

Hamilton Township Trustee's Meeting

December 21, 2016

Due to technical issues, the portion of the meeting from 6:00pm to 6:10pm was recorded by hand only.

Trustee Board President Wallace called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. Mr. Wallace, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Gallagher were present.

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited by all in attendance.

Motion was made by Mr. Wallace with a second by Mr. Walker to adopt the proposed agenda for the December 21, 2016 meeting.

Roll call as follows:	David Wallace	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Chris Gallagher	Yes

Motion made by Mr. Wallace with a second by Mr. Walker to approve the meeting minutes from the meeting on December 7, 2016.

Roll call as follows:	David Wallace	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Chris Gallagher	Yes

Motion made by Mr. Wallace with a second by Mr. Walker to approve the withholding payments for payment cycle November 20, 2016 – December 3, 2016, checks numbered 23990778 – 23990795 and 23990810 - 23990812.

Roll call as follows:	David Wallace	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Chris Gallagher	Yes

Motion made by Mr. Wallace with a second by Mr. Walker to approve Payroll for pay cycle November 20, 2016 – December 3, 2016, and December Monthly, Electronic Fund Transfer Direct Deposit Vouchers 1109596265 – 1109596334 and 1109596550 - 1109596553.

Roll call as follows:	David Wallace	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Chris Gallagher	Yes

Motion made by Mr. Wallace with a second by Mr. Walker to approve the billing invoices for payment cycle December 5, 2016 – December 9, 2016 checks numbered 76963 - 76965.

Roll call as follows:	David Wallace	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Chris Gallagher	Yes

Motion made by Mr. Wallace with a second by Mr. Walker to approve the billing invoices for payment cycle December 18, 2016 – December 23, 2016, checks numbered 76966 - 77004.

Roll call as follows:	David Wallace	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Chris Gallagher	Yes

Human Resources Manager, Kellie Krieger requested the Board make a motion to remove the following Fire Fighters/EMT from the township roster: Chris Posega, effective December 20, 2016; Jeff Teague, effective December 21, 2016; and James Polce, effective December 21, 2016.

Trustee David Wallace made the motion as stated above, and seconded by Trustee Joe Walker.

Roll call as follows: David Wallace Yes
Joe Walker Yes
Chris Gallagher Yes

Human Resources Manager, Kellie Krieger requested the Board make a motion to increase Firefighter/EMT Brian Bentley's pay from \$14.00 to \$14.50 per hour as he has completed his one year of service.

Trustee David Wallace made the motion as stated above, and seconded by Trustee Joe Walker.

Roll call as follows: David Wallace Yes
Joe Walker Yes
Chris Gallagher Yes

Mr. Rippe gave an update on the numbers for Hopkins Commons. Mr. Rippe stated that the numbers the township and school district agreed to were based on the taxes of \$400,000.00. Matt Nolan's numbers came back at about \$100,000.00 less at approximately \$300,000.00. Mr. Rippe met with the Little Miami School Board but nothing is concrete yet. The proposal was that the school would get 68%, the township 25%, and Warren County 5%. It is a \$2 million project. With the new numbers, the school district would now get \$153,000.00, the township, \$42,000.00, Warren County, \$7,500.00, and Hopkins Common, \$97,500.00 per year.

Trustee Joe Walker asked if the township does nothing, then what happens to the project?

Mr. Rippe stated that the project would then have to be reconsidered to possibly multi family housing and be re-drawn.

Mr. Powers from Little Miami Local Schools stated that the school board was supportive of the 50/50 split. The school board is forgoing the full tax for 10 years and the school is taking the biggest reduction.

Trustee David Wallace stated that the Enterprise Zone would be tabled and re-visited at the January 4, 2017 meeting.

Community Development Coordinator, Michelle Tegtmeier presented the new zoning map on the website. She showed the different tools on the zoning map.

Community Development Coordinator, Michelle Tegtmeier requested the Board approve a one time fee of \$300.00 for a BZA hearing for Potterhill Homes, for 6 homes in the same neighborhood and same area in the Hopewell Valley subdivision. The air conditioning units were put in the incorrect spot and it does not meet the setback requirements.

