

Hamilton Township Trustee's Meeting

September 20, 2017

Trustee Board President Wallace called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. Mr. Wallace, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Gallagher were present.

The *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited by all in attendance.

Motion was made by Mr. Wallace with a second by Mr. Walker to adopt the proposed agenda for the September 20, 2017 meeting.

Roll call as follows:	David Wallace	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Chris Gallagher	Yes

Motion made by Mr. Wallace with a second by Mr. Walker to approve the meeting minutes from the meeting on September 6, 2017.

Roll call as follows:	David Wallace	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Chris Gallagher	Yes

Motion made by Mr. Wallace with a second by Mr. Walker to approve Payroll for pay cycle August 27, 2017 – September 9, 2017, and September Monthly, Electronic Fund Transfer Direct Deposit Vouchers 1124760264 – 1124760268 and 1124820673 - 1124820741.

Roll call as follows:	David Wallace	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Chris Gallagher	Yes

Motion made by Mr. Wallace with a second by Mr. Walker to approve the withholding payments for payment cycle August 27, 2017 – September 9, 2017, and September Monthly, checks numbered 26022309 - 26022310 and 26029219 - 26029239.

Roll call as follows:	David Wallace	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Chris Gallagher	Yes

Motion made by Mr. Wallace with a second by Mr. Walker to approve the billing invoices for payment cycle September 11, 2017 – September 15, 2017 checks numbered 77948 - 77957.

Roll call as follows:	David Wallace	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Chris Gallagher	Yes

Motion made by Mr. Wallace with a second by Mr. Walker to approve the billing invoices for payment cycle September 18, 2017 – September 22, 2017 checks numbered 77958 - 77995.

Roll call as follows:	David Wallace	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Chris Gallagher	Yes

Public Comments

Trustee David Wallace opened the floor to the public at 6:02 pm.

Clyde Bastin, 8073 Faller Road, wanted to know if everyone was aware of the township owned park in Fosters? Mr. Bastin stated at one time it was all fenced off with picnic tables. He stated over the past couple of days, he noticed the fence had been taken down. Mr. Bastin wanted to know who gave them permission to use that for parking? Mr. Bastin also stated Mounts Park

was never owned by Oeder's. He stated it was owned by Dravo. The township bought the property off of Dravo and then contracted with Jurgeson to re-dig for gravel. The money for that was provided by the State of Ohio and the monies from the gravel paid for the park 2 ½ times.

Fredrick Nelson, 6973 Hunters Close, asked for permission to fly a drone and obtain aerials of Mounts Park. He stated he would not have to retrieve it and it is insured and he would turn over any photos he gets.

Trustee David Wallace said he didn't see a problem but he would like to check into it and give him an answer at the next meeting.

Mr. Nelson also asked if there is an insurance policy that covers all of the township owned properties?

Trustee David Wallace asked Mr. Nelson to just make comments.

Lisa Wilson, 22/3, stated she wanted to make sure that somebody checked with Army Corp of Engineers before the parking lot was paved at the Monkey Bar. Ms. Wilson also stated the lease contract for the Police cars is a legal way for the township to purchase vehicles over a period of time without having to claim or disclose the debt arrangement, who were we hiding the debt from and why?

Amanda Johnson, Eagle Creek Court, asked who paid for the cartoon of Mr. Warrick and if she could put up a sign during the meetings?

Becky Ehling, 5465 Zoard Road, asked if this is just a comments section, how are the residents suppose to get answers?

Trustee David Wallace said this is not going to be "stump the chump". He also stated if he had the questions beforehand, he might have been able to get the answers.

Ms. Ehling stated that public comments was meant to be a back and forth. She stated that residents have legitimate questions. Ms. Ehling stated transparency is suppose to be questions and answers.

Ken Floss, 6835 Midnight Sun, stated as a resident, before I worry about the 3 of you, or the administrator, or any of our township employees worrying about being stump the chump, I would be real aware of first amendment rights. This public forum is an opportunity for people to address the Board. The Board should welcome that. He stated this is ludicrous. He stated if he can't come here and expect answers and can't bring concerns, he doesn't want Ray's answer or Michelle's answer. Mr. Floss stated he would highly encourage the Board open up the public comments for questions and respect peoples first amendment rights.

Trustee Chris Gallagher asked Mr. Nelson if he had anything else to say?

Trustee David Wallace made a motion to close the floor to the public at 6:22 pm, and seconded by Trustee Joe Walker.

Roll call as follows:	David Wallace	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Chris Gallagher	Yes

Trustee David Wallace stated he understands there is an election coming up. What he does not want to do is turn these meetings into nothing but a campaigning event. He stated he wants to get the questions.

