

## Hamilton Township Trustee Meeting

December 7, 2022

Trustee Board member, Mark Sousa, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Cordrey and Mr. Sousa were present.

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited by all.

Roll call as follows:   Mark Sousa            Yes  
                          Darryl Cordrey        Yes

A motion was made by Mr. Sousa, with a second by Mr. Cordrey, to approve the clerk's journal and accept the tapes as the Official Meeting Minutes of the November 16, 2022, Trustee Meeting.

Roll call as follows:   Darryl Cordrey        Yes  
                          Mark Sousa            Yes

A motion was made by Mr. Sousa, 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

### **Public Comments**

Mr. Sousa opened the floor to public comments at 6:02 pm.

Mr. Rusty Holman came forward to speak. He referenced Mr. Warrick coming forward during the last meeting and asking for a tax holiday. Mr. Holman asked for the possibility of a tax holiday as well. He said the second thing he would like to talk about is the difficulty driving at night in the Township. He stated that the white and yellow lines need to be repainted. He wasn't sure if this is a Township responsibility or ODOT's responsibility.

Mr. John Roesch came forward to speak. He mentioned it has been a while since he has been at a meeting but hopes to become for involved. He welcomed Mr. Pegram as the new Administrator. He stated his first comment is that he is here to support what Mr. Holman said. He stated he is a precinct captain, he is trying to reengage the precinct captains to be more involved in local matters.

Mr. Sousa stated before he closes the floor he would like to address the concept of a tax holiday. He stated the monies for the Township really falls into four categories, General, Public Works, Fire and Police. We know that we want to build two new roads that are development related. We believe those road estimates could be in the neighborhood of 6-8 million dollars. We could deplete all the ARPA monies and take any extra cash we could possibly take out of the General Fund and Public Works that is set aside for roads and it would bring those funds to the 9 months reserve. Then with the purchase of a new ladder truck within 24 months, if we pay cash would bring our reserves for Fire Department down to 7-8 months. We are now talking 3 or our 4 main departments in that reserve sweet spot. Police Department now is at 10-11 months reserves. We fully hear you guys and I am willing to talk to you more about it. We plan to resolve the excess reserves as these projects come up. Mr. Sousa mentioned if there is a thought out there that we are over collecting from residents and do not know what we are going to do with the monies, I believe that is an inaccurate assessment.

Mr. Cordrey mentioned that he is not going to rehash what he said last meeting but Mr. Sousa said it well. I think that we are a growing community, house are still going up left and right. We

are trying to see what resources we will need going forward. If that is additional Officers, additional Fire crew/EMS crew or infrastructure.

Mr. Sousa mentioned a conversation he had with another local elected official in the past 12 months. He stated we on average still get mutual aid in our Fire Department every day. He had this elected official ask him how it is fair that the tax payers in his jurisdiction service and pay for calls in your jurisdiction for your Fire Department.

Mr. Sousa closed the floor to public comments at 6:18 pm.

### **Human Resources**

Ms. Allgeyer stated she will have two motion requests that she will speak on this evening.

Ms. Allgeyer asked for a Motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Hamilton Township Teamsters Local 100 as presented to the Board.

Mr. Sousa asked Ms. Allgeyer to give a little more detail to this MOU.

Ms. Allgeyer explained both MOU's, Effective pay period for pay increase(s) to be first full pay period in January, instead of 1-1-2023. This prevents us from having to do two time sheets and two payrolls the first week of the New Year and brings all collective bargaining units and non-union employees into compliance.

Ms. Allgeyer then explained the second MOU for the Hamilton Township IAFF Local 4055. She stated it is for Military Leave and bringing it into policy with State and Federal Law.

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Hamilton Township Teamsters Local 100 as presented.

Roll call as follows:	Mark Sousa	Yes
	Darryl Cordrey	Yes

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Hamilton Township IAFF Local 4055.

Roll call as follows:	Mark Sousa	Yes
	Darryl Cordrey	Yes

### **Public Works**

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to approve the motion to issue a revised deed from lot 507 grave(s) 1 & 2 moving to lot 507 grave(s) 3 & 4.

Roll call as follows:	Darryl Cordrey	Yes
	Mark Sousa	Yes

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to approve the motion to approve the purchase of cemetery deeds as presented to the board.

Roll call as follows:	Darryl Cordrey	Yes
	Mark Sousa	Yes

### **New Buisness**

- Resolution 22-1207A: Resolution Increase in appropriations.

Mr. Pegram stated that the lighting district is money in and money out. The subdivisions that have lighting districts in place we receive that revenue and then we pay the monthly Duke bills for the street lights in those neighborhoods. Depending on the electric rate we are sometimes off at the end of the year. This is to balance our budget and pay the December bill. The next is Workers Comp, your rate is based on prior year's payroll. As payroll changes workers comp changes.

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to approve Resolution 22-1207A.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes  
Mark Sousa Yes

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to approve Resolution 22-1207B.

Mr. Cordrey asked Mr. Pegram to explain.

Mr. Pegram stated there is not enough money in our appropriations to pay the bill. He stated this came from our Assistant Fiscal Officer, requesting roughly \$1,700. He explained we use BCs and we did not open up the BC for enough, however there is still money in the Lighting District fund.

Roll call as follows: Mark Sousa Yes  
Darryl Cordrey Yes

### **Administrator's Report**

Mr. Pegram stated the Tree Lighting ceremony is this Saturday at 4pm. The following Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> at noon is Wreaths across America at the Maineville Cemetery.

Mr. Pegram asked Mr. Pelfrey for a quick update on a truck that is in the Public Works Department.

Mr. Pelfrey stated they are getting a truck fitted for a spreader box for salt. They will be adding another truck with salt and plow. He stated they will now be up to 9 trucks on the road.

### **Trustee Comments**

Mr. Cordrey the Christmas Tree Lighting is an awesome event and I am looking forward to it. Parking traditionally has been across the street. However, there will also be parking at Maineville Elementary and will have a shuttle. Hamilton Township Citizen Police Academy starts in January, check out the Police Facebook page or our website for sign up information. It's the time of year for seniors, one thing we have this time of the year with the Warren County Township Association with that they offer a scholarship every year to seniors who are graduating that like in the Township. It is a \$1,500 scholarship. Information will be posted, the deadline to apply is February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Sousa echoed the Tree Lighting. He mentioned that it might be his favorite event at the Township. He encouraged people to get out for that as well as the Wreaths across America the following weekend.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Sousa made a motion, with a second from Mr. Cordrey, to adjourn at 6:29pm.

Roll call as follows: Mark Sousa Yes  
Darryl Cordrey Yes