

Hamilton Township Trustee Meeting

May 21, 2025

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

Roll call as follows: Joe Rozzi
Darryl Cordrey
Mark Sousa

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

A motion was made by Mr. Rozzi, with a second by Mr. Cordrey, to approve the clerk's journal as the Official Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2025, Trustee Meeting.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Rozzi, with a second by Mr. Cordrey, to approve the bills as presented before the Board.

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

Public Comments

Mr. Rozzi opened the floor to public comments at 6:02 PM.

Rusty Holman raised concerns about heavy traffic at the intersection of Route 22/3 and OH-48, and suggested a roundabout be considered at Stephens Road and OH-48 to improve traffic flow. Mr. Rozzi agreed that the current timing for turning onto southbound OH-48 is too short. Mr. Sousa noted that OH-48 widening is still underway and the county is exploring roundabouts to reduce congestion. Public Works Director Don Pelfrey said he would contact ODOT to review the signal timing at Route 22/3 and OH-48.

Mr. Brad Turner voiced concerns regarding the number of trees being removed in and around his subdivision in Providence due to the ongoing installation of gas lines by Duke Energy. Administrator Wright advised Mr. Turner to email him with the concerns and Mr. Wright will reach out to a representative at Duke.

After nobody else came forward, Mr. Rozzi closed the floor to public comments.

New Business

Resolution No. 2025-0507A- Declaring 8054 Hopkins Rd. a nuisance

A motion was made by Mr. Rozzi, with a second by Mr. Cordrey, to approve Resolution No. 25-0521A, providing for and authorizing the removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris at 8054 Hopkins Road, Parcel 1604379001, in Hamilton Township, declaring a nuisance and declaring an emergency.

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

Resolution No. Resolution 25-0521B- resolution authorizing private sale of unneeded and unfit-for-use property in the Police Department.

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to approve Resolution 25-0521B, resolution authorizing private sale of unneeded and unfit-for-use property in the Police Department.

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

Motion- School Revenue Sharing Payments for Kroger TIF

Mr. Wright explained that the TIF District established for the new Kroger store and surrounding commercial properties requires the Township to reimburse the Little Miami School District and Warren County Career Center school districts for their share of property taxes on new construction. The first, smaller distribution of TIF funds has been made, reflecting limited development so far, but larger payments are expected over the next 30 years as the area continues to grow.

Mr. Rozzi made a motion to authorize payments from the Kroger TIF to the Little Miami Local School District in the amount of \$2,028.03 and to the Warren County Career Center in the amount of \$115.84.

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

Motion – Purchase of Cemetery Deed

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to approve the purchase of a cemetery deed as presented to the board.

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

Motion- Approve a two-year employment agreement with Chief Scott Hughes.

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to approve a two-year employment agreement with Chief Scott Hughes.

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

Public Comments

Mr. Rozzi opened the floor to public comments at 6:16PM, to which nobody came forward.

Fiscal Report

Fiscal Officer Leah Elliott presented the April Financial Report to the Board. With the year 33% complete, the Township has collected 40% of its projected revenue and has spent 30% of its annual budget. She also expressed interest in displaying revenue per capita based on the latest census data.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Wright and Chief Jewett are pleased to share that they've implemented an EMS chase car where staffing reaches 9 or 10 per shift, helping reduce engine use and lower long-term maintenance costs, which exceeded \$187,000 last year. This approach supports fiscal responsibility, extends the life of our fire apparatus, and ensures engines remain available for high-acuity calls.

Additionally, we're excited to announce that Hamilton Township will host Homearama 2026 at the upcoming Estates at Bothe Farms, a low-density development of 19 large lots. We look forward to partnering with Brookstone Homes and the Home Builders Association to showcase our community.

Trustee Comments

Mr. Sousa noted that this is the time of year when high grass is becoming an issue due to the weather. He asked for the community's patience as the Township works to address properties that are becoming overgrown.

Mr. Cordrey reminded everyone about the Touch-a-Truck event at 10 a.m. on June 7th and wished the community a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend.

Mr. Rozzi reminded local residents that Kings Island will begin their nightly fireworks display at 10 p.m., starting on Memorial Day and continuing throughout the summer.

Executive Session-

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to adjourn the executive session at 6:22 PM. in accordance with ORC 121.22(G)(2) to the sale or lease of property.

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

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to come out of the executive session at 6:46 PM.

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

Adjournment-

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Sousa to adjourn at 6:47PM.

Roll call as follows:	Joe Rozzi
	Darryl Cordrey
	Mark Sousa