President John Cottrill called the May 15, 2024, meeting to order at 9:02 AM at the Fire House.

Roll Call: John Cottrill Present

Gary Hopkins Present Larry Kellough Present

Motion by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to approve the April 9, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes, and the May 6, Special Meeting Minutes.

Vote: John Cottrill Yes

Gary Hopkins Yes Larry Kellough Yes

Motion by Larry Kellough, second by Gary Hopkins to approve payment of the April 2024 bills.

Vote: Larry Kellough Yes

Gary Hopkins Yes
John Cottrill Yes

Guests

Resident Brett Clark. Clark questioned the board about the missing mini refrigerators that were in question a couple months prior; Cottrill stated that it has been solved and that the money is going into the fire fund. Brett and the Trustees also briefly discussed the bridge replacement by the County on Beatty road, Clark thought the replacement was coming in 2025, but the Trustees stated that it will be this year (2024).

Resident Betty Kohn. Kohn talked about the dust control and potholes along Turner Road. She stated that the potholes are loosening the wheels on her car and are a tripping hazard. She mentioned that big trucks are causing the problem. Kohn then asked how Chester Hill Road got paved and Turner isn't. Cottrill said he would take a look at it.

Trebel Energy's Larry Taylor. Taylor asked the board to make a motion to put electrical aggregation back on the ballot. He presented the board with similar information that he did the previous year (he proposed this last year and the board moved to proceed and signed the resolution, but it was voted down at the poles), and gave the board a sample resolution. The board was in favor of the idea and proceeded with the resolution.

1) **Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough to approve the resolution to put electrical aggregation back on the ballot.

Vote: Gary Hopkins Yes

Larry Kellough Yes John Cottrill Yes

OTARMA Rep Dustin Gillis. Gillis went over the Township's current insurance policy and gave examples of what were covered for, he also noted that we have protection in excess of the Twp equipment. He went on to mention that we have liability coverage up to 3 million. Haines asked if we would be covered for the \$725 we had to pay for a grave stone base that we damaged last month, and Gillis said that we wouldn't be because our deductible is \$1000.

Fire Department Business - Chief Larry Cuckler

- 2) Chief Cuckler started by saying that he would like the board to hire Heather Fields as an EMT B part time and Alicia Smith as an EMT B/FF1 part time.
- 3) **Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to approve the hiring of Heather Fields EMT B and Alicia Smith EMT B/FF2 to the Huntington FD part time crew.

Vote: John Cottrill Yes

Gary Hopkins Yes Larry Kellough Yes

- 4) Cuckler presented the board with the following purchase req's: \$218.18 for hood shocks for the old squad, \$42.88 to reimburse Austin Depugh for 2 boxes of DEF fluid he purchased, \$346 for valves and fittings for the brush truck, \$4000 for a new electric controller for the new fire truck, \$700 for 3 Landfall life vests, and \$300 for plastic tags for the fire helmets
- 5) **Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to approve the purchase req's presented by Chief Cuckler.

Vote: Gary Hopkins Yes

John Cottrill Yes Larry Kellough Yes

6) Cuckler asked Haines to send him the bill we were sent from Scioto Twp for their runs in our Twp for the Month of April.

Trustee Business

- 7) Cottrill discussed the provided 911 resolution and felt that we should disprove it because it is vague, and we are already doing it with the contracts we have in place.
- 8) **Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to disprove the 911 resolution.

Vote: John Cottrill Yes
Gary Hopkins Yes
Larry Kellough Yes

- 9) Haines presented the board with mutual aid agreements that were decided to be drafted in a previous meeting, the agreements were for Buckskin, Colerain, Concord, Deerfield, Franklin, Green, Harrison, Jefferson, Liberty, Paxton, Springfield, Union Townships, Paint Creek Fire District, the Village of Bainbridge, and the City of Chillicothe (mutual aid agreements are already in place for Twin and Scioto). Hopkins mentioned that it's "...something we got to do." And Cottrill mentioned that "We're going there anyways, we might as well get paid for it.".
- 10) **Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough to approve the sending of mutual aid agreements to Buckskin, Colerain, Concord, Deerfield, Franklin, Green, Harrison, Jefferson, Liberty, Paxton, Springfield, Union Townships, Paint Creek Fire District, the Village of Bainbridge, and the City of Chillicothe.

