

HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 10, 2019

President Daniel Mathuews called the April 10, 2019 meeting to order at 5:34 P.M. at the Township Fire House.

Roll Call: Daniel Mathuews Present
Gary Hopkins Present
Larry Kellough Present

Motion by Daniel Mathuews, seconded by Larry Kellough, to approve the Regular March 2019 minutes.

Vote: Daniel Mathuews Yes
Larry Kellough Yes
Gary Hopkins Yes

Motion by Daniel Mathuews, seconded by Larry Kellough, to approve payment of March 2019 bills.

Vote: Daniel Mathuews Yes
Larry Kellough Yes
Gary Hopkins Yes

GUEST: Tristen Carter, Assistant Fire Chief, approached the Board to ask for approval of eight (8) purchase requisitions, as follows:

#1 Physio Control	\$4,514	3-year service plan for 5 AEDs
#2 Sam's Club	\$1,500	2 computers & Office software (forestry grant)
#3 B&C Communications	\$3,422	6 MARCS pagers (1/2 covered by grant)
#4 Fire Programs	\$1,484	Software for web based support/updates
#5 Cutright Total Maint	\$594	Repairs on pick-up
#6 Waverly Tire	\$1195.95	tires & pressure sensors '08 Suburban
#7 Scioto Shoe Mart	\$399	3 pairs of work boots
#8 Fastenal	\$580	lockers for FT employees

After discussion, regarding the requisition for Physio Control's service of the AEDs, and consideration that the FD has utilized them for 15 years without problem, the following motion was made:

Motion by Daniel Mathuews, seconded by Gary Hopkins to approve all purchase requisitions except for the Physio Control service for the AEDs.

Vote: Daniel Mathuews Yes
Gary Hopkins Yes
Larry Kellough Yes

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- Assistant Chief Carter asked the Board to approve a project to purchase equipment needed by the fire department. Total costs \$11,232; our share \$3,741 if a grant is awarded by South Central Power.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Larry Kellough to approve the project, grant submission, and the commitment of the Township's share of the project.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes
	Daniel Mathuews	Yes

- Assistant Chief Carter asked the Board to approve the hiring of John Phillip Norton at \$9 an hour to the Paid Part-time crew at the FD. He is a FF2 and enrolled in an EMTB class.

Motion by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Daniel Mathuews to approve hiring John Phillip Norton at \$9 an hour to the paid, part-time crew.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Daniel Mathuews	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

- Fiscal Officer Snyder discussed her concern with firefighters/EMTs scheduled to work before a) they have been hired by the Board and b) new employee paperwork has not been remitted for payroll purposes. Recently two people have worked, and Snyder has been unable to pay them; one person has waited 6 weeks. Snyder asked the Board to approve a rule that no person should work until both conditions have been met. If approved, she will send a letter to leadership at the Fire Department clearly stating this rule. The potential for issues with the DOL, retirement contributions, etc. is too high to run this risk.

Motion by Daniel Mathuews, seconded by Gary Hopkins to approve the requirements as laid out above before a person may be placed on the schedule and work hours.

Vote:	Daniel Mathuews	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

- Fiscal Officer Snyder informed the Board that Medicount, our EMS 3rd party biller, will lower their fee from 8% to 6.5% if we would extend our contract for three more years.

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Motion by Daniel Mathuews, seconded by Larry Kellough to extend Medicount's contract in order to secure the lower fee.

Vote: Daniel Mathuews Yes
Larry Kellough Yes
Gary Hopkins Yes

Motion by Daniel Mathuews, seconded by Larry Kellough to purchase 2 new push mowers from Sugarloaf Equipment for mowing Huntington Township cemetery.

Vote: Daniel Mathuews Yes
Larry Kellough Yes
Gary Hopkins Yes

The Board received and opened 3 bids for mowing Township cemeteries for 2019; as follows:

Name	Lot 1	Lot 2
Travis Stratten	\$7,300	\$6,200
Justin Depugh	\$6,500	\$6,500
Robert E Estep	\$5,230	\$5,035 (Big E's Skid Loading and Landscaping, LLC)

Motion by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Larry Kellough to accept the bid of Robert Estep, Big E's Skid Loading and Landscaping LLC.

Vote: Gary Hopkins Yes
Larry Kellough Yes
Daniel Mathuews Yes

Snyder asked the Board to approve the following appropriations, certifications, de-certifications, etc.:

Fire Fund

1. At the beginning of the year I did not fully appropriate resources available in our Fire Fund. At this time, I would like to appropriate \$25,000 in 2111.230.190.0000 Other – Salaries and \$10,000 in 2111.220.215 Ohio Police & Fire Pension Fund for a total of \$35,000.

Road & Bridge Fund

1. Please certify \$84,346.75 into 2031.971.0000 Other Debt Proceeds.
 - a. This resource is an exact loan from Vinton County National Bank.
2. Appropriate \$84,346.75 into 2031.760.740 Machinery, Equipment, and Furniture.
3. Decertify \$15,699.01 in 2031.101.0000 General Property Tax Real Estate
 - a. These funds need to be moved to the Debt Service Fund for the 9/2019 payment
4. Reduce the appropriate in 2031.330.420 Operating Supplies by \$17,000.

