Fund, Road and Bridge, Police, and Fire Funds to reconcile budgets for calendar year 2018.

Roll call as follows: Joe Rozzi Yes
Darryl Cordrey Yes
Joe Walker Yes

Trustee Joe Rozzi made a motion, and seconded by Trustee Darryl Cordrey to approve Resolution # 0801B, declaring certain property as obsolete, surplus, no longer needed for public use, and authorizing its disposal.

Roll call as follows: Joe Rozzi Yes
Darryl Cordrey Yes
Joe Walker Yes

Administrator, Brent Centers stated there are 4 options for the Road tax levy.

Trustee Darryl Cordrey asked if we could pass more than one resolution?

Legal Counsel, Doug Miller stated to pass one because whatever you pass goes on the ballot.

Public Works Director, Kenny Hickey gave a presentation on what is causing the pavement failures. Mr. Hickey stated the township should be paving an average of 6.5 miles of roads per year. Currently, we are paving an average of 3 miles per year. Mr. Hickey gave the following break down of what each millage would bring in and how many miles of road we can pave:

<u>Levy</u>	<u>Amount it will bring</u>	<u>Miles we can pave</u>
\$1 mill	\$646,764.00	5.97
\$1.25 mill	\$865,140.00	7.98
\$1.5 mill	\$1,038,168.00	9.58
\$1.75 mill	\$1,211,196.00	11.17

Trustee Darryl Cordrey asked for verification that we are getting roads turned over to us that already have problems.

Trustee Joe Rozzi asked if there is a consideration to look at those subdivisions that are still under construction that are still using our roads, ask for compensation for repair?

Kenny Hickey we are kind of fighting a losing battle and the County has the authority to turn the roads over to the township. Mr. Hickey stated in his opinion, we need either a \$1.25 mill or a \$1.5 mill.

Trustee Joe Walker asked if we will have \$150,000.00 for roads next year?

Kenny Hickey stated we will have no money. The \$150,000.00 I used for culverts and embankments and that type of thing.

Trustee Darryl Cordrey asked if that is if we have a perfect year with no equipment going down?

Mr. Hickey stated that is correct.

Trustee Darryl Cordrey stated we are not likely getting 15 years out of our roads, it's more like 6-8 years. He asked if we have any recourse with the County with regards to the water sitting on Stephens Road at Village on the Green?

Mr. Hickey stated the culvert pipe on Stephens is out of our right of way.

Trustee Darryl Cordrey stated that the \$1 mill doesn't even bring us to baseline.

Trustee Joe Walker asked if we are paving 8 miles of road with \$560,000.00?

Mr. Hickey stated yes, that is with this years pricing. He also stated that one year after the road is paved, we have it sealed. The price for the spray is about \$8,271.00 per mile.

Trustee Joe Walker asked if the State was thinking about kicking some money back to townships for roads? Are there any projections of what might come back? Is that employee hiring in the millage also?

Mr. Hickey stated he would do the hiring through the Road and Bridge Fund.

Public Comments

Trustee Joe Rozzi opened the floor to public comments.

Clyde Baston, 8072 Faller Road, asked what the \$1.5 mill will cost the average person per month?

Mr. Hickey stated it would be about \$52.50 per year on \$100,000.00.

Mr. Baston stated you are up to \$50-\$70 per month after you add the school, fire, and police. Mr. Baston asked them to keep in the mind the older people that live here. Mr. Baston received a call regarding the trail at Testerman Park has a stretch that stands in water.

Police Chief Scott Hughes, spoke on behalf of the Police Department, they are in full support of the Road Department. Let's prepare for the future.

Jim Hunter thanked the Board for addressing this issue.

Trustee Joe Rozzi stated everybody in the township touches roads and it's our duty to have safe roads.

Kenny Hickey stated we have 95 new construction zoning permits year to date.

Trustee Darryl Cordrey stated we know what we need and what we want. The \$1 mill is like kicking the can down the road. He is leaning toward the \$1.25 mill to get to our baseline. He would like to go before the voters and tell them this is what we have to have for our day to day operation.

Trustee Joe Walker stated it's going to be a tough sell with only 3-4 months to work on it. He thinks if we get too carried away, some will say no automatically. He thinks that the \$1 mill is okay.

Trustee Darryl Cordrey stated he doesn't believe the \$1 mill is even baseline.

