

Hamilton Township Trustee Meeting

June 4, 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 21, 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 6:01 PM, to which nobody came forward.

New Business

Resolution No. 25-0604A – Lighting District Compensation for Assistant Fiscal Officer

A motion was made by Mr. Rozzi, with a second by Mr. Cordrey, to approve Resolution 25-0604A, a resolution authorizing compensation to the Assistant Fiscal Officer Ellen Horman pursuant to O.R.C.515.12

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

Resolution No. Resolution 25-0604B – Authorizing Special Assessments for Artificial Lighting in Certain Lighting Districts

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to approve Resolution 25-0604B, resolution authorizing special assessments for artificial lighting in certain lighting districts.

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

Resolution No. Resolution 25-0604C- Authorizing Issuance of Bonds for the New Public Works Building

Mr. Wright explained that the Township has been planning for a new Public Works Facility to replace outdated buildings at Testerman Park. Thanks to careful budgeting, over 20% of the project cost has been saved to reduce borrowing. The facility will support long-term operations, and bond financing is expected to close in late July, with payments coming from the Gasoline Tax and Road and Bridge Funds.

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with the second from Mr. Cordrey to authorize Resolution 25-0604C, authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount of not to exceed \$5,500,000 for the purpose of constructing a public works facility, furnishing and equipping the same; improving the site thereof; and acquiring land and interests in land as necessary in connection therewith.

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

Resolution No. Resolution 25-0604D-Establishing a Post-Issuance Compliance Policy

Mr. Wright shared that because the Board plans to use tax-exempt bonds to help pay for the new Public Works Facility, it's a good idea to put a post-issuance compliance policy in place first. This policy just lays out what the Township will do each year to follow federal tax rules. He said it's a smart move to have this done before the bonds are issued.

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey approving a written post-issuance compliance policy in connection with the issuance of tax-exempt and tax-preferred obligations by the Township.

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

Resolution No. Resolution 25-0604E- Authorizing Private Sale of Unneeded and Unfit-For-Use Property

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to approve Resolution 25-0604E-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. Rozzi opened the floor to the second public comments section at 6:13 PM, to which nobody came forward.

Fiscal Report

Fiscal Officer Ms. Elliott informed the Board that she would miss the next scheduled meeting but would provide a financial report for May to the Trustees.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Wright provided an update on the new aggregate agreement previously introduced to the Board earlier this year. He reviewed the proposed rates, the rationale behind them, and emphasized that this is an opt-out program for township residents. The Township has committed to a 12-month term for the current agreement, with the goal of negotiating a longer-term arrangement in the future.

He also highlighted the recent mass casualty training event held at Little Miami High School, which was successfully conducted by the Township's Fire and Police Departments in coordination with school staff. Several neighboring jurisdictions attended to observe or participate in the exercise. Mr. Wright expressed appreciation for the strong partnership between the Township and the Little Miami School District.

Lastly, Mr. Wright noted that the Public Works Department has relocated the gazebo from the Administration and Police Department campus to Mounts Park. The team disassembled, transported, and reassembled the structure, placing it on a newly poured concrete pad. It is anticipated that the gazebo will see increased use in its new, more accessible location.

Trustee Comments

Mr. Cordrey reminded the public that the Touch-a-Truck event will be held this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church.

Mr. Sousa expressed his appreciation to the Fire and Police Departments for their efforts in the recent mass casualty training event, noting he was impressed by the level of detail, preparation, and execution that went into the exercise.

The Board also held a discussion with Law Director Ben Yoder regarding the need to establish timelines for undeveloped parcels within the township. The goal is to prevent situations like the Northview development originally approved in 1997 but only now being brought forward from recurring in the future. Additional information will be gathered from legal counsel and the Hamilton Township Zoning Department.

Executive Session-

Mr. Rozzi made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to adjourn the executive session at 6:26 PM. in accordance with ORC 121.22(G)(82) 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 and adjourned at 6:53 PM.

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