Debt Service Fund

1. Certify \$15,699.01 into 3904.101.0000 General Property Tax Real Estate
2. Appropriate \$14,057.79 into 3904.820.820 Principal Payments Notes and \$1,641.22 into 3904.830.830 Interest Payments.

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Motion by Gary Hopkins, seconded by Daniel Mathuews to approve the changes to our estimated resources for 2019 and appropriations as laid out above.

Vote:	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Daniel Mathuews	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

Several guests appeared before the Board to discuss Easterday Road. Dialog captured is not verbatim; more the basic thoughts and concerns of those appearing.

Jason Stulley – a resident on Easterday Rd for 15 years. He had heard that the Board planned to permanently close the road due to the slipping hillside and asked what the Board’s plans are, rather than listen to rumor. Neighbors have told him that the road would be permanently closed. He asked about the size of the Township’s right-away (which is 40 ft) and asked if the road could be moved. He wants to road open.

Phillip Valez – a resident on Easterday Rd. His main concern is the hazardous condition at the top of Easterday Road created by a very narrow road. He feels it is just very dangerous. He referred to the corner near the old Gibson store, and then another area right before the hill where barrels with cement are situated. He referenced orange cones, along with a bull dozer in the right-away. He took numerous pictures, made measurements, and printed records from the county auditor’s website to support his case that it is only 12’ from the center of the road, not 20’ as it legally should be. Valez referenced also the church below Huntington Schools on a corner along St Rt 772 that has been hit numerous times and one person was killed a few years ago. His statement is that just because someone has not been killed or seriously injured in that area of Easterday Road does not mean that it will never happen. Valez has proactively petitioned the county and state about putting a guard rail up alongside the church on St Rt 772, calling it a preservation project. He appreciates that the Board put up the stop signs and cones to slow traffic, but told about a time that he broke down, pulled off to the side of the road in that area and was approached by a person holding a shot gun wanting to know why he was stopped there. He requested a plot map; FO Snyder will look into that request. Valez passed out copies of his presentation; the FO has maintained a copy on file. One of his solutions is to straighten up the top end. He did talk to Doug Corcoran, a county commissioner, he told him he needed to work with his trustees.

Brett Gibson – a resident of Easterday Rd who owns the home that used to be the store. He stated his desire to work with the trustees for resolution to the problems, but that obviously the house cannot be moved. He asked that it be obvious what line cannot be crossed. Has there been a survey to determine pin placement?

Gary Hopkins – trustee – shared that the Board has submitted for grants offered by FEMA that have been made available because the area was declared a disaster area with the rain, flooding, and slippages. Estimated a \$1,000,000 to repair the hill on Easterday Road. The Board’s #1 priority in 2018 was to chip and seal as many miles of Township road as possible.

Larry Kellough – trustee – expressed how the Board dislikes that residents are going around the Board and to county officials with their concerns and complaints. Asked the people in this discussion to please take the right steps – which means to come to the Board and give them a chance to work.

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Frank – a resident on Easterday Road. He has attended a meeting before and it is his desire that the road be permanently closed. He stated that another guy by Brett’s property is concerned we will take part of his property in trying to improve the safety of that area.

Daniel Mathuews – trustee – said that a solution could be to scoot the road towards the concrete road. He said that we had Charlie (Ortman, County Engineer) out 6 years ago to look at the situation, and he wanted \$50k to help us. He also said that “Smith” is willing to give us his corner.

There was discussion of taking the “knob” off and accessing “Doug’s” driveway.

GUEST: Betty Kane of Turner Road came before the Board to discuss the terrible condition of Turner Road. The Board promised to take a look very soon.

GUEST: Jason of DT B Distributors. His company has no memberships, minimums, or contracts. They are open to the public from 10 to 5 and located on Mulberry Street. Headquartered in Lebanon, Ohio. He stated that they are a reliable source with a good system of providing cleaning products, paper products, dispensers etc. They have worked with other townships in the area: Paxton, Union, Scioto, and Chillicothe and have provided cost savings. He exhibited a Kimberly Clark towel dispenser, soap dispensers, insecticides to prevent bed bugs, defoggers to sanitize our squads, among many other products. They seek to educate their customers about the chemicals in their products. Both the FD and the Trustees will meet with him and try out some of his company’s products.

General items under discussion:

- March 2019 Run Statistics: 83 total calls of which 78 were EMS for which we answered 76 of them. 7 were fire calls and we answered 100% of those. Record month for responses!
- The Township crew that responding to a call received high praise from Bryan Smith for their attitude, team work, and skills. Our appreciation to Price, Oates, Oyer, Pollock, and Wessel.
- The Board discussed their plan to being ditching Seelig Lane; residents were notified by mail last fall.
- The Board will maintain the old dump trunk and take bids on it. Minimum bid is \$18,000. A new motor was installed last winter by Glockner.
- The Board discussed the County-wide EMS meeting on April 4th. The statement stands – if we are dispatched for mutual aid, we will respond. There is a need for more discussion regarding station coverage.
- Karen Gibson’s water problems have been resolved; she had the ditch dug back out.

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Motion by Daniel Mathuews, seconded by Gary Hopkins, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

Vote:	Daniel Mathuews	Yes
	Gary Hopkins	Yes
	Larry Kellough	Yes

ATTESTED:

President

Vice President

Member

Fiscal Officer