

## Hamilton Township Trustee's Meeting

September 6, 2017

Trustee Board President Wallace called the meeting to order at 6:01p.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 September 6, 2017 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 August 16, 2017.

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 August 3, 2017 – August 26, 2017, Electronic Fund Transfer Direct Deposit Vouchers 1124126015 - 1124126088.

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 August 3, 2017 – August 26, 2017 checks numbered 25936259 – 25936264 and 25936308 - 25936321.

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 August 21, 2017 – August 25, 2017 checks numbered 77873 - 77882.

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 August 28, 2017 – September 1, 2017 checks numbered 77883 - 77889.

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 September 4, 2017 – September 8, 2017 checks numbered 77890 - 77947.

Roll call as follows:

David Wallace	Yes
Joe Walker	Yes
Chris Gallagher	Yes

Human Resource Manager, Kellie Krieger requested the Board make a motion to hire Spencer Bultman as Part Time Firefighter/EMT at the rate of \$14.00 per hour effective September 11, 2017.

Trustee David 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 Resource Manager, Kellie Krieger requested the Board make a motion to re-assign Firefighter John Hess to Fire Technician with a pay rate of \$17.00 per hour effective September 10, 2017.

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 Resource Manager, Kellie Krieger requested the Board make a motion to remove Major Scott Carlton from the Hamilton Township roster effective August 12, 2017.

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

There was a swearing in of Firefighter Tyson Farlino.

### **Public Comments**

Trustee David Wallace opened the floor to the public at 6:07 pm.

John Resh, 5406 Grand Legacy Drive, just wanted to remind everyone of meet the candidate night at Fellowship Baptist Church on September 7, from 7pm to 9pm.

David Ehling, 3C Highway, stated he would like to request again video of the meetings also be put online so that everyone can see and hear what is being discussed during meetings.

Lynn Ratliff, Valley View Drive, stated she had a lengthy discussion going over the insurance law suit settlement, talking about how we are paying it out and things like that. She stated she took it upon herself to look at the transparency open checkbook at 3 accounts: benefits for the last 4 years, accounting and legal fees, purchase services. Ms. Ratliff stated it is correct that \$423,000.00 was saved on benefits. But last year we spent \$562,369.00 which \$425,762.00 was the penalty and fees to get out of the insurance contract. There are about 80 entries in the law suit, each entry is about 40-50 pages long. In looking at the 2017 budget, our cost did go up to \$635,880.00 projected expenses. Ms. Ratliff stated to keep in mind in the law suit on October 21, 2015 we know the quote to stay with OPEC for the 2016 year was \$976,000.00. So using the \$976,000.00 quote from OPEC increasing it by 25%, our potential savings at this point, between the last 2 years, is \$345,506.00. She stated this does not include any extra monies to fight the request for attorney's fees by OPEC in Franklin County Court or any legal fees to deal with the Warren County case where we are suing OPEC. Ms. Ratliff stated OPEC has requested a summary judgement in August requesting \$275,000.00 in legal fees. She stated considering we were found that we had to pay the penalty, fine, and the \$26,000.00 in interest, she feels confident that OPEC will get their legal fees. Ms. Ratliff stated at this point switching the insurance, over the 2 years has saved us \$80,000.00 and made us look like a bafoon and made it hard for us to get insurance. Ms. Ratliff stated she doesn't know where this is going, but at this point we might have done better to stick with the contract and call it a day. She stated it has caused a lot of distrust of the Trustees and Administration. Was it really worth it?

Kevin Ehling, 4654 Zoard Road, asked what is this? (a cartoon character picture) He stated this is so silly and this is why audio taping will do nothing, we need to see you guys in action. This should be on video tape.

Trustee David Wallace closed the floor to the public at 6:15 pm.

Administrator, Ray Warrick stated he hung up the poster of the cartoon character. He said it was sent to his telephone and it is suppose to represent him at a Trustee Meeting. He stated there is all kinds of things going on on social media. Mr. Warrick stated we need to get on with the election and we will keep conducting the business. Mr. Warrick stated this township was a swamp when we arrived and if the township would have been run properly, you never would have met him. The township was a mess and we have been over it and over it. Mr. Warrick told Ms. Ratliff that she was missing out on a big point on the penalties that were paid.

Administrator, Ray Warrick requested the Board make a motion to approve Resolution # 17-0906, declaring certain personal property as obsolete, surplus, no longer needed for public use, and authorizing its 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

Public Works Director, Kenny Hickey stated he can trade in the 2000 backhoe and take possession of the Case 580 Backhoe in 2017. The trade in value for the 2000, is \$12,000.00. The township would start making payments on the new backhoe in 2018.

Trustee David Wallace made a motion to approve the early possession of the Case 580 Backhoe, 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 make a motion to allow him and Fire Chief Brian Reese proceed with a letter to CR Architect to proceed with cost.

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 make a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding for the Fire Department to do Lateral Firefighter hiring.

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

Trustee David Wallace made a motion to post the Board audio on the township website, and seconded by Trustee Joe Walker.

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

Trustee Chris Gallagher did make it know that he is still in favor of having the meeting video taped and posted on the township website as well.

Administrator, Ray Warrick confirmed that Warren County did a traffic study on Winding Boulevard in the Riversbend Community and it does meet the safety standards. Mr. Rose requested that No Parking signs be posted in front of his residence at 778 Winding Boulevard.

Trustee David Wallace made a motion to not pursue any parking signs in front of the Rose residence, and seconded by Trustee Joe Walker.

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

Administrator, Ray Warrick stated the owners of the Monkey Bar and Grille would like to pave the township owned parking lot at his expense.

Trustee David Wallace stated this is a work session item and hopefully we can have an answer next meeting. Mr. Wallace also stated he has more questions about it.

Administrator, Ray Warrick stated the township has a 1968 International Loadstar 1800 fire truck that the township has not used in years. The F.A.R.M. would like to have it and re-store it.

Trustee David Wallace asked what the value is?

Law Director, Doug Miller stated it can be offered to a 501C3 non-profit but it has to be advertised.

Mr. Wallace made a motion, and seconded by Mr. Walker to enter into Executive Session to consider the promotion of public employees at 6:35pm. In Executive Session were all Trustees, Administrator, Fire Chief, and Human Resource Manager.

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

Mr. Wallace made a motion, and seconded by Mr. Walker to come out of Executive Session at 6:46pm.

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

Trustee David Wallace made a motion to promote Firefighter Royce Goodpaster and Firefighter John Gardner to the rank of Captain effective September 10, 2017, and seconded by Trustee Joe Walker.

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

With no other business at hand a motion made by Mr. Wallace with a second by Mr. Walker to adjourn at 6:46pm.

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