Trustee Joe Rozzi stated the most important thing is the education, what this is for and what can be done. It needs to be done in a simplified form. It's our money to spend up to the dime with a tad bit of padding to carry over.

A resident asked what revenue was created by the TIF?

Rusty Holman, stated the TIF, when it was closed out, generated about \$1.8 million into the revenues of the township over years which funded about 3 years of road funding.

Trustee Joe Walker made a motion to approve Resolution # 18-0801C, providing for the submission to the electorate of a 1 mill additional property tax levy for road purposes in the unincorporated area of Hamilton Township. There was not a second.

Trustee Joe Rozzi made a motion, and seconded by Trustee Darryl Cordrey to approve Resolution # 18-0801D, providing for the submission to the electorate of a 1.25 mill additional property tax levy for road purposes in the unincorporated area of Hamilton Township.

Roll call as follows:	Joe Rozzi	Yes
	Darryl Cordrey	Yes
	Joe Walker	No

Administrator, Brent Centers followed up on a public comment from the July 18, 2018 meeting regarding speeding on Swigert Road. We have put this road on the list for the traffic signal to gather data.

Public Comments

Trustee Joe Rozzi opened the floor to public comments.

Dan Wilson, 572 W US 22/3, stated the Board is doing a great job and being willing to put this levy up. He would like to see a more proactive action before we accept these subdivision roads. We need to satisfy the township.

Lisa Wilson, US 22/3, stated she is really disappointed that we are not going to have something for the roads on the ballot. That is going to be a difficult thing to explain when election comes around.

Trustee Joe Rozzi stated that we passed the \$1.25 mill resolution.

Jim Hunter stated we are going to be looking for all the support we can get from the residents to help educate the people.

Brent Centers did clarify that the resolution for the \$1.0 mill died for lack of a second and the \$1.25 mill was approved.

Debra Bolton, 7898 Red Fox Trail, stated their road was paved about 17-18 years ago. This road was due to be paved last year but there was still construction traffic. What happened to that money?

Kenny Hickey stated that money was reallocated, however, Red Fox is on the list to try to get this year.

Trustee Joe Walker stated that his no vote doesn't mean that he doesn't support the levy, it's going to hurt the ones on a fixed income.

Trustee Joe Rozzi made a motion, and seconded by Trustee Darryl Cordrey to enter into Executive Session for conference with an attorney for pending or imminent court action at 7:49 pm. In Executive Session were the Trustees, Jim Hunter, Doug Miller, Brent Center, Brian Reese, Scott Hughes, Kenny Hickey, Kellie Krieger, and Mark Stemm.

Roll call as follows:	Joe Rozzi	Yes
	Darryl Cordrey	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes

Trustee Joe Rozzi made a motion, and seconded by Trustee Darryl Cordrey to come out of Executive Session at 8:20 pm.

Roll call as follows:	Joe Rozzi	Yes
	Darryl Cordrey	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes

Administrator, Brent Centers stated in Executive session regarding the OPEC-HC trial that's been ongoing for a couple of years from our early withdraw, we were prepared to go to trial on Monday, July 30, 2018. We were at the courthouse with our attorney's and witnesses when the judge began settlement discussions. Had we lost or had we won, we knew that we would be paying no matter what for attorney fees. We have received all \$426,000.00 back of our withdraw fees. Had we lost they would have come after us for \$450,000.00 plus we would have entered into an appeals process for another \$70,000.00 - \$80,000.00. Had we won, we were still looking at \$120,000.00 plus they would have appealed and we would have to add on another \$70,000.00 - \$80,000.00 to go into that and then they would have filed to get those attorneys fees for the appeals process which would probably would have been \$100,000.00. With that, both parties came to a settlement agreement of \$180,000.00 to settle with a mutual and full release of

any and all claims against the other memorialized in a settlement agreement that will be drafted up by the judge upon the Boards approval.

Jim Hunter stated financially it's the smart move.

Administrator, Brent Centers requested the Board make a motion to approve the agreed order by the Court of Common Pleas of Franklin County Ohio, case # 16-CV-2261 by Judge Cocroft.

Trustee Joe Rozzi made the motion as stated above, and seconded by Trustee Darryl Cordrey.

Roll call as follows:	Joe Rozzi	Yes
	Darryl Cordrey	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes

With no other business at hand a motion made by Mr. Rozzi with a second by Mr. Cordrey to adjourn at 8:23 pm.

Roll call as follows:	Joe Rozzi	Yes
	Darryl Cordrey	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes