Hamilton Township Trustee Meeting October 2, 2024

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

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey

Joe Rozzi

Mark Sousa Absent

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 as the Official Meeting Minutes of the September 18, 2024, Trustee Meeting.

Roll call as follows: Joe Rozzi 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: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Rozzi Yes

Swearing-In Ceremony

Full-time Firefighter EMT Austin Boraten-

Austin Boraten, the youngest of three boys, was born and raised in the Cincinnati suburbs. He graduated from Archbishop Moeller High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Ohio University. In 2022, he completed the Great Oaks Fire Academy, obtaining his Fire 1&2 and EMT certifications. Since then, Austin has worked part-time for Hamilton Township Fire and Rescue and has recently transitioned to a full-time position. He takes pride in serving the community and is currently attending Paramedic School at Butler Tech, with plans to take his Paramedic registry test in August 2025. Austin aims to keep learning throughout his life and has goals in the fire service to join the Ohio Task Force and become an instructor for new firefighters. In his free time, he enjoys following sports, collecting sports cards, running, and spending time with family and friends. He was pinned by his brother Cory.

Full-time Firefighter Paramedic Luke Dressler-

Luke Dressler began his fire service career by graduating from Great Oaks Fire Academy in August 2022, earning certifications in Firefighter 2, EMT, and Hazmat Technician. He started working part-time for Hamilton Township immediately after fire school, which he credits for his professional growth. On September 6, 2023, Luke received the meritorious service award for rescuing a victim from a house fire. He recently completed paramedic school with support from his department and now works full-time as a Firefighter Paramedic. Luke thanks his family—his father Harry, mother Michele, and sister Erin—as well as close friends for their support. In his free time, he enjoys playing basketball, lifting weights, snowboarding, working on cars, and spending time with loved ones. He was pinned by Jacob Spears.

Full-time Police Officer Brian Hounshell-

Brian brings over 25 years of law enforcement experience from the Warren County Sheriff's Office, where he served as a Road Patrol Deputy, Detective, and Sergeant. After retiring, he worked in car sales but soon felt the call to return to law enforcement. We're excited to welcome Brian back into the field and proud to have him serve as a local resident of the Township!

Full-time Police Officer Tristan Burkitt –

Tristan's interest in public safety began while he was a volunteer firefighter during school. He later attended the Greene County Career Center, earning his OPOTA certificate in March 2022. After completing the Police Academy, Tristan worked as a Road Patrol Deputy with the Clinton County Sheriff's Office from 2022 to 2024.

Full-time Police Officer Cameron Baker-

Cameron Baker joins us from the Clinton County Sheriff's Office, where he began his public safety career in 2023 as a dispatcher. During his time in dispatch, Cameron realized his passion for being on the other side of the radio, prompting him to attend the Police Academy at the Greene County Career Center. After graduating, he joined the Clinton County Sheriff's Office as a deputy in March 2024.

Public Comments

Mr. Cordrey opened the floor to public comments at 6:26 pm.

Mr. Joe Walker questioned the status of the Community Center and if there is any word of when it will reopen.

Law Director Ben Yoder explained that the case is still ongoing and is proceeding according to the court's timeline.

Ms. Wilma Sanders suspects that her neighbor is operating a dispensary on Schlottman Road and is questioning whether they are permitted to do so under an agricultural exemption.

Mr. Yoder explained that an agricultural exemption is a zoning matter, while a dispensary is licensed through the state. He also noted that there is currently a moratorium in place that prohibits the sale of marijuana in Hamilton Township.

Ms. Sanders is concerned about speeding on her street, the accidents on the corner of Schlottman and State Route 48 and has requested a traffic study to see if the speed limit can be lowered or if a flashing red light can be installed to slow drivers down. She noted that there have been many accidents over the 30 years she has lived there. A similar request was made before, but she was told that there hadn't been enough fatalities to justify the changes.

Mr. Cordrey explained that the intersection of State Route 48 and Schlottman Road is a state road, but he will request the Ohio Department of Transportation to conduct a speed and traffic study.