Trustee David Wallace made the motion as stated above, and seconded by Trustee Joe Walker.

Roll call as follows: David Wallace Yes
Joe Walker Yes
Chris Gallagher Yes

Administrator, Ray Warrick informed the Board that Western Water is no longer pursuing the Mounts Park Property after discussions with the Ohio EPA. They also walked the property with the Ohio EPA and there were various concerns about the property because there is an old dump on our property and also the Big Foot landfill up the river. There are a few other items on the property that need to be reviewed. Trustee Joe Walker and Ray walked the property with the Ohio EPA and the County Health department. They asked what the property could be used for if anything and that there are folks that are interested in it being a park and having park activities. The EPA will send in writing that addresses various things. The EPA said that they did not think that the issues would preclude us from having park activities there. They also want to do some water samplings. Once we have something in writing, we will have subsequent meetings to see what we are faced with. They made suggestions that we need to do differently. People are dumping down there and shouldn't be. The biggest potential problem might be the landfill area. The EPA will give us some suggestions on how to handle that properly. The letters from the

EPA should have the letters to the township within the next couple of weeks. The other thing that was discussed was the firing range.

Police Chief, Scott Hughes presented the Police activity for the month of November. There were 1046 call for service in the month. The detective opened 4 new cases for the month and he has closed 49 out of 67 cases for the year. Chief Hughes let everybody know that the next Coffee with a Cop is January 14, 2017 from 9am-11am. Chief Hughes congratulated Sgt. Elliott and Sgt. Viel for passing the FBI-LEEDA class.

Fire Chief, Brian Reese presented the fire/EMS activity for the month of November. There were 65 engine runs and 114 EMS runs. The total runs year to date is 1,960. Hamilton Township gave 7 mutual aids and received 5. The department gave some station tours, completed the Stryker Cot training, completed employee physicals, and provided CPR training. Some upcoming events are an online command course, start using the Loveland Symmes Fire Department Training Tower, and develop (non officially) an EMS position. Chief Reese also reported that the Fire and Zoning Inspector did 362 Zoning inspections, has done several home inspections, completed fire inspections for the year, and covered 2 shifts.

Administrator, Ray Warrick requested the Board approve Resolution # 16-1221A, declaring heart rate monitors as surplus, and authorizing their disposition.

Trustee David Wallace made the motion as stated above, and seconded by Trustee Joe Walker.

Roll call as follows:	David Wallace	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Chris Gallagher	Yes

Administrator, Ray Warrick requested the Board approve Resolution # 16-1221, adopting annual appropriations budget.

Trustee David Wallace made the motion as stated above, and seconded by Trustee Joe Walker.

Roll call as follows:	David Wallace	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Chris Gallagher	Yes

Administrator, Ray Warrick presented the monthly financial review. He stated that with 92% of the year complete, we have collected 104% of the revenue and spent 75% of the budget. The final numbers for the calendar year, 2016, and December, will be presented at the January meeting.

Administrator, Ray Warrick requested the Board approve and sign a letter to be sent to ODOT concerning the new islands that have been placed at the intersection of 22/3 and 48. This letter is requesting that ODOT make the islands more visible.

Trustee David Wallace made the motion as stated above, and seconded by Trustee Joe Walker.

Roll call as follows:	David Wallace	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Chris Gallagher	Yes

Administrator, Ray Warrick informed the Board that he had sent a request to ODOT to have the middle of the yellow lines on 48 in front of the Police Department be painted blue to recognize the Police Officers. ODOT's response was no. Ray Warrick asked the Board if it would be worth asking a little deeper to see if this can be done.

Trustee David Wallace made the motion to give the Administrator the authority to re-address the blue line issue and try to get this through the state representatives, and seconded by Trustee Joe Walker.

