

Hamilton Township Trustee Meeting

April 19, 2023

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

Roll call as follows:

Joe Rozzi	Yes
Mark Sousa	Yes
Darryl Cordrey	Yes

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited by all.

Motion made by Mr. Sousa with a second by Mr. Rozzi to approve of the clerk's journal and accept the tapes as the Official Meeting Minutes of the April 5, 2023, Trustee Meeting.

Roll call as follows:

Mark Sousa	Yes
Darryl Cordrey	Yes
Joe Rozzi	Yes

Motion made by Mr. Sousa with a second by Mr. Rozzi to approve the bills as presented to the Board.

Roll call as follows:

Darryl Cordrey	Yes
Joe Rozzi	Yes
Mark Sousa	Yes

Swearing in Ceremony and Meritorious Awards

Chief Jewett and Assistant Chief Berkebile came forward to speak. Chief Jewett explained that this is a good night for the fire department and this isn't something they get to do on a regular basis. On Saturday March 11th at 11:37 am Hamilton Township Fire & Rescue was dispatched to Bellwood Country Club for a patient noted to be in cardiac arrest. Upon arrival at the scene crews noted a bystander providing CPR, crews took over CPR and provided advance life support treatment. While transporting the patient to the hospital crews were successful in restarting his heart. Chief Jewett presented awards to the Fire Fighters and Police Officers that were at the scene. Nick Bedinghaus, Spencer Bultman, Matthew Cunningham, Captain John Gardner, Abbie Muterspaw, Officer Chris Kaufholz, Sargent Terry Viel and Officer Greg Watkins all received awards for their actions.

Chief Jewett explained the second part of their presentation is they have 3 swearing ins. He then brought up Ashley Patrick, she transitioned to full-time 2 weeks ago. He then brought up Eric Webb and explained that he is being promoted to Lieutenant. Finally he brought forward Justin Cormany and explained that he is being promoted to Division Chief.

Mr. Sousa thanked everyone for coming out and recognizing the work of the Fire & Police Departments. He then took a recess at 6:13pm.

Public Comments

Mr. Sousa opened the floor to public comments at 6:21pm.

Mr. Marvin Stotz came forward to speak and asked how the Mosque is coming along on State Route 48.

Mr. Sousa explained that they have fenced the site and have put a concrete pad down.

Mr. Stotz asked about the approximate time frame of Humock Court being paved.

Mr. Pelfrey explained that they are going to be paving roads in Regency Park but he does a road rating every year and Humock does not meet the qualifications for being repaved at this time.

Mr. Stotz thanked everyone for what they do.

Mr. Rusty Holman came forward to speak. He asked about the rate for the new electric Aggregation contract and is what the lighting district is going to be paying for its electric bills. He also mentioned he realized he is asking questions out of order, he asked that they consider bringing back the other public comments session that was at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Pegram stated 6.8 is the proposed rate. He mentioned the high bid was 8.376. He mentioned that we will need to look into the Lighting District rate.

Mr. Holman asked if we compared notes with the Village of South Lebanon since they just approved their aggregation program.

Mr. Pegram explained that we only compare notes with our broker. He then stated that the bids are unique to each municipality because they are based off of how many people take advantage of the program.

Mr. Sousa closed the floor to public comments at 6:29 pm.

New Business

- Resolution 23-0419A – Approving the renewal of Electric Aggregation for Hamilton Township.

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 23-0419A.

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

- Resolution 23-0419B – Increasing appropriations in the Road and Bridge Fund for 2023 roadway paving.

Mr. Weber explained that all construction prices are rising quickly.

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 23-0419B.

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

- Resolution 23-0419C – Authorizing compensation pursuant to ORC 512.12.

Mr. Sousa explained that this is for the disbursement for the lighting district to Assistant Fiscal Officer Ellen Horman.

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 23-0419C.

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

- Resolution 23-0419D – Disposing of certain surplus items in the Police and Public Works Department.

Mr. Sousa explained that we have some totaled vehicles that need to be scrapped as well as some dated items from the Public Works Department.

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 23-0419D.

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

- Resolution 23-0419E – Granting approval for initial site plan with conditions.

Mr. Sousa explained that this is memorializing the site plan review we had the previous meeting for Tee 18 Golf.

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 23-0419E.

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

Human Resources

- Motion – Amend the roster of Hamilton Township as presented.

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to amend the roster of Hamilton Township as presented.

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

Fiscal Officer's Report

Mr. Weber explained that this report is through March of 2023. We are 25% thru the year. Expenditures are at 24% of the budget. We have received 1.2 million of our anticipated revenue.

Trustee Comments

Mr. Rozzi said the Fishing with the 5-0 was a great success.

Mr. Cordrey said the Fishing with the 5-0 was a neat event, glad to see it take off like that. One of our long time employees Lindsey Gehring is leaving us on the 23rd. I wanted to thank her for all that she has done for us. She started off as an Admin Assistant and then Zoning Administrator. I just want to public state on what she has done for us, we will miss her and we wish her all the best. Pound for pound we have the best Fire and Police departments anywhere.

Mr. Sousa wanted to echo the Fishing with the 5-0, I would hate to see how busy it would have been if the weather would have held out. Thank you to all the sponsors. Clean up for Earth Day is moved to Saturday May 6th. The Grandin Road closure is switching from the Hamilton Township side to the Deerfield side.

Administrator’s Report

Mr. Pegram stated that our Public Works Department is the only department that doesn’t have their own logo. Don working with the Public Works crew came up with a rendition that they would like to start using on their equipment, vehicles and uniforms. We just wanted to show it to the Board, there is no vote necessary.

Executive Session

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to enter into Executive Session in reference to O.R.C. 121.22 (G) (1): To discuss the employment and compensation of a public employee at 6:45pm.

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

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to come out of Executive Session at 7:17 pm.

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

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to adjourn at 7:18 pm.

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