

Hamilton Township Trustee Meeting

December 1, 2021

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

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited by all.

Motion made by Mr. Rozzi with a second by Mr. Cordrey to approve of the clerk's journal and accept the tapes as the Official Meeting Minutes of the November 17, 2021, Trustee Meeting.

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

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

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

Public Comments

Mr. Rozzi opened the floor to public comments at 6:32pm.

Mr. Eric Edwards stated that many residents near the proposed Stottler II development, are still opposed to this project. They do plan to attend the Warren County Regional Planning Commission meeting on December 16th at 1:00pm to speak against this again.

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

Human Resources

Human Resources Manager, Ms. Kellie Krieger, requested a motion to update the Hamilton Township roster with the following changes: remove Mr. Jesse Hellweg as a Fulltime Firefighter/Paramedic effective December 21, 2021.

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

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

Ms. Krieger requested a motion to appoint Mr. Brady Hood to the Zoning Commission Board and Adam Paul to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Ms. Krieger and Mr. Centers conducted interviews and these two gentlemen were the finalists.

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

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

Ms. Krieger requested a motion to approve a deed within the Maineville addition; Brian Fitzpatrick has purchased niches 5 and 6 in the Maineville Columbarium. The deed number is 2021-16.

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to approve the cemetery deed #2021-16.

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

New Business

-Motion: Enter into contract with Turning Leaf Subdivision for the snow and ice removal services for the unaccepted streets at Turning Leaf Subdivision sections 7A and 7B.

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

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

-Resolution 21-1201: Reaffirming the material terms of the One Ohio subdivision settlement as it pertains to *Janssen/Johnson & Johnson* pursuant to the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding.

Law Director, Mr. Ben Yoder, stated that this is very similar to something we have already done and has to do with the National Opioid Pharmaceutical manufacturing companies. The Ohio Attorney General on behalf of both the State and Political Subdivisions of the State negotiated terms for how we would engage subsequent settlements with individual manufacturing companies. That is what we did with the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding. This Board adopted that and at that time began the first group of settlements. Mr. Yoder explained the process in which that settlement took place. This is another settlement with a different company, but the processes are the same. There will very likely be additional pharmaceutical companies that will come before the Board for this same reason.

Mr. Sousa asked if we have any legal expense to this?

Mr. Yoder responded none whatsoever.

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to approve Resolution 21-1201.

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

Presentations

-Fire Department Joint Training Tower

Assistant Fire Chief, Mr. Jason Jewett, presented the Board with a Capital Project which is a joint fire training tower with Deerfield Township. Our two communities would split the cost for this training building and would both significantly benefit from something of this caliber. The

tower would be built in Hamilton Township and serve both of our communities as well as many other neighboring communities. It would provide the opportunity to train together regularly as we are mutual aid partners. Currently, any live fire trainings require split staffing. This would change that so that no one is out of service. It meets the requirements through ISO so that we would be able to receive full training credits through ISO which is the insurance service organization and they set rates in the area based on response times, staffing, training, etc. If we can increase our classification ratings, it can lower insurance for the township. Live fire training is very important; fires are down nationally yet the injuries staff are sustaining on fires, has risen. This is due to the training environments changing but the experience level has decreased because we aren't seeing the same number of fires.

The building itself would be modular in nature. This modular design would allow for future expansion with minimal cost. All building materials are made and manufactured here in the United States. It would be 4 stories on one end and one story on the other. It would be 20 feet wide by 40 feet long with a 50-year life expectancy. He showed a computer rendition for the Board to see. The total cost is \$630,000. \$315,000 would be paid by Hamilton Township and the remaining \$315,000 would be paid for by Deerfield Township. There are long term costs that we need to budget for annually. Every 5 years the building has to be inspected by a certified Engineer that has a license for live fire buildings. We would contract with the company that builds the building and they would inspect it. Replacement of burn room panels, grounds maintenance and miscellaneous maintenance for items within the building.

Mr. Cordrey asked if Chief Jewett knows that what the annual cost would be?

Chief Jewett referenced Loveland's burn tower and stated that he believes their annual maintenance costs run less than \$10,000 per year. The biggest cost is replacing panels every 2-3 years.

Mr. Cordrey asked what it costs us to train down at Loveland-Symmes tower?

