

## Hamilton Township Trustees Meeting

November 4, 2020

Trustee Board Chairman, Darryl Cordrey, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. 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 October 21, 2020 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 Payroll for pay cycle October 4, 2020 – October 17, 2020, Electronic Fund Transfer Direct Deposit Vouchers 1194253477 – 1194253480 and 119425362 – 1194253735.

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

Motion made by Mr. Cordrey with a second by Mr. Rozzi to approve the withholding payments for payment cycle October 4, 2020 – October 17, 2020, checks numbered 32675003 – 32675006 and 32675036 - 32675057.

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

Motion made by Mr. Cordrey with a second by Mr. Rozzi to approve Payroll for pay cycle October 18, 2020 – October 31, 2020, Electronic Fund Transfer Direct Deposit Vouchers 1195056041 – 1195056112.

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

Motion made by Mr. Cordrey with a second by Mr. Rozzi to approve the withholding payments for payment cycle October 18, 2020 – October 31, 2020, checks numbered 32720164 – 32720185.

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

Motion made by Mr. Cordrey with a second by Mr. Rozzi to approve billing invoices for payment cycle October 26, 2020 – October 30, 2020, checks numbered 82083 – 82094 void 82049.

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

Motion made by Mr. Cordrey with a second by Mr. Rozzi to approve billing invoices for payment cycle November 2, 2020 – November 6, 2020, checks numbered 82095 – 82111 and 82116 – 82134, void 82053, 82112, 82113, 82114 and 82115.

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

**Public Comments**

Mr. Cordrey opened the floor to public comments at 6:34 pm.

Many residents returned and spoke in frustration and concern about the Agricultural Exemption for a property located on Schlottman Road.

Township staff and Trustees addressed those comments and concerns stating that unfortunately as a Township, we do not have any legal basis to control what takes place on any property that is agriculturally zoned. It was encouraged for the residents that had concerns, to reach out to their State Representatives to find answers and solutions.

Mr. Cordrey closed the floor to public comments at 6:58 pm.

**New Business**

-Motion: Enter into contract with Turning Leaf subdivision for snow and ice removal services.

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

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve the above mentioned snow and ice removal contract.

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

-Resolution 20-1104: Accepting public streets for maintenance in Willow Pond subdivision  
A Resolution accepting public streets for maintenance and setting speed limits on Willow Pond Boulevard Dedication, Hamilton Township, dispensing with the second reading and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 20-1104.

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

-Resolution 20-1104A: Declaring nuisance properties and authorizing the removal of junk cars, refuse, and debris, and high grass and weeds at:

- 10425 Harrison Road, Loveland, Ohio 45140
- 10513 Harrison Road, Loveland, Ohio 45140
- 7671 Morrow-Cozaddale Road, Morrow, Ohio 45152
- 844 Hatt-Swank Road, Loveland, Ohio 45140
- 3206 Shamrock Drive, Morrow, Ohio 45152

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 20-1104A.

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

### **Work Session**

-Fire Department Medical Personnel organizational structure

Chief Reese explained that he has been kicking around the idea for the last year or so and after talking with our Medical Director, he believes that this might be a way to supplement our Medics. Instead of hiring all Firefighter/Medics, we could hire a few medical personnel only

(part time physician, flight nurse, etc.) that would just staff the ambulance therefore, all fire certified personnel would be free to ride the truck for fires. The current downside is figuring the cost in for employees with retirement and such. We would hire Paramedics versus EMT's first.

Mr. Rozzi asked if this opens a wider pool of candidates?

Chief Reese stated that it does. People want to work Emergency Medicine without having a Fire Card.

Mr. Sousa asked if anyone around us does this?

Chief Reese explained that Wyoming and Sharonville both do.

Mr. Cordrey asked what direction he needed from the Board.

Chief Reese explained that he is just bringing it to their attention right now but it is technically a new position so it would have to come before the Board for approval when they are ready to make that move.

Mr. Sousa asked if this would ideally happen next calendar year to which Chief Reese responded with a yes.

-Community Center

Mr. Centers mentioned that the Board had budgeted \$20,000 for repairs. Due to the cost increases with Coronavirus, the cost to repair the foundation with a three year warranty came back at \$34,254. The soffit/gutter system came back at \$1,476. Those were more than budgeted so he wanted to bring this to the Board for a direction; we could wait in hopes that material prices will drop or we can re-appropriate and get started.

Mr. Rozzi asked if there was any indication that prices would drop? Mr. Centers responded no.

Mr. Cordrey asked if we could seek out additional bids to compare numbers.

Mr. Centers explained that it was discussed to do that but for the timeliness to get this started by the end of this year for the budget, we didn't think other bids would get us in.

