

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

June 17, 2015

Mr. Weber called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. with Mr. Weber, Mr. Duvelius and Mr. Wallace present.

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

Mr. Duvelius made a motion and Mr. Wallace seconded the motion to adopt the proposed agenda for the June 17, 2015 meeting.

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

Mr. Duvelius made a motion and Mr. Weber seconded the motion to dispense with the public reading of the minutes and approve as written for the June 3, 2015 meeting.

Roll call as follows:	Gene Duvelius	Yes
	Kurt Weber	Yes
	David Wallace	Abstain – Absent from that meeting.

Mr. Weber made a motion and Mr. Duvelius seconded the motion to pay the bills before the Board for checks numbered 74814 through 74819 as written.

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

Mr. Weber made a motion and Mr. Duvelius seconded the motion to pay the bills before the Board for checks numbered 74825 through 74872 as written.

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

Mr. Weber made a motion and Mr. Duvelius seconded the motion to pay the withholding checks numbered 74820 and 74824 with Direct Deposit Vouchers 2015-883 through 2015-962 as written.

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

Mr. Duvelius made a motion and Mr. Wallace seconded the motion to pay check number 74873 to the Warren County Engineer's Office for the Road Resurfacing Project in the amount of \$324,072.90.

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

Mr. Weber abstained because he works for the Warren County Engineer's Office.

Mr. Ray Warrick, Fiscal Officer, presented Resolution #15-0617; this Resolution will approve the ballot language for the 1 mil Police Levy renewal. The language was included along with the certificate of estimated tax revenue from the Warren County Auditor. This is a renewal and there is no change in the amount of taxes charged or collected. Mr. Duvelius wanted on the record the purpose for the renewal. Mr. Warrick

stated it had expired after five (5) years. Police Chief Jon Wheeler added to continue operations and maintain current levels of service.

Mr. Duvelius made a motion and Mr. Wallace seconded the motion to approve Resolution #15-0617, A Resolution determining to proceed to levy a tax in excess of the Ten-Mill limitation within the township.

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

Mr. Warren Ritchie, Law Director, stated he had spoken with Auditor Matt Nolan and there would be no interruption in collection.

Mr. Warrick stated the month of May has been closed and wanted to review the Appropriation / Fund / Revenue Status spreadsheet. This is a snapshot of spending and revenues at this time in the year. As of May 31, 2015, 42% of the year has passed and the township has collected 61.2% of the Revenue. Also only 35.4% of the appropriations have been spent.

Mr. Warrick also presented a spreadsheet showing May 2015 versus May 2014 and year to date this year versus last year. The General Fund revenue difference is because of the closing of the TIF Fund. The Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund and Gasoline Tax Fund show a little behind because of the accounting entries done last year and corrected later in the year. This will soon disappear. The expenses show \$1.2 million more in May 2015 than May 2014. One reason is the \$600,000.00 that was transferred into the General Fund shows as an expense to the General Fund from the TIF Fund. The \$450,000.00 expense also from the TIF Fund is the payments to the School Districts last year. In a few places the spending is showing higher in the General Fund because the building bond payment was already made for this year, much earlier than last year. The same is true for the Police Department showing over their spending because of the building bond payment portion they owed.

Mr. Warrick asked the board to call for a budget hearing on July 1, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. The trustees agreed this time would work.

Mr. Weber made a motion and Mr. Wallace seconded the motion to hold the annual budget hearing on July 1, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Warrick provided the board and audience with a copy of the 2016 Budget for the major funds, Police, Fire, Road & Bridge and General Fund. If anyone has any questions about the budget you can call Mr. Warrick directly or meet him at the township to go over anything they want. There are two (2) Fire Department budgets with different revenue streams. This shows a comparison with and without a 1 mil levy. Mr. Weber noted the Police Budget is show without the renewal of the levy as requested by Auditor Nolan. Chief Wheeler stated he has a working copy of the budget that does shown the approval of the renewal levy if anyone is interested in viewing it, they can come in to see him or Mr. Warrick. Mr. Weber noted there is no desire to reduce the level of service for the Fire Department. The numbers will be analyzed to be good stewards of the tax payers money. Mr. Duvelius added the Fire Chief will also have time to look at his budget and see what he needs. The Chief will present his idea to the board if the 1 mil is needed or if they can operate without it. Mr. Wallace stated he was going to take his time and review the numbers and get with Mr. Warrick and Mr. Boeres in the coming week.