Police Chief Hughes expressed full support for Ms. Sanders' request, though he noted that the stretch of road she is referring to has already seen a reduction in speed.

Mr. Cordrey closed the floor to public comments at 6:33 pm.

New Business

• Motion to authorize the Township Administrator to accept the proposal from The Impact Group for crisis communication training and support services in the amount of \$9,500.

Mr. Phil Hermon representing on behalf of The Impact Group gave a presentation explaining the benefits and description of their services some being:

- On "stand-by" 24/7
- Support from the Impact Group
 - Messaging, on-site coordination and support, press releases, coaching and addressing the media, strategy to heal from a crisis, and pre-event media training
- Communication training for Leadership
- Budget consideration

Mr. Cordrey questioned if they have any local clients in to which Mr. Hermon stated Miamisburg City School.

A motion was made by Mr. Cordrey, with a second by Mr. Rozzi, to authorize the Township Administrator to accept the proposal from The Impact Group for crisis communication training and support services in the amount of \$9,500.

Roll call as follows: Joe Rozzi Yes

Darryl Cordrey Yes

- Discussion with representatives of The Impact Group for Strategic Plan and Rebranding projects for the Fire Department was tabled until the November 5th regular scheduled meeting.
- Resolution No. 2024-1002A Acceptance of Rivercrest: Section Three-Phase A, Section Four-Phases A, B & C and Providence: Section Thirteen

Mr. Pelfrey stated that the Township would be adding nearly a mile of roadway to its system with the inclusion of the new streets in this acceptance.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 2024-1002A, a resolution accepting of Rivercrest: Section Three- Phase A, Section Four-Phase A, B, C and Providence: Section Thirteen.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Rozzi Yes

• Resolution No. 2024-1002B- Declaring a Nuisance and Removal of Debris

Mr. Jeff Wright said that he was in communication with the Attorney of the property owner for 1715 Amberwood Drive and asking for 30 days to bring the yard into compliance.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 2024-1002B, a resolution declaring parcel 1611454042 at 1715 Amberwood Drive a nuisance and providing for the abatement, removal, or control of said nuisance.

Roll call as follows: Joe Rozzi Yes

Darryl Cordrey Yes

 Resolution No. 2024-102C – Authorizing Private Sale of Unneeded and Unfit-For-Use Property

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 2024-0918C, a resolution authorizing private sale of unneeded and unfit-for-use property in the Police Department.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Rozzi Yes

• Resolution No. 2024- 1002D- Confirming the Appointment of Patrol Officers and Other Employees by the Hamilton Township Police District

Mr. Wright explains this resolution provides clarification that the police officers of the Hamilton Township Police District are appointed as Patrol Officers and not as police constables.

Mr. Cordrey made a motion with a second from Mr. Rozzi to approve Resolution 2024-0918D, a resolution confirming the appointment of patrol officers and other employees by the Hamilton Township Police District and dispensing with the second reading.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Rozzi Yes

Public Comments

Mr. Cordrey opened the floor to public comments at 6:56 p.m., in which there were none.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Wright provided the following updates for the Administrator's report:

- Station 76 Open House: Join us from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on October 12th. Kroger has generously donated lunch for 100 people, and Kona Ice (a resident of the township) will be offering free shaved ice for the children.
- Trunk or Treat: This event will take place at Testerman Park on October 19th.
- **Spooktacular & Fall Decorating Contest**: Registration is now open! For more details, visit the Hamilton Township website or Facebook page.
- **State Route 48 Improvement**: The final layer of asphalt is scheduled to be laid on October 9th.

Mr. Wright also extended his gratitude to the Public Works department for their quick and effective response in removing downed trees throughout the township following the impact of Hurricane Helene over the weekend.

Trustee Comments

Mr. Rozzi and Mr. Cordrey expressed their appreciation to the staff and the Public Works department for their efficient handling of the clean-up efforts during the hurricane.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Cordrey made a motion, with a second from Mr. Rozzi, to adjourn at 6:59 p.m.

Roll call as follows: Darryl Cordrey Yes

Joe Rozzi Yes