Mr. Hickey explained that we have bid the gutter part of this, but that was last year and they were lower.

Mr. Rozzi mentioned that it is not a bad idea to get a few more bids for comparison but it's a matter of if they want this done by the end of this year or not.

Mr. Cordrey stated that he wants it done right and he wants to do right by the Taxpayers. He would like at least one other estimate but preferably two.

Mr. Centers reminded that if this rolls over to January then we will need to re-appropriate because this was not included in the 2021 budget.

Mr. Sousa agrees and believes that even if this were completed soon, we are not in the position to open it to the community with the current trend of Covid numbers. It is fiscally responsible to get another quote.

#### -CARES Act projects

Mr. Centers reviewed and explained a list of projects and their pricing after stating that Hamilton Township is receiving 1.2 million dollars in CARES Act funding. Everything on the list is to mitigate contact/shared spaces. We called around to other municipalities and it seems that the majority are dumping this money into Police and Fire salaries. We had a direction from this Board to reinvest into the community so \$300,000 was set aside for a Grant program for small businesses and non-profits in Hamilton Township and we are using the rest as it was intended, which is to make a list of projects that will allow our community to still be involved with our local government but in a safer/touchless manner. The money that we do not use will go back to Warren County and will then be given to other communities that have expressed the need for more funding.

For a full list of items and costs, copies will be available for review at the Hamilton Township Administration office.

#### **Fiscal Officer's Report**

Mr. Weber explained that we received our second draw in September. We received roughly 4.7 million which was lower than our first draw. Mr. Nolan, county Auditor, explained to Mr. Weber that he is not aware of any uptick with delinquencies in Hamilton Township but more or less, some folks pay all taxes up front which could be an explanation as to why our first draw was higher.

We are roughly 75% thru the year. We have received 12.2 million dollars which is 101 % of projected revenue. Year to date we have spent approximately 8.7 million dollars which equates to about 64 % of our projected expenditures. Our cash balance to date is a little over 14.7 million dollars (represents the CARES funding already received as well).

#### **Administrator's Report**

Mr. Centers thanked our Emergency Services for a safe Halloween.

## **Trustee Comments**

Mr. Cordrey expressed the want for the Township to look into the safety of the roads on Schlottman that the residents had concerns over. They passed the road levy so we should see if there is anything we can do to help with that intersection.

Mr. Centers explained that other than regrading the entrance, we do replace guardrails out there but without moving the entire road and lining the two roads up, there isn't much for us to do.

Mr. Hickey explained that most of the work would be done through ODOT/ the State itself and the last time we asked about it, we were told that they did not have the funding.

All three Trustees mentioned some kind of additional safety measures.

Mr. Sousa asked what we can do to calm concerns about the safety, handling, storage of chemicals, etc.?

Chief Reese stated that they would have to follow the State Fire Code but that all falls under the State Fire Marshal. He was having Mr. Sanders, our Fire and Zoning Inspector, look into the details.

Continued discussion took place about agri-tourism with this property in question.

Mr. Centers and Mr. Kraemer explained that the property owners have sent out a letter with ideas and goals but at the end of the day they have not done anything wrong so we do not have anything to enforce at this time.

Mr. Sousa thanked the community for the support with the school levy. Halloween was a beautiful evening and it felt normal for once.

Mr. Rozzi commented on Halloween and that it was a beautiful night but they didn't have a lot of traffic in his neighborhood this year.

Mr. Weber commented on the Schlottman Road concerns and stated that on the county level, they have a hard time prohibiting trucks anywhere. Unfortunately a "No Trucks" sign cannot be posted if the bridge is suitable and the Schlottman Road Bridge is in great shape. There may be some low cost things that the State can do.

Mr. Centers stated that with all of the concerns from the residents, they have looked at all aspects so he needs a direction from the Board on what they would like us to do or look into.

Mr. Cordrey commented that he would like a “second look” and for it to be put into writing if we can do anything at all. He believes that we should do our due diligence for these resident’s.

Mr. Hickey stated that we could possibly see if we can reduce the speed limit but that will require a traffic study through the State. That is the last direction that we can really go. We cannot enforce a “No through trucks” without an ordinance unfortunately.

All three Board members believe that it is worth a discussion of some sort to work something out.

Mr. Cordrey thanked the community for the passage of the Little Miami School Levy. He also reminded the residents to be on the lookout for more information about our Tree Lighting Event.

**Executive Session**

In reference to O.R.C. 121.22 (G) (4)

- (G) (4): Reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to enter into Executive Session at 8:10 pm.

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

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to come out of Executive Session at 8:31 pm.

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

**New Business**

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to Enter into contract with the IAFF Local 4055 Firefighters Union

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

## **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to adjourn at 8:31 pm.

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