Mr. Gary Boeres, Administrator, presented properties with high grass to be declared a nuisance. Those properties are:

- Vacant Lots on Acorn Trail, Lots 5-11
- 7241 Wethersfield Drive

Mr. Duvelius made a motion and Mr. Wallace seconded the motion to approve Resolution #15-0617A, 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
	David Wallace	Yes
	Kurt Weber	Yes

Mr. Boeres asked the board to make a motion to remove Mr. Brad Crowthers from the active Hamilton Township Employee Roster effective June 17, 2015.

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

Mr. Boeres thanked Mr. Crowthers for his service to Hamilton Township. Mr. Duvelius and Mr. Weber agreed.

Chief Jon Wheeler, Police Department, stated some money was earmarked to replace two (2) cruisers. Chief Wheeler stated there would be two (2) vehicles to be removed from the fleet and there were four (4) vehicles removed last year and only two (2) replaced. Chief Wheeler proposed to purchase a 2016 Ford Explorer for the Supervisors for \$26,135.00 and a Chevy Caprice police package vehicle for \$28,175.00. Some equipment will be needed to go in the vehicles and is estimated at \$7,200.00 for both. A cruiser was recently wrecked in which he received insurance monies that will cover the equipment cost. The crashed vehicle and a 2006 vehicle with 145,000 miles will be taken out of the fleet. Mr. Duvelius asked if it would be cheaper to buy two (2) Explorers. Chief stated it would, but this is a great deal from Lebanon Ford. Mr. Weber asked if equipment from the replacement cars could be used on the new. Chief Wheeler stated some of the radio equipment would be reused, but wiring, cages and light bars would have to be new and are not interchangeable between the differences in car sizes.

Mr. Weber made a motion and Mr. Duvelius seconded the motion to purchase a Ford Explorer for \$26,135.00 and a Chevy Caprice for \$28,175.00 with the additional equipment necessary up to \$7,200.00 for the Police Department.

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

Chief Wheeler stated a vehicle taken out of the fleet last year was going to go on Gov Deals to sell. He received a request from the Harveysburg Police Department for a possible donation. Chief would like to donate a deadlined vehicle to them. Also, Chief would like to crush an old Durango.

Mr. Duvelius made a motion and Mr. Wallace seconded the motion to approve the police vehicle donation to Harveysburg Police Department and proceed with the crushing of the old Durango vehicle.

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

Chief Wheeler stated he received an email from a gentleman who lives in the Willow Pond Subdivision and is concerned with the traffic flow and people running stop signs. Chief Wheeler does have extra coverage on the weekends in that area and will continue to do so. The resident made other suggestions to help slow traffic down and Mr. Boeres will be in touch with him in regards to those ideas.

Mr. Boeres asked the board to make a motion to hire Mr. Joseph Wilson as part-time Seasonal Park Employee at a pay rate of \$11.00 per hour upon successful completion of a background check for a maximum of 20 weeks and/or 400 hours.

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

Mr. Kenny Hickey, Maintenance Supervisor, stated the Warren County Engineer's Office bid came back for salt at \$73.15 per ton. The board previously approved \$100,000.00 for salt purchase allowing the township to buy 1,367 tons. The salt barn holds 1,400 tons. Mr. Boeres wanted to send a thank you letter to Mr. Neil Tunison for including the township in the bid for salt and all the county communities.

Mr. Warren Ritchie, Law Director, stated he had nothing new to report.

Mr. Weber opened the floor to the public.

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Mr. Weber made a motion and Mr. Duvelius seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

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