

## Hamilton Township Trustee Meeting

February 6, 2024

Trustee Board Chairman, Darryl Cordrey, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Rozzi, Mr. Sousa and Mr. Cordrey were present.

Roll call as follows:

Darryl Cordrey	Yes
Joe Rozzi	Yes
Mark Sousa	Yes

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, and accept the tapes as the Official Meeting Minutes of the January 17, 2024, regular 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 6:01 pm.

Brad Turner: He is a resident and member of the HOA for the Providence subdivision. The issue that he is bringing in front of the Board is semi-cabs that are parked on the public streetway. He is concerned that emergency vehicles and trash trucks do not have the required space to drive through the neighborhood if another car is parked directly across from the semi-cabs. He is looking for help from the Police Department and Trustees to have this issue resolved.

Chief Hughes: What streets in Providence?

Mr. Turner: Soaring Way & Quellin Boulevard. The cars are allowed to park on both sides of the street.

Chief Hughes: We do not have a resolution currently regarding semi-trucks.

Mr. Sousa: Would this take an amendment to the Parking Code?

Chief Hughes: The Board can put specific terms on parking and apply to certain areas.

Mr. Cordrey: This is a subject that we can discuss at the next meeting.

Mr. Hughes: Have the roads mentioned been turned over to the Township?

Kurt Weber: No, the roads have not been turned over yet.

Chief Hughes gave Mr. Turner his contact card and will be in touch with him soon.

Mr. Sousa recommends to the Board to have a work session regarding this topic at the first of March Trustee meeting.

Paul Sisk: He went to the State House today and gave testimony to the Government Oversight Committee on House Joint Resolution III. This resolution puts forward Article V Convention of States. He encourages the Trustees to consider adopting a resolution that gives control at the state level from the federal level.

Mr. Sousa: He reminded the Board that Mr. Sisk was here last fall, now that Mr. Wright is here, Mr. Sousa invited him back tonight. Mr. Sisk is asking if the Trustees would formally consider reviewing it and have a resolution supporting the Convention. He asks if Mr. Sisk can give the core tenets of Article V.

Mr. Sisk: The term limits, balanced budgets, and campaign performances at the Federal level. The language of all states will match the three themes in federal government, term limits, and balance budgets.

Mr. Cordrey and Mr. Rozzi both stated they are familiar with the issue and have no issue with supporting it.

Mr. Wright: Bricker and Graydon has drafted a resolution and can bring it up at the next meeting.

Mr. Sousa asked if Mr. Sisk would like to have the resolution on the March 6<sup>th</sup> agenda so he can be present.

Mr. Sisk agreed to the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Zack Roush: Mr. Roush is a new resident of the Michaels Farms and wants to bring the attention in front of the Board of the dog barking issue that is occurring in the neighborhood.

Mr. Sousa attended the Michael Farms HOA meeting weeks prior and during the meeting there was discussion of a serious dog barking issue, a situation where neglectful pet owners leave the dogs outside for an extended length of time. The Hamilton Township Police Department and Warren County Dog Warden have been out to speak to the dog owners with no resolve.

Mr. Cordrey: Asked Chief Hughes if there is already a dog barking resolution?

Mr. Hughes: He confirms that yes there is a resolution that was passed long before he took the position of Police Chief and was never enforced of which he is aware. Chief Hughes recommends that the resolution be updated to reflect current laws. Mr. Hughes is also curious to find out what the regulations and enforcement efforts are with the Warren County Dog Warden.

The Board of Trustees agrees that the resolution needs to be reviewed and updated.

Mr. Cordrey closed the floor to public comments at 6:22 pm.

### **New Business**

-Resolution 24-0206A – Authorizing Contract with Warren County for the Purchase of Road Salt for 2024-2025 Snow Season

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 24-0206A.

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

Motion- Motion to authorize the Township Administrator to renew the Marr Park Farm Lease Agreement with Biggs Farm, LLC.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve the renewal of the Marr Park Farm Lease Agreement with Biggs Farm commencing on March 1, 2024, and shall continue through December 1, 2026.

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

### **Public Comments**

Mr. Cordrey opened the floor to the second public comments at 6:25 pm.

Mr. Cordrey closed the floor to public comments at 6:25 pm.

### **Fiscal Report**

Kurt Weber: Notified the board that Mark Hurst completed twenty-five financial statements and the Auditor of State will conduct this year’s audit with the date to be announced to the Board soon.

## **Administrator's Report**

Jeff Wright: Following are updates for the Administrator Report:

- Ford Development will start construction of the Towne Center Boulevard at the beginning of next week and anticipate being on schedule.
- Captain Short graduated from the Certified Law Enforcement Program last Friday.
- Police Department will conduct an in-house promotion program with a new Captain position.
- In the past month there have been three structure fires, Chief Jewett has the details if needed.

## **Trustee Comments**

Mr. Cordrey: The location for the next Trustee Meeting will be at 7570 Bales St. Ste. 200, Liberty Township from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He also congratulated Captain Short graduating from the Law Enforcement Program. Lastly, he has been in communication with ODOT regarding Highway Old 3C and Route 22, trying to find a solution with the traffic issue at that location.

Mr. Sousa: Residents have reached out to him about the Grandin Bridge reopening and thanked Warren County Engineers Office for their hard work. He also thanked Chief Hughes and the Police Department for the classes that have been offered so far during the CPAA training. He looks forward to the classes that are scheduled these upcoming weeks.

Mr. Rozzi: He too has taken the CPAA course and was tempted to sign up again because he enjoyed it so much last year.

## **Executive Session**

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with the second from Mr. Rozzi to enter Executive Session at 6:34 pm in reference to ORC 121.22(G)(1) to discuss compensation of a public employee; ORC 121.22(G)(3) to discuss pending litigation; and ORC 121.22(G)(8) to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance.

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

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to come out of Executive Session at 7:23pm.

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

### **Human Resources**

Motion- Motion to approve the amendment of the Hamilton Township roster as presented.

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

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

### **New Business**

Motion- Motion to approve Cemetery Settlement Agreement

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with the second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Township Administrator with the guidance of the Law Director to come to a cemetery settlement agreement in the amount of up to \$10,000.00.

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 7:24 pm.

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