

## Hamilton Township Trustee Meeting

July 7, 2021

Trustee Board Chairman, Darryl Cordrey, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Cordrey, Mr. Rozzi, and Mr. Sousa were present.

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited by all.

Motion made by Mr. Cordrey with a second by Mr. Rozzi to approve of the clerk's journal and accept the tapes as the Official Meeting Minutes of the July 7, 2021 Trustee Meeting.

Roll call as follows:

Darryl Cordrey	Yes
Joe Rozzi	Yes
Mark Sousa	Yes

Motion made by Mr. Cordrey with a second by Mr. Rozzi to approve the bills as presented to the Board.

Roll call as follows:

Joe Rozzi	Yes
Mark Sousa	Yes
Darryl Cordrey	Yes

### **Public Comments**

Mr. Cordrey opened the floor to public comments at 6:32 pm.

Ms. Misty Mowery expressed safety concerns about the current traffic flow at the intersection of 22/3 and State Route 48. She asked Chief Hughes if he could discuss which lane is supposed to yield and at which time.

Chief Hughes read aloud the Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 4511.42 which reviews Right-of-way Rule when turning left. He also discussed the contents of page 36 in the Ohio BMV Handbook. His belief is that there should be a dedicated arrow for turning left to prevent this confusion.

Mr. Kurt Weber spoke on this from the County Engineer's perspective; this intersection belongs to ODOT. All of these concerns are absolutely worth mentioning to ODOT as they are hoping this will change with the 2023 widening project of State Route 48.

Mr. Cordrey closed the floor to public comments at 6:54 pm.

### **New Business**

-Resolution 21-0707: Authorizing removal of refuse and debris located at 3206 Shamrock Drive, Morrow, OH 45152.

This Resolution follows an initial letter sent to the resident of 3206 Shamrock Drive on April 6, 2021 and a follow-up letter sent on June 16, 2021 for removal of refuse and debris which is directed under the Hamilton Township Zoning Code Section 4.2.3.

The resident was given a "Notice of Violation" and given 30 days to remedy the violation. If passed, this property will have the refuse and debris removed or organized by the Hamilton Township Public Works Department and that cost will be assessed on the residential property tax.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 21-0707.

Roll call as follows: Mark Sousa Yes

Darryl Cordrey        Yes  
Joe Rozzi                Yes

-Resolution 21-0707A: Authorizing vegetation cutting at 676 Overbrook Avenue, Maineville, OH 45039.

This Resolution follows an initial letter sent to the resident of 676 Overbrook Ave. on May 18, 2021 and a follow-up letter sent on June 14, 2021 for vegetation cutting, which is directed under the Hamilton Township Zoning Code Section 4.2.3. If passed, this property will have the grass mowed by the Hamilton Township Public Works Department and that cost will be assessed on the residential property tax.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 21-0707A.

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

-Resolution 21-0707B: Adopting the 2022 Annual Tax Budget

This Resolution will adopt the annual tax budget based upon the projections of each department-head and administrator. Mr. Centers and Ms. Horman sat down with each Department-head and went through each line item of all 15 budgets and justified each increase or decrease in funding. These projections are based upon last years spending and will generally be reflected in the Capital Budget once we get our second draw from Warren County. The Fast Cop and Loeb Grant Fund and the CARES Act Relief Fund are both projected to be dissolved by 2022; however, they are currently open thus reported in Exhibit A.

Mr. Centers mentioned that a copy of this preliminary budget was given to each Board member for review at the last meeting. This is the budget that will be sent to the County. We will meet with the Auditor in August to go over our revenues at which point we can set up work sessions to go over our Appropriation/Capital Budget to vote on that in October.

Mr. Cordrey mentioned that he reviewed it and we are doing well.

Mr. Kurt Weber questioned the closing of the CARES Act fund; if we get more, how do we handle that?

Mr. Centers stated that there is an American Rescue Relief Act that is separate from the Coronavirus Relief Funds. We would like to close CARES Act BC's in August; however we can still do purchase orders from that account. Whatever is left at the end of the year, we can move money into first responder salaries as previously discussed. The new funds will be set up completely different with help from Hurst Kelly LLC.

