

Hamilton Township Trustee Meeting

June 7, 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Sousa, with a second by Mr. Rozzi, to approve the clerk's journal and accept the tapes as the Official Meeting Minutes of the May 17, 2023, Trustee Meeting.

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

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

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

Swearing In Ceremony for Police Officers

Chief Hughes came forward to swear in the newest members of the Hamilton Township Police Department. Mr. Connor Grisso came forward first. He was a graduate of Lakota West High school and then enlisted into the United States Army where he served four years and was honorably discharged as an E5 Sargent. Earlier this year he decided he wanted to be a Police Officer and enrolled in the Butler Tech Peace Officer Academy. On day 3 we had our first interaction together, he had great promise from the moment we met him. His girlfriend Erica did the honors of pinning on his badge. Mr. Sousa came forward to give the Oath to Connor. Chief Hughes then swore in Mr. Ben Rossenberger. He spent five years with the Ohio State Highway Patrol out of post 83 in Lebanon. He attended Wright State University where he worked as a junior high basketball coach at Centerville Schools. During his time as a State Trooper he received several awards including the Criminal Patrol Award, Fitness Award and the Safe Driving Award. His wife Casey did the honors of pinning on his badge. Mr. Sousa came forward to give the Oath to Ben.

Public Comments

Mr. Sousa opened the floor to public comments at 6:16 pm.

Mr. Sousa closed the floor to public comments at 6:16 pm.

New Business

- Resolution 23-0607A: Disposal of unneeded and un-fit-for-use Motor Vehicles

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 23-0607A.

Roll call as follows: Mark Sousa Yes

Joe Rozzi Yes
Darryl Cordrey Yes

- Resolution 23-0607B: Increase in appropriation in the Fire and PMVL Funds

Mr. Pegram explained that the resolution and two motions to follow are all related. The resolution is to increase appropriations in the Fire & Ambulance budget as well as the PMVL budget. These are for an ambulance and salt truck we plan on purchasing next year. Due to the shortage of vehicles and the long time it is taking to receive the vehicles if we order them in June of this year we should be able to receive them by 2024. If we wait till 2024 it may not be received until 2025 or 2026.

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 23-0607B.

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

- Motion – 2024 Ambulance purchase for the Fire/EMS Department.

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve the purchase of a 2024 Ambulance.

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

- Motion – 2024 International Dump Truck purchase.

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve the purchase of a 2024 International Dump Truck.

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

- Motion – Motion to approve Body Worn Cameras

Chief Hughes stated that the pros outweigh the cons. It's a 5 year contract, we have seen grant funding and we hope that will become available in the future. We are adopting the best practice policy. Mid July – First of August we should be rolling them out.

Mr. Cordrey asked about the storage of the video.

Chief Hughes stated that cloud based storage is included in the cost. Our retention schedule is already outlined so there will be a quick turnaround. If it's not an arrest it will be deleted after 30 days or so.

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Body Worn Cameras.

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

- Motion – Motion to approve contact for CTC Field Clean Up/Demolition

Mr. Pegram explained that the vacant fields at Mounts Park are in disarray. Our intent is to clean up the site and move the trash and debris out.

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve the Township Administrator to execute a contract with Brunk Excavating for \$21,832.00.

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

Human Resources

- Motion – Motion to amend the roster of Hamilton Township as presented.

Ms. Allgeyer stated it’s an exciting time in the Township. We have the two Police Officers that were sworn in today. Two full time firefighters, two part time firefighters as well.

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

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

- Motion – Motion to approve 2024 – 2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement with IAFF Local 4055

Mr. Pegram stated we reached an agreement with the IAFF Local 4055 which represents our Full Time Firefighters. They have already voted and approved. It’s a 3 year contract. We had a great negotiation. Currently our full time EMT’s pay rate is very close to the Paramedic pay rate. Typically there is a larger gap to incentivize people to go to Paramedic School. What we did with contract is lower the EMT pay to give us that incentive. It is still a competitive rate. The first item is the actual agreement. The second is entering into an MOU with the Union that allows us to higher new employees at this rate in 2023 because the contact doesn’t go into effect until 2024.

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve 2024 – 2026 Collective Bargaining Agreement with IAFF Local 4055.

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

- Motion – Motion to enter into a MOU with IAFF Local 4055.

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve the MOU with the IAFF Local 4055 and Hamilton Township effective June 27th, 2023.

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

Trustee Comments

Mr. Cordrey wanted to remind and invite everyone to Touch-A-Truck this Saturday from 10am-1pm at Fellowship Baptist Church. This event kicks off our event season with the Fourth of July Parade that is joint with the Village of Maineville. It’s an exciting time in the Township with groundbreakings starting. The widening of 48 and other road projects. Come out to the events and please be patient with us as some dirt gets moved around in the next 24 months or so.

Mr. Rozzi stated all he really has is a reminder on how dry it is out. Be mindful about outdoor fires and throwing cigarettes out your windows into mulch beds. It's pretty dry out there.

Mr. Sousa I don't have much to add but get out to Touch-A-Truck. I appreciate the PD having the swearing in for the new Officers. I made a trip down to see the Grandin Rd. progress it looks like it is coming along well. It appears it is on its time line.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Sousa made a motion, with a second from Mr. Rozzi, to adjourn at 6:41 pm.

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