

Hamilton Township Trustee's Meeting

November 1, 2017

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

There was an opening prayer given by Chaplain Kerry Thrush.

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 November 1, 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 meetings on October 4, and October 12, 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 October 8, 2017 – October 21, 2017, Electronic Fund Transfer Direct Deposit Vouchers 1127095689 - 1127095761.

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 October 8, 2017 – October 21, 2017, checks numbered 26317173 – 26317179 and 26317183 - 26317195.

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 October 16, 2017 – October 20, 2017 checks numbered 78090 - 78095.

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 October 23, 2017 – October 27, 2017 checks numbered 78096 - 78101.

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 October 30, 2017 – November 3, 2017 checks numbered 78102 - 78151.

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 approve the hiring of Megan Haas as a part time Firefighter/EMT with a pay rate of \$14.00 per hour contingent upon a successful background check.

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 Comments

Trustee David Wallace opened the floor to the public at 6:05 pm.

Eugene Rose, 778 Winding River Blvd., stated a matter has come to his attention regarding the approval of liability insurance. Mr. Rose understands there is already a liability policy in place for the township at the rate of approximately \$160,000.00 a year. He stated he understands the township has received quotations of approximately \$84,000.00 a year for a policy and another one for approximately \$60,000.00. Mr. Rose stated the Board needs to consider some things. Mr. Rose stated he understands the township has been steered towards a policy that is termed a claims made policy. Mr. Rose stated there are two types of policies liability wise that are available. A claims made type is essentially a pay day loan form of insurance policies. You have to look at claims period and look at the substance of who is backing that policy. Mr. Rose stated with a full fledged insurance company you have an AM Best rating. Mr. Rose stated a claims made policy would be a complete failure, everything is fine until a claim is filed. Mr. Rose stated you are buying a bag of beans when you should have a bag of gold. Mr. Rose stated the viability of the company is a concern. Mr. Rose stated in summary let's listen to some wiser minds and consider tabling the decision or possibly reject it and go back to the drawing board. Trustee David Wallace made a motion to close the floor to the public at 6:12 pm, 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 Resolution # 17-1101, 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

Administrator, Ray Warrick, requested the Board make a motion to approve Resolution # 17-1101A, 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

Mark Berry from Berry Insurance Group and Thomas Welsh from Burn and Flowers spoke about the liability insurance. Mr. Berry stated they have handled the insurance for the township for over a decade. Mr. Welsh stated that part of the township's current structure is on a claims made form.

Administrator, Ray Warrick, requested the Board make a motion to approve Resolution # 17-1101B, authorizing a contract with the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority to provide for insurance coverage for Hamilton Township.

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

Police Chief, Scott Hughes requested the Police Department be able to purchase a 25th year commemorative badge. The funds will come from 5013C.

Trustee David Wallace made a motion to approve the new 25th Anniversary Police badge as presented, and seconded by Trustee Joe Walker.

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

Mr. Wallace made a motion, and seconded by Mr. Walker to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending lawsuits, consider the appointment and compensation of public employees, and preparation and review of collective bargaining strategy at 6:27pm. In Executive Session were all Trustees, Administrator, Law Director, Fire Chief Brian Reese, and Police Chief Scott Hughes.

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 7:11pm.

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 pay raise for Melissa Sterwerf, to \$13.00 per hour effective October 22, 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

Administrator, Ray Warrick requested the Board make a motion to approve a memorandum of understanding with the Police union changing shift bids to every 6 months.

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 an additional compensation for paramedic school, a total of \$40,000.00.

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 the addition of hiring a full time firefighter to increase the peak coverage hours and work 40 hours a week.

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 accept the settlement concerning the court case litigation that has been reached with opposing counsel.

Trustee Joe Walker made the motion as state above, and seconded by Trustee Chris Gallagher.

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

With no other business at hand a motion made by Mr. Wallace with a second by Mr. Walker to adjourn at 7:16pm.

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