

Hamilton Township Trustee Meeting

November 3, 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 October 27, 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 6:31pm.

Mr. Rusty Holman congratulated both Trustees on their election wins. He also discussed the Warren County Commissioners passage of a property tax relief at the County level.

Mr. Dan Phipps also congratulated the Trustees for their election wins. He inquired about a roll back for tax levies. He also asked for examples of a catastrophic event that requires us to sit on the funds that we have in our reserves.

Mr. Sousa stated that we would need to consider the long-term outlook. The economy could turn at any time.

Mr. Cordrey closed the floor to public comments at 6:41pm.

Human Resources

Ms. Kellie Krieger, Human Resources Manager, requested a motion to update the Hamilton Township roster with the following: add Mr. Zach Boris as a fulltime Fire-fighter/paramedic, and promote Adam Gilpin and Jacob Spears to fulltime Fire-fighter/EMT's contingent upon completion of their background and medical evaluation.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve the above-mentioned roster updates.

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

New Business

-Resolution 21-1103: Increase in appropriations

This is a resolution authorizing and approving an increase in township appropriations in the General Fund, Police District Fund, Fire and EMS Special Levy Fund, and EMS Billing Fund to reconcile budgets for calendar year 2021. This resolution will be the final appropriations for each fund to close out the 2021 budget.

Mr. Centers explained that these are housekeeping items that we do every year. There is one outlier that he wanted to go over for transparency; the Motor Vehicles line within the Police District Fund was asked to budget in 2022 to pay off the oncoming new vehicles, to do so we would have had to make one payment and then turn around and pay them all off in January. That did not make sense so after speaking with each Trustee individually, we did decide to put the reappropriation for the new police vehicles on this budget. This will be the same impact now on the unencumbered as it would in January.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 21-1103.

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

-Resolution 21-1103A: 2022 Annual Budget

This Resolution will adopt the 2022 Annual Budget based upon two work session held by the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 21-1103A.

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

Administrator's Report

Mr. Centers stated we were a little concerned about the tree for the Christmas Tree Lighting. We have an opportunity where a company is going to gift us a tree, but we would have to pay for the transplanting of the entire bulb of the 20 ft. tree. This would cost \$1,000.00. We do have \$2,500 in the Special Events line item that we have not used all year, so he wanted to bring this before the Board.

Mr. Rozzi asked if this will be the official tree moving forward?

Mr. Centers responded that it will be. It's 20 feet and will continue to grow.

All Trustees think it is a great idea.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Mr. Weber expressed his disappointment referencing public comments.

Trustee Comments

Mr. Sousa referenced the Warren County Commissioners decision to give taxpayers a one year "Holiday" for the County portion of property taxes. He also expressed dissatisfaction with the manner in which public comments were closed. He mentioned concerns with inaccurate statements from a disgruntled resident and reiterated that if at any time there are concerns, those can be discussed with all members of this Board. Lastly, he discussed other comments seen on social media about employee roles at the workloads that are faced; nothing happens in the Township that the Trustees are not aware of.

Mr. Rozzi also expressed disappointment and dissatisfaction with the manner in which public comments were closed. He thanked all of the residents for voting and supporting the community.

Mr. Cordrey thanked staff for putting together the 2022 budget. He thanked the residents for keeping this Trustee Board together so that our Township continues to have consistency.

Executive Session

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to enter into Executive Session at 6:54pm in reference to O.R.C. 121.22 (G) (1): To consider the appointment or employment of a public employee.

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 7:58pm.

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

Mr. Cordrey publicly apologized for the handling of public comments at the beginning of the meeting.

He opened the floor back up to public comments at 8:00pm.

Mr. Dan Phipps requested Mr. Cordrey be removed from Chair and expressed his displeasure with the closure of the previous public comments.

Mr. Cordrey closed public comments at 8:01pm.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to adjourn at 8:01pm.

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