Roll call as follows:	David Wallace	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes

Chris Gallagher Yes

Public Works Director, Kenny Hickey showed pictures of the bridge that is being replaced on McIntire Road where the I beams were rusted through. This is an 8 ft bridge so it is the responsibility of the township. The county has recommended US Bridge for the project. The total cost of the project will be \$21,899.60. They would like to start the work on January 30, 2017 and it will take about 2 weeks to finish.

Public Works Director, Kenny Hickey requested the Board approve a large Purchase order for US Bridge in the amount of \$15,119.60 for labor and material.

Trustee David Wallace made the motion as stated above, and seconded by Trustee Joe Walker.

Roll call as follows:	David Wallace	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Chris Gallagher	Yes

Administrator, Ray Warrick requested the Board set a date and time for the fence line meeting. They will be meeting at the property on January 14, 2017 at 9:00 am.

Law Director, Doug Miller stated that the special meeting will need to be advertised.

Administrator, Ray Warrick suggested that the meetings also be opened with a prayer from the local clergy.

Trustee David Wallace made the motion to include opening prayer as part of the meeting, and seconded by Trustee Joe Walker.

Roll call as follows:	David Wallace	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Chris Gallagher	Yes

Public Comments

Trustee David Wallace opened the floor to the public at 7:10pm.

Fritz Nelson, 6973 Hunters Close, asked if the other bidders have been notified of the fall out of the sale to Western Water?

Ray Warrick responded "No".

Mr. Nelson, asked if they had looked into a single span bridge?

Kenny Hickey responded "Yes".

Mr. Nelson asked if the sale of the park does not go through, do we have permission to organize a community clean up and apply for grants to clean up Mounts Park? Mr. Nelson stated that Lowes was willing to donate, some time ago, \$10,000.00 for a handicap accessible dock. Mr. Nelson also stated that he knows that his company would be willing to donate equipment and an operator for the clean up. Will there still be another status report meeting wise or will it be done in the regular Trustee meeting?

Trustee David Wallace stated that the EPA letter will go on the website.

Mr. Nelson asked if the EPA gave any type of graph of pollutants that they did find?

Mr. Warrick stated that they did not give anything.

Kevin Ehling, 5465 Zoar, asked if the park is still for sale?

David Wallace stated that there has been no change.

Mr. Ehling asked Chris Gallagher what his feelings were about possibly selling Mounts Park?

Chris Gallagher stated that it is hard for him to say either way at this point without knowing all of the facts.

Mr. Ehling asked Mr. Gallagher if he was asked about Mounts Park when he was considered as a candidate for the Trustee position?

Chris responded "Yes".

David Wallace stated that multiple questions that was asked during the interview and as more information becomes available, we will let everybody know.

Mr. Ehling asked about video recording the meetings.

David Wallace stated that what we have works well and we are audio recording every meeting.

Mr. Ehling asked Chris if he thought that video taping and putting it on the website would be a benefit?

Chris stated that he doesn't see the value in that and if they can't make it, all of records are public.

Mr. Ehling stated that there have been several times when you get the audio tape and it is completely different from how the meeting reflect. The meetings minutes are a short thing and then you go through the audio tape and you can't believe what the whole conversation went.

Mr. Ehling asked Joe how he felt about the video and audio.

Joe Walker stated that he feels if you are interested in the township you ought to be here.

Mr. Ehling stated that it's not out of the realm to miss a meeting. You guys are getting paid and you still miss meetings.

Carolyn McNess, E US 22/3, stated that she is so confused, this is not transparent and that the video taping would be beneficial for the residents. She stated that she hopes that each one realizes the importance of Mounts Park and the importance of the township.

Trustee David Wallace closed the floor to the public at 7:18pm.

David Wallace asked Kenny Hickey about looking at a light going in at Thornton Grove. Mr. Wallace asked Kenny Hickey to contact ODOT at this and Mr. Wallace also asked Police Chief Scott Hughes to consider doing a possible township traffic count if allowed to do so on a State Route.

Trustee's Business

With no other business at hand a motion made by Mr. Wallace with a second by Mr. Walker to adjourn at 7:20pm.

Roll call as follows:	David Wallace	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Chris Gallagher	Yes