

Hamilton Township Trustee Meeting

July 15, 2026

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

Roll call as follows: Mark Sousa
Darryl Cordrey
Joe Rozzi

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 July 1st 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 for public comment at 6:02 p.m.

Mr. Charles Bastin stated that, based on his background in finance, he is concerned about the potential loss of approximately \$10.8 million in property tax revenue and asked whether the Trustees have developed a plan to address the potential financial impact. He noted that the State is discussing property tax reform, including the possibility of implementing or expanding a sales tax, and expressed concern about how those changes could affect local governments. Mr. Bastin stated that he does not want to see Township employees laid off as a result of reduced revenue.

Mr. Bastin also expressed concerns regarding the debt associated with new development and the Township's long-term financial responsibilities. He recommended that the Trustees begin planning now to address potential fiscal challenges.

Mr. Cordrey responded that the issue has been a frequent topic of discussion during meetings of the CLOUT Board, on which he serves. He stated that, due to the lack of sufficient signatures, it is unlikely the proposed measure will appear on the ballot this year or in 2027. He added that one of the greatest challenges facing townships is that the Ohio Revised Code limits the authority of townships in addressing these issues, and guidance from the Ohio General Assembly will likely be necessary before meaningful action can be taken.

Mr. Bastin also recommended that the Trustees consider requesting a Performance Audit through the Ohio Auditor of State's Office. He explained that, unlike a financial audit, a performance audit evaluates government operations, identifies efficiencies, and provides recommendations for improving services and reducing costs.

With no further public comment, Mr. Sousa closed the floor.

New Business

Resolution No. 26-0715A – Authorizing Private Sale of Unneeded and Unfit-For-Use Property

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to approve resolution 26-0715A, a resolution authorizing private sale of unneeded and unfit-for-use property in the Police Department.

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

Motion- Approve Hamilton Township Roster as Presented

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

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

Public Comments

Mr. Sousa opened the floor to public comments at 6:10 p.m.; with nobody approaching he closed the floor to comments.

Trustee Comments

Mr. Rozzi informed residents of the recent water main break at the intersection of Grandin Road and State Route 48. He also advised that parking lot repairs have begun at the Shoppes at Grandin.

Mr. Cordrey thanked Township staff for their outstanding work in organizing the Freedom Festival. He stated that he attended the event and noted that, although expectations were high, the Township exceeded them with an exceptional turnout. He commended the staff, vendors, volunteers, and everyone involved for making the event a success. Mr. Cordrey reminded residents that the next Township event, National Night Out, will be held on August 4 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Oeder Lake. He also expressed his appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Oeder for once again hosting the event on their property.

Mr. Sousa discussed the second-half property tax bills, noting that residents whose taxes are not paid through an escrow account may have noticed a delay in receiving their bills. He explained that recent state legislation aimed at limiting property tax increases and reducing property taxes has delayed the processing of accurate tax information. Mr. Sousa stated that Warren County is currently processing the bills and that they should be arriving soon. He advised residents who wish to view or pay their second-half property tax bill before receiving it by mail to visit the Warren County Treasurer's website.

Adjournment-

Mr. Sousa made a motion with a second from Mr. Cordrey to adjourn at 6:13 p.m.

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