

Hamilton Township Trustee Meeting August 21, 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 August 7, 2024, Trustee Meeting.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Cordrey, with a second by Mr. Rozzi, 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. Cordrey opened the floor to public comments at 6:02 p.m.

Mayor Mitchel Fisher of the Village of Morrow wanted to discuss the idea of adding a sidewalk along Route 22/3 to connect the Village to Little Miami High School, enhancing pedestrian accessibility. He believed this topic had been discussed in a previous Trustee Meeting.

The Board was unaware of any previous discussion and advised Mayor Fisher to contact Ohio Department of Transportation since Route 22/3 is a State road.

Mr. Sousa is worried that the addition of sidewalks will lead to increased traffic and worsen existing parking problems in the Hopewell Valley subdivision.

Mr. Wright stated he would email ODOT's District 8 Safe Route to School Program, including Mayor Fisher to discuss grants.

With no further comments Mr. Cordrey closed the floor to public comments at 6:04 p.m.

New Business

Resolutions

- Resolution No. 2024-0821A – Approving a Site Plan with Conditions For 148 Towne Center Boulevard, Out Lot 2

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 2024-0821A, resolution approving a site plan with conditions for approximately .95 acres of real property located at 148 Towne Center Boulevard, out lot 2

Roll call as follows:

Darryl Cordrey	Yes
Mark Sousa	Yes
Joe Rozzi	Yes

- Resolution No. 2024-0821B – Approving A Planned Unit Development (PUD) District Stage 2&3 Preliminary and Final Plan For 280 Dwire Rd

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 2024-0821B, a resolution to approve the Stage 2 and Stage 3 Preliminary and Final Development Plans 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	Yes

- Resolution No. 2024-0821C – Establishing No Engine Brake Designated Areas Within the Township

The Board tabled the resolution to determine which roads in the Township might require “No Engine Brake” signs. Legal counsel recommended incorporating a decimal range for engine brake noise into the noise ordinance and confirmed that the Police Department would need to witness the violation for it to be enforceable.

- Resolution No. 2024-0821D– Authorizing Private Sale of Unneeded and Unfit-For-Use Property

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 2024-0821D, 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

Motion –

- Approve the Hamilton Township Roster as Presented

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

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

- Approve Contract for Services with Impact Group

The motion was tabled by the Board until further vetting and price options have been discussed with The Impact Group by the Administrator and staff.

Public Comments

Mr. Cordrey opened the floor to public comments at 6:48 pm, to which there were none.

Fiscal Officer’s Report

Fiscal Officer Leah Elliot provided the financial report for July. As of now, we are 58% through the year, with 68% of revenue collected and expenditures at 50%. She also presented a graph comparing year-to-date figures for 2024 versus 2023, highlighting the Kroger TIF. This month’s expenses are lower than last year’s, partly due to factors such as the Road Levy and timing of paving projects, which are expected to balance out by year-end. Overall, the financials are tracking similarly to the previous year. As we approach the end of the year, an additional bar will be included in the graph to reflect the current budget.

Administrator's Report

- Fire Engine back in service
- WC Water & Sewer is anticipating road closures on State Route 48 near the intersection of Route 48 and Foster-Maineville due to a current water leak, but the road will be officially reopened after that repair.
- Josh and Don in the Public Works Department have developed a CDL Licensing program to train and certify new hires. Hamilton County has reached out to them to discuss what the curriculum entails and possibly adopt the program to use in their district.
- Little Miami High School's SRO, Officer Brandenburg was awarded the National School Resource Officer Award

Trustee Comments

Mark Sousa: Hopewell Valley has reached out to him about the increase in traffic and parked cars with school starting back up.

Joe Rozzi: Acknowledged Riversbend Dental located on State Route 48 in the Township for their professionalism and helping him with the anxiety issues that he had due to previous dental experiences.

Darryl Cordrey: Extended thanks to the Southern Warren County Chamber and HT Staff for their efforts in organizing the Boat Regatta, and to Richard and Kathy Oeder for graciously opening their lake for the event. He also wants to remind the residents that the LMH Food truck Rally will take place on Saturday, August 24th.

Mr. Wright included that the Oeders have graciously opened their property for parking for the upcoming LPGA event that is happening September 16th-22nd at TPC River's Bend.

Executive Session

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to adjourn the executive session at 6:57 p.m. in accordance with 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. Sousa to come out of Executive session at 8:07 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 8:07 p.m.

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