

## Hamilton Township Trustee Meeting

November 17, 2021

Trustee Board Chairman, Darryl Cordrey, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Cordrey, Mr. Rozzi and Mr. Sousa were present.

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited by all.

Motion made by Mr. Cordrey with a second by Mr. Rozzi to approve of the clerk's journal and accept the tapes as the Official Meeting Minutes of the November 3, 2021, Trustee Meeting.

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

Motion made by Mr. Cordrey with a second by Mr. Rozzi to approve the bills as presented to the Board.

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

Mr. Cordrey gave a public apology referencing the manner in which public comments were closed at the last Trustee meeting. He acknowledged that it was handled incorrectly and voluntarily stepped down from the position of Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to appoint Joe Rozzi as Chair of the Board of Trustees and Mark Sousa as Vice Chair.

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

Mr. Rozzi thanked Mr. Cordrey for his public apology and taking responsibility for his actions.

Mr. Sousa also agreed that it was unfortunate and he hopes to put this behind them and move forward.

### **Public Comments**

Mr. Rozzi opened the floor to public comments at 6:33pm.

Mrs. Lisa Wilson thanked the Trustees for their part in having the dilapidated house on 48 removed.

Mr. Rusty Holman discussed the Warren County Commissioners passage of a property tax relief at the County level. He would like the Board to consider giving money back to the taxpayers. He also asked that the digital signs recently installed, advertise the Township meetings and other important Township items.

Mr. Rozzi closed the floor to public comments at 6:38pm.

### **Human Resources**

Assistant Administrator, Mr. Kenny Hickey, requested a motion to update the Hamilton Township roster with the following: remove Mr. Zach Bors as a fulltime Fire-fighter/paramedic,

and promote Matthew Leeper to fulltime Fire-fighter/EMT's contingent upon completion of his background and medical evaluation.

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to approve the above-mentioned roster updates.

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

Mr. Hickey requested a motion to approve the following cemetery deed within the Maineville Cemetery Addition: Mr. Carl Travis has purchased lot 66 grave 8, deed number 2021-15.

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to approve the above mentioned cemetery deed.

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

### **New Business**

-Motion: To enter into contract with M/I Homes for the snow and ice removal services for the unaccepted streets at the Rivercrest Subdivision Phase 1, 3A, 3B, and 4.

The Rivercrest Subdivision is required to perform snow and ice removal services and has requested to contract with Hamilton Township to provide those services. They will pay Hamilton Township \$150 per hour with a minimum of 1 hour per call-out.

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey, to enter into contract with M/I Homes for the snow and ice removal services for the undedicated streets listed above.

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

-Motion: To enter into contract with Prus Properties, LLC for the snow and ice removal services for the unaccepted streets at the Villages of Classicway Subdivision Section 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

The Village of Classicway Subdivision is required to perform snow and ice removal services and has requested to contract with Hamilton Township to provide those services. They will pay Hamilton Township \$150 per hour with a minimum of 1 hour per call-out.

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey, to enter into contract with Prus Properties, LLC for the snow and ice removal services for the undedicated streets listed above.

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

-Motion: To enter into contract with Fischer Homes for the snow and ice removal services for the unaccepted streets at the Eagles Pointe Subdivision Section 3 and 4.

The Eagles Pointe Subdivision is required to perform snow and ice removal services and has requested to contract with Hamilton Township to provide those services. They will pay Hamilton Township \$150 per hour with a minimum of 1 hour per call-out.

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey, to enter into contract with Fischer Homes for the snow and ice removal services for the undedicated streets listed above.

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

-Resolution 21-1117: Accepting public streets for maintenance and setting speed limits on Section 1 and 3B in the Rivercrest Subdivision.

This is a resolution accepting public streets for maintenance and setting speed limits on Section 1 and 3B, in the Rivercrest Subdivision, Hamilton Township, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency. This will allow Hamilton Township to accept these sections from Warren County as Hamilton Township streets and establish the Township speed limit of 25 mph. This Resolution is declared an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the peace, health, safety and welfare of Hamilton Township. The reason for the emergency is to provide an immediate establishment of a safe speed.