Vote: Gary Hopkins Yes Larry Kellough Yes

John Cottrill Yes

- 11) Cottrill briefly discussed the EPA & Solid waste resolution discussed at last month's meeting and said that he thinks we need to approve it.
- 12) **Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to approve the provided resolution for the EPA & Solid Waste resolution.

13). Vote Gary Hopkins Yes

John Cottrill Yes Larry Kellough Yes

- 14) The two sealed bids we received for the resurfacing projects were opened, one bid was from Geauga Highway, and the other from SC Construction. Geauga Highway's bid was \$285,000 and SC Construction's was \$238,000.
- 15) **Motion** by Larry Kellough, second by John Cottrill to accept the bid of SC Construction for \$238,000.

Vote: Larry Kellough Yes

John Cottrill Yes Gary Hopkins Yes

- 16) Cottrill stated that the FD has applied for union recognition for a 3rd time now, and mentioned "...don't think that a union will be good for the township.", and says that we will "...negotiate in good faith.". Cottrill continued to say that he would like for union meetings to be held elsewhere, and stated that the use of Township facilities is to be decided by the Trustees.
- 17) **Motion** by John Cottrill, second by Gary Hopkins to decide that the use of Township facilities is to be approved/decided by the Trustees.

Vote: John Cottrill Yes

Gary Hopkins Yes Larry Kellough Yes

18) **Motion** by Larry Kellough, second by John Cottrill to approve the purchase orders from the previous month.

Vote: John Cottrill Yes

Gary Hopkins Yes Larry Kellough Yes

- 19) Cottrill begins discussion Floral Hills and mentions that we will soon be meeting with the Prosecutor for further discussion. He then said that "HNB had no business in this court hearing.", and said that people are contacting the Trustees several times a day asking about the mowing. Cottrill also expressed that "We can't do anything until the deed is in our hands.", and expressed that he wasn't happy that HNB could get up to \$54,000 of the Pre-need fund.
- 20) Cottrill begins discussing culverts replacements coming up on Deboard, Grubb, Beatty, and Arrowood Roads. Kellough expressed his concerns for a culvert on Minney Hill that the county will have to help us with, and Cottrill mentions that he's worried about the road washing out due to the logging that just took place adjacent to the roadway.
- 21) The resolution of requesting certification of the County Auditor for the 1 mil continuous replacement levy is brought up by Haines, and Cottrill says that we will provide a cost per \$100,000 to us, and Hopkins stated that "We have no choice." In reference to the levy.
- 22) **Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough approve the resolution of requesting certification of the County Auditor for the 1 mil continuous replacement levy.

Vote: Gary Hopkins Yes
Larry Kellough Yes
John Cottrill Yes

23) Haines brings up the three reallocations he had made since the last meeting. GF: \$500 from 1000-330-420 operating supplies to 1000-120-323 repairs and maintenance. FF: \$3042.9 from workers compensation 2111-230-230 to property insurance 2111-220-381, \$607.45 from repairs and maintenance 2111-230-323 to training services 211-230-318, and \$5000 from repairs and maintenance 2111-230-323 to contracted services 2111-230-360.

24) **Motion** by Gary Hopkins, second by Larry Kellough approve the reallocations made by Haines.

Vote:

Gary Hopkins Yes
Larry Kellough Yes
John Cottrill Yes

25) Motion by Gary Hopkins, second by John Cottrill to adjourn the meeting at 10:59 AM.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins John Cottrill	Yes Yes	
	Larry Kellough	Yes	
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