

Hamilton Township Trustee Special Meeting December 1, 2025

Trustee Board Chairman, Joe Rozzi, called the meeting to order at 4:30 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.

Public Comments

Mr. Rozzi opened the floor to public comments at 4:30PM, no which nobody came forward.

New Business

Resolution No. 25-1201 – Agreement with Village of Maineville to provide Police Services

Mr. Wright stated that the Village of Maineville has presented a proposal to Hamilton Township requesting police services under a new four-year agreement. The Township previously provided these services from 2020 through February 2025. The proposed fee is based on an assessment conducted by Matt Nolan, Warren County Auditor, which evaluates the residential and commercial properties within the Village. The assessment represents what residents would pay into the Township's police levy if the Village were not incorporated, resulting in an estimated rate of \$146,148.

The Village is proposing to pay \$150,000 annually for 24/7 police coverage. For comparison, the Township charged \$108,500 in 2021 and \$132,300 in 2024. The proposed four-year term would provide the Township with predictable revenue and greater budgeting certainty. A new assessment would be completed in October of the fourth year to determine future rates.

Police Chief Hughes noted that the additional amount above the \$146,148 assessment would cover decal costs for the police vehicles.

Mr. Rozzi requested clarification on how patrol coverage would be provided. Chief Hughes explained that the Village sits at the center of four existing patrol sectors within the Township. Under the proposal, the Village would become its own sector, and whichever officer is closest at the time of a call would respond. There would not be an officer assigned exclusively to the Village; this approach mirrors both the previous agreement and the Township's mutual-aid response practices.

Mr. Sousa asked whether there were any concerns related to liability or payment. Chief Hughes stated that payments would be made quarterly and that he had no concerns.

Mr. Cordrey asked whether the agreement was drafted by the Village or the Township. Mr. Wright explained that the Village used a previous contract with the Township as a template and made modifications with review and guidance from Township legal counsel, Ben Yoder and Sarah Sparks.

Mr. Cordrey shared that he has been transparent about his position on the agreement on his personal Facebook page. He stated his belief that the Village is receiving a “wholesale” price for police coverage, services funded by Township residents through levies and performed by a highly trained police department recognized as one of the safest in Ohio. He also expressed concern that the Township lacks an opt-out clause.

Mr. Rozzi noted that he and Mr. Cordrey rarely disagree, but in this case, he believes the contract is fair and that there is no reason to inflate the pricing.

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Sousa to approve Resolution 25-1201, authorizing the Township Administrator to enter into an agreement for provision of police protection services to the Village of Maineville.

Roll call as follows:	Mark Sousa	Yes
	Darryl Cordrey	No
	Joe Rozzi	Yes

Public Comments

Mr. Rozzi opened the floor to public comments at 4:44 PM.

Mr. Wayne Speers, Village Administrator, expressed that he would like the Trustees to reconsider the resolution, noting the disagreement among the Board. He shared that he has experience in both the public and commercial sectors, as well as prior service as a trustee himself.

The Trustees assured Mr. Speers that, despite differing opinions on the police agreement, the police department will carry out the contract with the highest level of professionalism and there are no concerns regarding the quality of service.

Mr. Rozzi closed the floor to public comments at 4:47 PM

Trustee Comments

Mr. Cordrey reminded residents of the December 6th Joint Tree Lighting event taking place at Station 76.

Mr. Sousa stated that he is confident in the proposed police agreement and is encouraged by having the Township's Police Department provide coverage to the Village of Maineville for the next four years.

Mr. Rozzi noted that he will be unable to attend the Tree Lighting event, as he will be out of town, and stated that he will also be absent from the Wednesday meeting.

Adjourn

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

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