

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

June 4, 2014

Mr. Weber made a motion and Mr. Duvelius seconded the motion to call the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Roll call as follows:	Kurt Weber	Yes
	Gene Duvelius	Yes
	David Wallace	Yes

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all in attendance.

Mr. Duvelius made a motion and Mr. Weber seconded the motion to adopt the proposed agenda for the June 4, 2014 meeting.

Roll call as follows:	Gene Duvelius	Yes
	Kurt Weber	Yes
	David Wallace	Yes

Mr. Weber made a motion and Mr. Duvelius seconded the motion to dispense with the public reading of the minutes and approve as written for the May 21, 2014 meeting.

Roll call as follows:	Kurt Weber	Yes
	Gene Duvelius	Yes
	David Wallace	Yes

Mr. Weber made a motion and Mr. Wallace seconded the motion to pay the bills before the Board with check numbers 72752 through 72796.

Roll call as follows:	Kurt Weber	Yes
	David Wallace	Yes
	Gene Duvelius	Yes

Mr. Weber made a motion and Mr. Wallace seconded the motion to pay and the payroll with check numbers 72656 through 72733 and withholding checks with check numbers 72734 through 72751.

Roll call as follows:	Kurt Weber	Yes
	David Wallace	Yes
	Gene Duvelius	Yes

Ms. Melissa Brock, Human Resources, asked the Board to make a motion to approve a Federal Medical Leave of Absence for Mr. Chris Walker, Mechanic, for a qualifying request beginning around July 10, 2014.

Mr. Duvelius made a motion and Mr. Wallace seconded the motion as stated above.

Roll call as follows:	Gene Duvelius	Yes
	David Wallace	Yes
	Kurt Weber	Yes

Ms. Brock asked the Board to make a motion to hire Mr. Joseph Haygood as a part-time Firefighter/EMT at the current hourly rate of \$10.50 with a probationary period of six (6) months contingent upon successful completion of the Firefighter/EMT medical physical.

Mr. Duvelius made a motion and Mr. Weber seconded the motion as stated above.

Roll call as follows:	Gene Duvelius	Yes
	Kurt Weber	Yes
	David Wallace	Yes

President Weber read the Oath of Office with Mr. Haygood. A round of applause was given by all in attendance.

Mr. Gary Boeres, Township Administrator, presented four (4) properties with high grass to be declared a nuisance. Those properties are:

- 1210 Beargrass Way
- Indian Burial Mound – Weeping Willow Open Space Area
- 7241 Wethersfield
- 9849 Schlottman Road

Mr. Duvelius made a motion and Mr. Weber seconded the motion to approve Resolution #14-0604, authorizing the abatement, control or removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse or debris pursuant to Section 505.87 of the Ohio Revised Code, dispensing with the second reading, declaring an emergency for the properties listed above.

Roll call as follows:	Gene Duvelius	Yes
	Kurt Weber	Yes
	David Wallace	Yes

Mr. Warren Ritchie, Law Director, made a suggestion about posting a nuisance notice on the doors of the houses stating the property was declared a nuisance and will be cut. It may help with the call volume if neighbors see it has gone through the process.

Mr. Boeres suggested the board set a work session in regards to reviewing the Five (5) Year Plans for Police, Fire, Road and Bridge and the General Fund. The work session was set for June 18th at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Wallace will not be present, but will review the plans and call Mr. Boeres with his input. Mr. Ray Warrick, Fiscal Officer stated this may take more than one (1) session as changes may be needed after the audit is finished.

Mr. Duvelius made a motion and Mr. Weber seconded the motion to open the June 18th, 2014 meeting at 5:00 p.m. for a work session to review the Five (5) Year Plans for the various departments.