Police Chief, Scott Hughes gave the monthly reports for July and August for the Police Department. The total calls for July were 1,744 and for August were 1,747. The total cases for the detective for the year is 80. Out of the 80, 16 are still open, 10 are inactive, and 14 are unfound. The Police Department participated at Homerama and the Cardboard Boat Regatta. Richard Smith and Chris Kafhoulz also completed taser training. Chief Hughes recognized Sgt. Wall for saving a leg of a gentleman involved in a bad motorcycle accident.

Public Works Director, Kenny Hickey gave the monthly reports for July and August for the Fire Department. In July there were 72 engine runs and 122 EMS runs. In August there were 71 engine runs and 128 EMS runs. The transports are still running about 68%. In the month of August, there were 3 mutual aids given and 8 received. There was a Captain hiring process, ballistic training, and dry hydrant checks.

Public Works Director, Kenny Hickey gave the monthly reports for the Road, Parks, and cemeteries. The Road Department had machete mowing, ditching, saw cuts for culvert pipes, replaced culvert pipes, cleaned up debris from storms, repaired damaged curbs, trimmed trees, and repaired community garden water leak. All the parks were mowed once a week, striped front parking lot at Testerman Park, trimmed trees, repaired bathroom door, repaired and sprayed basketball court fencing. Kenny gave a breakdown of all the repairs that were made at Testerman Park and the cost.

Administrator, Ray Warrick presented the financial reports for July and August. There is 67% of the year gone and 56.3% of the revenue has been collected and 52.9% of the budget has been spent. The revenue is up \$184,000.00 compare to this time last year and expenses is \$138,000.00 less than last year. Ray stated that all department heads are actively watching their spending.

Administrator, Ray Warrick requested the Board make a motion to approve Resolution # 17-0920, authorizing and approving an increase in township appropriations to reconcile budgets for calendar year 2017 and approving a super blanket certificate.

Trustee David Wallace made the motion as stated above, and seconded by Trustee Joe Walker.

Roll call as follows:	David Wallace	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Chris Gallagher	Yes

Trustee David Wallace made a motion to allow Mark Altemeier to pave the township parking lot near the Monkey Bar at his cost and his own risk, and seconded by Trustee Joe Walker.

Roll call as follows:	David Wallace	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Chris Gallagher	Yes

Administrator, Ray Warrick requested the Board make a motion to approve Resolution # 17-0920A, authorizing and approving an increase in township appropriations to reconcile budgets for calendar year 2017, approving a super blanket certificate and authorizing the administrator to execute an agreement with KZF Design.

Trustee David Wallace made the motion as stated above, and seconded by Trustee Joe Walker.

Roll call as follows:	David Wallace	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Chris Gallagher	Yes

Administrator, Ray Warrick requested the Board make a motion to approve Resolution # 17-0920B, authorizing and approving a contract with LJB Inc. and directing the township administrator to execute the contract on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee David Wallace made the motion as stated above, and seconded by Trustee Joe Walker.

Roll call as follows:	David Wallace	Yes
	Joe Walker	Yes
	Chris Gallagher	Yes

Administrator, Ray Warrick requested the Board approve a Large Purchase Order in the amount of \$9,530.00 to LJB.

Trustee David Wallace made the motion as stated above, and seconded by Trustee Joe Walker.

Roll call as follows: David Wallace Yes
Joe Walker Yes
Chris Gallagher Yes

Administrator, Ray Warrick explained the Police car lease. It is called a municipal lease and at the end of 4 years, the township owns the cars. The township receives the title at the beginning.

Public Works Director, Kenny Hickey spoke with Matt Rose, who deals in antiques to get a value for the 1968 Fire Truck. Mr. Rose stated it would value anywhere from \$700.00 to \$1,500.00.

Law Director, Doug Miller stated if the township wants to give it away to a 5013C, it has to be advertised or it can be sold by process of a resolution.

Mr. Wallace made a motion, and seconded by Mr. Walker to enter into Executive Session to prepare for collective bargaining and review collective bargaining strategy at 6:59pm. In Executive Session were all Trustees, Administrator, and Law Director.

Roll call as follows: David Wallace Yes
Joe Walker Yes
Chris Gallagher Yes

Mr. Wallace made a motion, and seconded by Mr. Walker to come out of Executive Session at 7:20pm.

Roll call as follows: David Wallace Yes
Joe Walker Yes
Chris Gallagher Yes

Trustee David Wallace stated he may have misspoke during public comments, it was not a matter of not wanting to take questions, certainly he does want to get questions and make sure they have ample time to get the response.

With no other business at hand a motion made by Mr. Wallace with a second by Mr. Walker to adjourn at 7:20pm.

Roll call as follows: David Wallace Yes
Joe Walker Yes
Chris Gallagher Yes