

**HAMILTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**October 17, 2014**

Mr. Weber called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. with Mr. Weber, Mr. Duvelius and Mr. Wallace present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

Mr. Weber asked how the meeting was advertised. Mr. Gary Boeres, Administrator, stated it was advertised as a Special Meeting. A notice was placed on the township website, township Facebook page and a notice was sent to the Western Star Newspaper.

Mr. Weber made a motion and Mr. Wallace seconded the motion that proper advertisement was given for the Special Meeting regarding personnel issues.

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

Mr. Weber made a motion and Mr. Duvelius seconded the motion to enter into Executive Session at 12:46 p.m. to discuss possible employee discipline as well as possible appointment of a public official with Ms. Brock, Mr. Boeres, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Warrick, and the trustees.

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

Mr. Boeres noted the Board typically goes into Executive Session for personnel items related to hiring and discipline as the matters are sometime sensitive.

Mr. Weber made a motion and Mr. Duvelius seconded the motion to return from Executive Session at 1:17 p.m.

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

Mr. Weber stated in Executive Session the Board discussed possible employee discipline as well as possible appointment of a public official.

Mr. Weber made a motion and Mr. Duvelius seconded the motion to appoint an independent investigator under the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 505.38, to investigate the Fire Chief's actions involving an emergency run on Foster Maineville Road and further place the Fire Chief on paid Administrative Leave effective immediately.

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 expand the duties and authority of Police Chief Jon Wheeler to cover the Fire Department Chief position effective Monday, October 20, 2014 for the point of contact only.

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

Mr. Weber mentioned the board previously discussed the need for a Fire Department Study and will be looked at and considered when moving forward at future meetings.

Mr. Weber made a motion and Mr. Duvelius seconded the motion to appoint Mr. Brett Geary as the independent investigator to investigate the Fire Chief's actions.

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

Mr. Duvelius stated he hoped there will be a quick and fair resolution to the issue.

Mr. Wallace stated the investigation is looking into the actions of the Fire Chief and not firefighters on the scene at Foster Maineville Road. The firemen are doing a good job and this will be difficult for them and Mr. Wallace asked for the communities support as the township works through this matter.

Mr. Weber made a motion and Mr. Duvelius seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:21 p.m.

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