

Hamilton Township Trustee Meeting October 15, 2025

Trustee Board Chairman, Joe Rozzi, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Mr. Rozzi, Mr. Cordrey and Mr. Sousa were present.

Roll call as follows:	Joe Rozzi	Yes
	Darryl Cordrey	Yes
	Mark Sousa	Yes

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

A motion was made by Mr. Rozzi, with a second by Mr. Cordrey, to approve the clerk's journal as the Official Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2025, Trustee Meeting.

Roll call as follows:	Mark Sousa	Yes
	Darryl Cordrey	Yes
	Joe Rozzi	Yes

A motion was made by Mr. Rozzi, with a second by Mr. Cordrey, to approve the bills as presented before the Board.

Roll call as follows:	Joe Rozzi	Yes
	Mark Sousa	Yes
	Darryl Cordrey	Yes

Swearing-In Ceremony- Fire Department

Chief Jewett introduced Drew Caños. Drew joins us from the Glendale Fire Department, where he serves as a volunteer firefighter, and from Sycamore Township, where he worked part-time. A township resident since 2003, Drew graduated from Little Miami High School in 2018 and earned his Firefighter II and EMT certifications from Cincinnati State in 2024. He is also an accomplished archer who narrowly missed qualifying for the U.S. Olympic Team. Joining Drew today in support are his parents, Julie and Rodolfo, with his father returning from deployment to attend the ceremony.

Public Speaker- Matt Latham, Warren County Park District

The Warren County Park District was established in 1970 and is led by Commissioners Ben Yoder, Wendy Monroe, and Chris Hice, with Judge Joseph Kirby serving as the appointing authority.

Landen Deerfield Park covers 95 acres with trails, ball fields, shelters, and an amphitheater. A one-million-dollar H2Ohio and ARPA-funded project will restore the park's pond into a stream and wetland area focused on nature education, with completion expected in summer 2026.

In 2024, the parks saw about 722,000 visits, up from previous years. Armco Park had nearly 408,000 visits, marking a 36 percent increase since 2022.

The district works with more than 30 partners through the Warren County Wild Collaborative to promote nature-based recreation and is part of a regional study exploring new bike and pedestrian connections between Springboro, Lebanon, and Mason.

The district also partners with local governments, the YMCA, fairgrounds, and libraries to provide nature education programs. Its overall goal is to connect people with nature, protect important natural areas, and create a unified trail and park system that supports a healthy and vibrant county.

Comments

Mr. Rozzi opened the floor to public comments at 6:22 PM, to which nobody came forward.

New Business

Resolution No. 25-1015A – Authorizing Private Sale of Unneeded and Unfit-For-Use Property

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to approve Resolution 25-1015A, a resolution authorizing private sale of unneeded and unfit-for-use property in the Police Department.

Roll call as follows:	Darryl Cordrey	Yes
	Mark Sousa	Yes
	Joe Rozzi	Yes

Resolution No. 25-1015B- 1015C Acceptance of Hopewell Valley Section Six (6)

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to Resolution 25-1002B, a resolution accepting public streets for maintenance and setting speed limits on section six, in the Villages of Hopewell Valley Subdivision, Hamilton Township, dispensing with the second reading.

Roll call as follows:	Darryl Cordrey	Yes
	Mark Sousa	Yes
	Joe Rozzi	Yes

Motion- Renew Annual Policy with Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc

A motion was made by Mr. Rozzi, with a second by Mr. Cordrey, to renew our annual policy with Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc. for the purpose of property and casualty and cyber insurance coverage.

Roll call as follows:	Mark Sousa	Yes
	Darryl Cordrey	Yes
	Joe Rozzi	Yes

Motion- Amend the Hamilton township Roster as Presented

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to approve the amendment of the Hamilton Township roster as presented.

Roll call as follows:	Darryl Cordrey	Yes
	Mark Sousa	Yes
	Joe Rozzi	Yes

Public Comments

Mr. Rozzi opened the floor to public comments at 6:28 PM, to which nobody came forward.

Fiscal Report

Mrs. Leah Elliott provided the September Fiscal Report with the following updates:
As of the end of September, which is 75% through the year, the Public Works Fund shows revenue collected at 95.7% year to date; however, this is elevated due to the new building payment. The true percentage collected is 70%. The YTD Expenditures are at 55.5%.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Wright gave the following updates:

The Fire Department has implemented new surprise-based training sessions designed to simulate real-life stress and improve readiness among crews.

The Public Works Department completed a major creek erosion repair project on Ford Road entirely in-house for \$3,000, saving an estimated \$40,000 to \$50,000 by not hiring a contractor.

By reusing excess dirt from the Public Works building project at Mounts Park for a winter remediation project, the township realized additional savings of approximately \$500,000 to

\$600,000. Friday, October 17th at noon will be the opening of bid packets for the Mounts Park Project.

The Police Department also achieved a significant win last week. Chief Hughes stated that the Police Department recently completed an audit through the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services, which will lead to accreditation. The department will become one of the first in Ohio to receive that credential, with the formal award anticipated in April. The department also issued public safety reminders following recent car break-ins and thefts, encouraging residents to lock their vehicles and keep valuables out of sight.

Trustee Comments

Mr. Cordrey commended the township's strong leadership and staffing efforts. He reminded residents about the upcoming Trunk or Treat event at Testerman Park on Saturday, October 18, and noted that early voting has begun, encouraging residents to participate in the election, which includes the school board on the ballot.

Mr. Sousa recognized the Public Works Department for their continued hard work and extended Halloween greetings to the community.

Mr. Rozzi reiterated his appreciation for the outstanding employees of Hamilton Township.

Adjournment-

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to adjourn at 6:42 p.m.

Roll call as follows:	Joe Rozzi	Yes
	Darryl Cordrey	Yes
	Mark Sousa	Yes