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to approve Resolution 21-1117.

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

### **Work Session**

-Mounts Park EPA timeline update

Mr. Hickey explained that we received an update on the 401 permit, through the Ohio EPA; they no longer want us to use the existing channel but instead they wish to redirect the flow of water to discharge in the southeastern corner of the lake. The flow redirection will determine the schedule for getting the landfill cap restored, the channel back filled and graded. The park will remain open except for the southeast corner where the stream is being rechanneled. The assessment of Big Foot run will require an additional \$8500 for the permits. The Ohio EPA would like for us to give the revised plan before Thanksgiving in order to meet the deadline of January 9, 2022.

Mr. Cordrey asked if the ARPPA funds would be covering the additional costs?

Mr. Hickey explained that they will. The park will not be affected once it opens in April 2022.

Mr. Sousa stated that we were presented with this original timeline in January at the Trustee retreat so we wanted to give a public update since this will potentially cause a 60 day delay.

Mr. Rozzi asked if they were advised on a workable method in the beginning yet they chose to take a different path only to find the original suggestion is the way to go, why do we have to incur those charges?

Mr. Hickey explained that it is due to the adjustment on the permit and unfortunately we cannot ask for a fee waiver since this is done through the Federal Government.

### **Administrator's Report**

Mr. Hickey recognized our current staff that are Veterans:

- Dusty McCleese- Fire Department, was in the Marines
- Alex Stephens- Police Department, was in the Air Force
- Greg Watkins-Police Department, was with the Army
- Brent Centers- Administration, and is still active with the Air Force

- Tyson Farlino- Fire Department, was with the Army
- Jared Karrash- Fire Department, was with the Army
- Brandon Voris- Public Works, was with the Marines
- Jacob Spears- Fire Department, was with the Navy
- Keegan Duffens- Fire Department, was with the Army
- Adam Gilpin- Fire Department, was with the Army

Mr. Hickey reminded the Board that Chief Jewett will be presenting a proposal for a fire training tower at the next meeting.

The December 15<sup>th</sup> meeting time is usually changed to a daytime meeting to do the End of year awards, if the Board would still like to continue that, we would need a motion to move the time.

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to change the December 15, 2021 meeting time from 6:30pm to 1:00pm.

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

Lastly, Mr. Hickey reminded that the Police Department is hosting a self-defense class at Evo Fit on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm to 8:30pm.

Mr. Rozzi thanked all employees and Residents that have served and continue to serve in our military.

**Fiscal Officer's Report**

Mr. Weber explained that this is the report for the month of October. We are 83% thru the year. Expenditures are at approximately 68% of our budget equaling approximately \$9.6 million total. We have received 100% of our anticipated revenue. We currently have a \$17.1 million cash balance.

**Trustee Comments**

Mr. Sousa would like to add some non-traditional events for the Township. He was thinking that maybe during spring, we could host education classes or events for High School students involving finances. He also liked the idea of an automotive 101, teaching kids and adults to change oil, rotate tires, etc.

Mr. Rozzi asked if this could be ongoing throughout the year?

Mr. Sousa would like to start small to keep up with volunteer commitments.

Mr. Cordrey likes the ideas and he would like to offer them for everyone.

Mr. Sousa also mentioned the topic of medical marijuana facilities. In 2017 we passed a Resolution that prohibited those in the Township but he would like to have a conversation and revisit the idea of keeping or prohibiting further.

Mr. Cordrey is not keen on the idea of revisiting that topic. We want to be pro-business but we want to be careful what types of business we invite into our community.

Mr. Cordrey thanked staff and residents for the service in our armed forces. He reminded everyone about the Little Miami Arts show and the Hamilton Township Tree Lighting Celebration.

Mr. Rozzi agreed with Mr. Hollman's comments about advertising for our Township meetings and getting those set up.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to adjourn at 7:03pm.

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