Roll call as follows:	Gene Duvelius	Yes
	Kurt Weber	Yes
	David Wallace	Abstain

Mr. Boeres stated Ms. Brock had put together information on a new insurance package and asked her to update the board on the proposal. Ms. Brock stated the township currently provides the employee's health insurance through a consortium with Ohio Insurance. The new proposal would move the employees to a self-insured group through Ohio Insurance and with minimum changes to the current health insurance plan. Ohio Insurance would move the employees to the new plan on August 1, 2014 if the board approves. Ms. Brock and Mr. Boeres will set a meeting to discuss the new insurance plan with the township union representatives and discuss the new proposal with them. The only negative to the plan change is if many of the employees in the group had multiple health issues within a calendar year, then the rates could go up. With the change there would be no price increase for 18 months and after that possibly only a one percent increase. The board will review the plan and decide at a following meeting.

Mr. Boeres stated the farm house at Marr Park is now vacant. It was being rented by a Police Officer for \$450.00 per month with a \$50.00 per month credit for maintaining the grounds. Mr. Boeres stated Mr. Ritchie is working on getting the property tax exemption through the state and would like to wait to bid it out again until an exemption decision has been made. The house will continue to be maintained until someone else moves in. Mr. Ritchie stated this process takes time before the state approves or denies the request. The exemption request is for the current tax bill and past taxes paid on the Marr property. Mr. Ritchie recommends not tampering with the rent until a decision has been made. Mr. Wallace asked what the original vision for the house was when the township acquired the land. Mr. Boeres stated the farm house came with the property and it was suggested to use it as a community center. The house in the front was purchased to add acreage to add to the park as it sat in the middle of the donated park land. Mr. Wallace wanted the board to think long term and find out what the future plans are for this house. Mr. Ritchie did mention there are no restrictions for park use on the front house. The township can sell the property or convert it to another use for township purposes. Mr. Duvelius stated he remembered it being discussed as a historical museum for Hamilton Township.

Mr. Ray Warrick, Fiscal Officer, stated there is a situation where the township did not have the right amount of funds appropriated because there was increase from the State Auditor's office for the cost of the most recent audit. There are also two (2) small amounts that also need to be amended because of errors made previously in allocating items to the wrong accounts. Finally, the state has sent an invoice to the township for the refund of two estate tax payments. The proposed Resolution before the Board will make the adjustments to the affected accounts.

Mr. Weber made a motion and Mr. Duvelius seconded the motion to approve Resolution #14-0604A to amend the 2014 Permanent Appropriations.

Roll call as follows:	Kurt Weber	Yes
	Gene Duvelius	Yes
	David Wallace	Yes

Mr. Warrick stated the Five Year Plans are done and he will be reviewing them in the days to come. Things are moving fast and the township is waiting on the Prosecutor before Audit information can be released, but the audits are now complete.

Mr. Duvelius made a motion and Mr. Weber seconded the motion to approve the request to pay the estate tax back to the Warren County Auditor in the amount of \$101,934.91 and will come out of the General Fund.

Roll call as follows:	Gene Duvelius	Yes
	Kurt Weber	Yes
	David Wallace	Yes

Mr. Duvelius made a motion and Mr. Weber seconded the motion to pay a first installment for auditing services to the Ohio State Auditor's Office in the amount of \$22,734.54.

Roll call as follows:	Gene Duvelius	Yes
	Kurt Weber	Yes
	David Wallace	Yes

Mr. Weber thanked everyone for all their hard work in helping the township move forward. Mr. Duvelius agreed and thanked everyone.

Mr. Warren Ritchie, Law Director, stated at the meeting with the State Auditor's a letter was presented for the Fiscal Officer, the Administrator and the President of the Board to sign. Mr. Ritchie reviewed the letter and it was fine. It basically says that to the best of your knowledge you have given them the information needed to perform the audit.

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Mr. Wallace stated he received a copy of a letter from Dennis Riddle who thanked everyone for helping put the flags out on the Veteran's graves before Memorial Day. Mr. Wallace thanked each department and volunteers and stated he appreciated their work. This is what makes Hamilton Township unique. Mr. Weber and Mr. Duvelius agreed.

Mr. Weber made a motion and Mr. Duvelius seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Roll call as follows:	Kurt Weber	Yes
	Gene Duvelius	Yes
	David Wallace	Yes