

## Hamilton Township Trustee Meeting

June 5, 2024

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

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey  
Joe Rozzi  
Mark Sousa

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited by all.

A motion was made by Mr. Cordrey, with a second by Mr. Rozzi, to approve the clerk's journal as the Official Meeting Minutes of the May 15, 2024, Trustee Meeting.

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

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

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

### Presentations

- Resident, Paul Sisk with an update on Article V., Convention of States  
Mr. Sisk expressed gratitude to the Trustees and Township for their outstanding leadership and unwavering support regarding Article V. Eighteen residents of Hamilton Township signed a card to convey their appreciation. Additionally, Mr. Sisk bestowed upon them a Freedom to Fight medallion as a token of recognition.
- Resident, Dr. Ashe to discuss Sister City Prospect Denas and update of educational development

Dr. Ashe briefed the Board on her recent journey to Kosovo, during which she delivered a letter and video from Administrator Jeff Wright to the Mayor. She also outlined her role with Sister City Prospect Denas, an organization dedicated to facilitating student exchange programs between local schools and children in grades 9 through 12. She asked the Trustees if they were interested in participating in the program.

Mr. Cordrey clarified that before any decision could be reached, the Township would require further details regarding the responsibilities and resources necessary for participation.

Dr. Ashe concurred that she would email the Trustees more information about the program's requirements.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Cordrey opened the floor to public comments at 6:22 p.m.

Brad Turner request information regarding advertisement signs that are posted on main streets throughout the Township.

Mr. Rozzi explained that if residents see signs that are posted to send pictures to the Zoning inspector so the companies can get cited.

Mr. Wright proposed an alternative method for submitting pictures of advertisement signs: utilizing the zoning software available on the Hamilton Township website to directly reach our zoning staff.

Mr. Keith Osterbrock expressed gratefulness to the Trustees, Fire Department, Police Department, and the community for their support following the incident that occurred with his neighbor on March 29th. He remains hopeful that the condition of the property will be resolved soon.

Mr. Sousa extended his appreciation to Mr. Osterbrock for his cooperation during the challenging situation and congratulated him on his graduation from the Citizen Police Academy. He noted that he learned while attending the training himself, Mr. Osterbrock was motivated to do the academy because of the situation with his neighbor.

Mr. Berry Fishman, President of the Miami Bluff Homeowner Association, addressed the Board to inquire about any updates regarding the installation of no parking signs on Striker Road near the emergency gate entrance connecting to the Miami Bluff subdivision. He expressed concern about vehicles unloading materials and parking for extended periods, despite the presence of a no parking sign at the emergency gate of HMB.

Mr. Don Pelfrey agreed to have no parking signs installed in the right-of-way on Striker Road the next day.

Mr. Sousa stated in the event there are vehicles parked after the no-parking signs are installed, residents should call the Police Department who will gladly come out and have them move.

Mr. Cordrey closed the floor to public comments at 6:37 p.m.

**New Business**

Work Session- Motion to request to vary from the Hamilton Township Cemetery Rules and Regulations

Mr. Cordrey invited Elidee Mason to address the Board for the variance request of a boulder style headstone.

Ms. Elody Mason elaborated on the importance of the boulder, emphasizing its status as a cherished family heirloom. She took charge of organizing the boulder's installation and made sacrifices to designate a plot specifically for cremations to accommodate it. Ms. Mason, along with Mr. Pelfrey, Mr. Jeff Wright, and Mr. Sousa, conducted a walkthrough at the proposed site, where they discussed location, lawn care, and maintenance.

Mr. Sousa agreed that the location of the headstone is durable, being between the now deceased Mrs. Baston and Mr. Clyde Baston's plots.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve the request to vary from the cemetery rules and regulations.

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

Resolution No. 2024-0605A – Approving Zoning Amendment for 280 Dwire Road, Hamilton Township, Ohio 45039.

Mr. Cordrey wanted to emphasize that though the new zoning is (R-4) multi-family, single-family houses will be built.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 2024-0605A, resolution approving the zone change from R-1 Single Family Residence to R-4 Multi-Family Planned Unit Development (PUD) district for the property located at 280 Dwire rd., Hamilton Township, Warren County, Ohio 45039.

