

Hamilton Township Trustee Meeting

June 3, 2026

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

A motion was made by Mr. Sousa, with a second by Mr. Cordrey, to approve the audio/visual as the Official Meeting Minutes of the May 20th Board of Trustees regular meeting.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Sousa, 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. Sousa opened the floor to public comments at 6:02 PM.

Brad Turner thanked the Township's Code Enforcement Officer for his diligence in removing unauthorized advertising signs throughout the township.

Mr. Turner also inquired about the process for testing and flushing fire hydrants owned by Western Water. Chief Jewett explained that the Fire Department only uses the hydrants for water supply during emergencies or training exercises. Because Western Water is a private water company, it is responsible for the testing, flushing, maintenance, and repair of its hydrants. Chief Jewett noted that Western Water has a quick turnaround time for repairs and ensures compliance with all applicable EPA requirements.

Mr. Will Camp requested clarification regarding the recently adopted Text Amendment and its impact on truck parking at existing facilities. The Trustees and Legal Director Ben Yoder explained that all existing lawful uses are grandfathered in under the amendment. The purpose of the amendment is to prevent vacant lots or properties from being established solely for truck parking in the future.

Mr. Camp also asked whether the Township has measures in place to address unlicensed drivers or vehicles that are not legally operational. Chief Short explained that the Police Department enforces traffic laws through valid traffic stops and works in cooperation with the Sheriff's Office and the Ohio State Highway Patrol when appropriate.

With no further comments Mr. Sousa closed the floor to public comments.

New Business

Resolution No. 26-0603A- Authorizing the Use of Under-Speed Golf Carts on Public Streets and Highways

Mr. Sousa opened the discussion by addressing questions regarding the recently adopted golf cart resolution. He clarified that the purpose of the resolution is to increase enforcement and promote the safe and lawful operation of golf carts within the township. He noted that citations may be issued for violations and emphasized the importance of operating golf carts legally and responsibly. Mr. Sousa then turned the discussion over to Chief Short.

Chief Short explained that the Police Department has received a number of complaints related to golf cart usage over the past three years. He stated that the initial focus of the resolution will be education, particularly throughout the summer months when golf cart usage is at its highest. Many residents use golf carts to travel within their neighborhoods, including trips to clubhouses, pools, and neighboring homes.

Chief Short explained that golf carts will be permitted on roadways with speed limits of 25 mph or less, helping to keep them within subdivision areas and off major roadways. To operate a golf cart legally on public roads, owners must obtain a vehicle inspection through the Police Department. Inspections are provided at no cost and are available by appointment only on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Golf carts must also be registered with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV), carry valid insurance, and be operated by a licensed driver.

Information regarding inspections and registration requirements will be available on the Hamilton Township website under the Police Department page. Chief Short also noted that agricultural uses of golf carts are permitted on roads over 25 MPH, provided the vehicles are properly marked.

Regarding enforcement, Chief Short stated that citations and penalties will be issued in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), with fines and other penalties determined by the court.

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to approve Resolution 26-0603A, a resolution authorizing the use of under-speed golf carts on public streets and highways within Hamilton Township, Warren County, Ohio.

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

Resolution No. 26-0603B- Authorizing Private Sale of Unneeded and Unfit-For-Use Property

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to approve Resolution 26-0603B, a 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

Public Comments

Mr. Sousa opened the floor to public comments at 6:20 PM, with nobody coming forward public comments was closed.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Wright gave the following Updates:

Hamilton Township received a \$75,000 grant for the Mounts Park Trailhead Connector project, which will include parking, trail access improvements, signage, and a bicycle repair station.

Upcoming community events include Touch-a-Truck on June 13 and the Freedom Festival, Parade, and Fireworks on June 27.

The recent Mounts Park litter cleanup was a success, with 40 volunteers collecting 80 bags of trash. Another cleanup event is planned for the fall.

Police, Fire, and Public Works staff continue coordinating safety and access plans for the Freedom Festival. Additionally, the Fire Department is hosting a Public Safety Instructor course to provide cost-effective training opportunities for regional departments.

Mr. Sousa thanked the volunteers who participated in the Mounts Park cleanup and also recognized Ms. Earley for successfully securing another grant for the Township's park system.

He noted that since her position was created, she has achieved significant success in obtaining several hundred thousand dollars in grant funding for the Township.

Executive Session

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to adjourn into executive session at 6:26 PM in accordance with ORC 121.22(G)(1) to discuss the employment of a public employee.

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

Sousa made a motion with a second from Cordrey to come out of the executive session at 7:00 PM.

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

Adjournment-

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Cordrey to adjourn at 7:00 PM.

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