Mr. Sousa stated that it is pertinent to provide budget and planning numbers long term to accomplish the capital projects that we want to get done. It is great to be in a position of financial strength.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 21-0707B.

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

-Resolution 21-0707C: Adopting Stormwater Management program

This Resolution will adopt the stormwater management program through the Warren County Storm and Water District. Districts that are included will be Erosion Prevention and Sediment Control, Post-Construction Storm Water Runoff Control, and Illicit Detections and Elimination.

Mr. Centers stated that this puts us in compliance with Warren County's regulations.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 21-0707C.

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

Mr. Centers discussed the Warren County Water Softening Project. They are working on a north and south plant; once complete, residents can remove private home water softening devices or if they would like to keep their devices in service, they should lower their settings as to not over soften their water. The treatment plant will soften using a non-filtration membrane from the County. They will also continue to add fluoride. October of 2022 is the in-service expectancy.

Mr. Rozzi asked how much of the Township is serviced By Warren County Water versus Western Water.

Mr. Hickey stated that the Township is divided by Zoar Road. A little over half is serviced by Warren County and approximately 40% is serviced by Western Water.

Mr. Sousa asked if we could share this information on the Township's social media sites and send this out to all of our HOA contacts.

### **Fiscal Report**

Mr. Weber mentioned that the 2020 Audit is officially complete and clean with the Auditor of State. The report is available for public viewing.

### **Administrator's Report**

Mr. Centers mentioned that the Freedom Parade was a great event. We had over 40 entries. Our Grand Marshall's were Richard and Kathy Oeder and they both dressed very festively! We had a large crowd in downtown Maineville and a separate large crowd at Testerman Park. There was a great sense of community and relationship with the Village of Maineville.

Next Mr. Centers stated that the excavators would be at the community center removing all bushes and footers for the foundation. There is roughly a 4-5-week process for the renovations.

The Baxter Road closure will begin next Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> with a second closure on Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. We have been in contact with the homeowners since there is only one access point. Both days, the road will be closed from 8 am to 6:30 pm. We are prepared for all sides of this closure should there be an emergency. We understand that this is an inconvenience, but it is necessary.

The Warren County Commissioners approved a new tactical vehicle for our SWAT team. We have 3 members of our department that serve on this team, so we wanted to Thank them for the added layer of security.

Lastly, Mr. Centers mentioned that Mr. Sousa's son just graduated training for the United States Army last weekend. He graduated from Fort Benning and is now an infantryman with the Army so Congratulations to him!

Mr. Sousa stated that this is a huge commitment for his son, and it will continue to benefit him in the long run. They stayed on base and got to see some of the aspects that come along with serving our country.

Mr. Centers also thanked Mr. Rozzi for all his hard work over the holiday weekend stating.

Mr. Rozzi stated that it is all his family has ever done and known. He joked that he could not imagine attending a barbeque!

**Trustee Comments**

Mr. Rozzi apologized for missing the Freedom Parade but it was a busy weekend for his company. He thanked everyone for the shout out and for celebrating responsibly.

Mr. Sousa recognized Ms. Nicole Earley for all her hard work put into the parade. He also gave a little shout out to Mr. Weber about the Old 3C tree trimming delay; He was really responsive and reached out to some County folks to make sure that work would not continue into the next day and hold up more traffic during rush hour while we already have significant detours in place. Lastly, he mentioned that during his visit for his son’s graduation, it was very refreshing to see the diversity in the individuals signing up to serve our Country.

Mr. Cordrey commented that the Freedom Parade was very well done. It was much different this time around and was probably the biggest and best yet. He is looking forward to next year’s event. He thanked Maineville for the collaboration of the event. He reminded everyone that the next events are National Night Out in August as well as the Cardboard Boat Regatta.

**Executive Session**

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to enter Executive Session in reference to O.R.C. 121.22 (G) (1); to consider the appointment, employment, or compensation of a public employee or official, at 7:31 pm.

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

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to come out of Executive Session at 8:14 pm.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes  
Joe Rozzi 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 8:14 pm.

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