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

Resolution No. 2024-0605B – Declaring a nuisance and Removal of High Grass and Debris

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with the second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 24-0605B, a resolution declaring the property at 832 Sunrise Ridge Court, Parcel 1610227018, a nuisance and providing for the abatement, removal, or control of said nuisance and declaring an emergency.

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

Resolution No. 2024-0515C – Declaring a Nuisance and Removal of an Unsafe Structure

Mr. Wright gave an update that there has been no update from the insurance company or bank about the status of the property. The Township will have the homeowner a 30-day waiting period to respond to the township before acting.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with the second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 24-0605C, a resolution providing for the declaration of nuisance and removal of an unsafe structure for the property located at 832 Sunrise Ridge Court, Parcel 1610227018, and authorizing all necessary steps to undertake action and declaring an emergency.

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

Resolution No. 2024-0605D – Authorizing Private Sale of Unneeded and Un-fit-For-Use Property

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with the second from Mr. Cordrey to approve Resolution 24-0605D, a resolution authorizing private sale of unneeded and unfit-for-use property in the Police Department

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

Motion- Motion to table the acceptance of Hopewell Valley Section Seven & Eight

Mr. Wright explained the item was tabled at the May 15th meeting as there were concerns submitted by a resident of the subdivision related to required infrastructure and other items that were made conditions of approval by Warren County and the Township per either subdivision regulations or zoning approval. Last week the Township Planning and Zoning Director, Public Works Director, Administrator and Law Director met with representatives of the Warren County Engineer's Office and will meet later this week with the current developer.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with the second from Mr. Rozzi to table accepting public streets for maintenance and setting speed limits on sections seven and eight, in the Villages of Hopewell Valley Subdivision, Hamilton Township, dispensing with the second reading.

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

Motion- Motion to reschedule July 3, 2024, Trustee Meeting to 9 a.m.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with the second from Mr. Rozzi to approve the rescheduling of July 3, 2024, Trustee Meeting to 9 a.m.

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

Motion- Motion to Approve the Amendment of the Hamilton Township Roster as Presented

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with the second from Mr. Rozzi to approve the amendment of the Hamilton Township roster as presented.

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

Motion- Motion to approve the Purchase of a Cemetery Deed

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

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

### **Public Comments**

Mr. Cordrey opened the floor to public comments at 6:50 p.m., in which there were none.

### **Administrators Report**

Mr. Wright gave a presentation for the Administrator Report:

- Parks and Recreation
  - Awarded a \$9,000 grant from Ohio Department Natural Resources
  - Eighteen people attended the Summer Wellness Walk at Mounts Park
  - June 12, 2024, Kayaking Event at Mounts Park
  - June 15, 2024 Touch-a-Truck at Fellowship Church
- Zoning
  - McDonalds has announced they will have a location in front of the new Kroger
- Fire
  - Safety Study project is in full force and will be brought to the Board in the near future
- Public Works
  - Jurgensen is near completion with the milling and paving, estimating to be done in June
  - Line stripping is taking place in subdivisions in the next weeks.

### **Trustee Comments**

Darryl Cordrey: Mr. Cordrey extends his condolences to the family of Mike Cremeans, a dedicated member of the Little Miami School Board. Cremeans played a pivotal role in guiding Mr. Cordrey during the beginning phases of his political journey in Hamilton Township. His absence will be deeply felt within the community. Additionally, Mr. Cordrey shared his experience at the recent Fishing with the 5-O event, noting the impressive turnout and expressing his belief that it improves with each passing year.

Mark Sousa: Mr. Sousa is happy with the pace of the construction with the widening of State Route 48 and believes the project is ahead of the initial timeline.

Joe Rozzi: Mr. Rozzi wishes to inform both residents and non-residents that plots are currently available for rent at the Hamilton Township Community Garden, with prices ranging from \$25 to \$35. Those interested in securing a plot are encouraged to reach out to Nicole Earley at the Township for further details and rental arrangements.

**Executive Session**- Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to adjourn into executive session at 6:57 p.m. in accordance with ORC 121.22(G)(3) to discuss pending litigation and ORC 121.22(G)(8a) to discuss economic development.

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

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to come out of Executive Session at 7:41 p.m.

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

**Adjournment** - With no further business to discuss, Mr. Cordrey made a motion, with a second from Mr. Rozzi, to adjourn at 7:42 p.m.

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