Chief Jewett responded that it is approximately \$3,000 per year.

Chief Jewett stated that we would open our tower for outside agency use for an annual fee. Loveland currently has theirs set up so that you have to buy a subscription. No one without a subscription can use their tower. For us currently, we cannot train with our mutual aid departments because they do not have a subscription to their tower. Having our own tower would open the opportunity for us to train with them for a similar fee, that would help offset our costs, in closer proximity to their community. We would also open the subscription to departments or training academies that would like to use the tower. We are looking at placing this at Marr Park near the site where the old farmhouse was that we conducted a live training. This is an undeveloped piece of property and there have never been issues with us using the park. We would take precautions and not utilize the tower while the park is being used. Luckily, most trainings would be done during the week and the park is mostly used on the evenings and/or weekends. Chief Jewett showed an aerial flyover for the site that they are proposing to construct the tower.

Mr. Cordrey asked if this would come out of the 2022 Budget?

Mr. Centers stated that this would be an appropriation for the 2022 budget.

Mr. Sousa mentioned that we have little to no flexibility with the way and how we use Loveland's tower.

Chief Jewett explained that we have no say in how the maintenance dollars are spent there. We have no say in the upkeep, no say in the layout either.

Mr. Sousa asked how often are we fighting an active fire?

Chief Jewett joked that he has kind of been the black cloud since he started this past year! He has been on 25 fires since he started. Those are between us, Deerfield Township, Salem Township and Harlan Township. All townships that we would have the opportunity to train with at a tower here.

Mr. Sousa asked how often we would use this training tower?

Chief Jewett explained that our department would utilize this training tower daily, as not every training requires live fire. The problem that we have at Loveland's tower is that we are very specific with the training we do because we have to maximize our time down there with taking crews out of service. When we go to Loveland, we strictly do live fire because we cannot send a crew to do hose movement, etc. because we do not have crews to backfill. The other part is that when we go down, we can't go on our own to burn. We have to go with other departments, so we meet the requirement of instructors and other staff to make sure it's a safe training. This also means that we burn with departments that we don't run with such as Madeira, Indian Hill, Milford, and Goshen. The only one that we run with out of those, is Goshen and that is very minimally.

Discussion was had about the ISO ratings and how that would impact us.

Mr. Sousa asked if grants are available? Or any beneficial financing programs that we are aware of.

Chief Reese commented that there are loans through the State, but he is unaware of their rates. We can check into that.

Mr. Centers brought up that with the CARES Act funding, we were able to purchase a new medic, so that afforded us this opportunity to talk with Deerfield about this project now.

Mr. Cordrey asked Chief Jewett to discuss the acquired structure training that was done last month.

Chief Jewett stated that those are becoming harder and harder to get because there are stringent requirements to burn anything. Asbestos inspections alone can cost \$1,800.00 for the homeowners alone so they don't typically want that added cost. The EPA makes it more difficult for us to do acquired structure burns.

Mr. Rozzi questioned the other departments that we would get to work with.

Chief Jewett explained everyone that we run with would benefit.

Administrator's Report

Township Administrator, Mr. Brent Centers, stated that our monument sign that was purchased to go at the intersection of 22 and 48, there are problems with the easements, so we won't be able to make that work. We are now going to place it at the Community Center property.

We posted a poll to get an idea of where our residents would like to see us invest with the Parks investments. We have quite a few responses and will leave that up for a few days.

Mr. Centers reminded everyone that the Tree Lighting will be held on December 11th from 4-6pm.

Lastly, he congratulated Ms. Gehring on her promotion to Zoning Administrator.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Nothing to report at this time.

Trustee Comments

Mr. Sousa congratulated Ms. Gehring as well on the promotion. He also asked for everyone to give input on the parks investments so that we know what our residents want.

Mr. Cordrey also congratulated Ms. Gehring and reminded of the Tree Lighting event as well.

Mr. Rozzi also mentioned the Tree lighting celebration and encouraged our residents to vote on the parks investments as well.

Executive Session

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to enter into Executive Session at 7:06pm in reference to O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(1) and (3). To consider the employment or compensation of a public employee and to conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

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

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to come out of Executive Session at 8:50pm.

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

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to adjourn at 8:51pm.

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