

Trustee Regular Meeting
November 15, 2022

Chairman Augustine called the meeting of the Hinckley Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:33 p.m. on November 15, 2022. Present were Trustees Augustine, Ascherl and Swedyk, Fiscal Officer Catherwood, Service Superintendent Mike Behary and Fire Chief Grossenbaugh. 12 residents attended in person.

All present pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. Augustine made a motion to approve the following sets of meeting minutes:

- October 18, 2022 Regular Meeting, as amended
- November 1, 2022 Regular Meeting, as amended

Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

POLICE

Mr. Swedyk made a motion to approve the following Educational/Travel expenses:

1. Ptl. Parente to attend “Women in Command”, hosted by the Wadsworth Police Department on February 7-8, 2023 at a total cost of \$359.00
2. Ptl. Palya to attend Drive Team’s “Emergency Response Operations Course” on November 3, 2022 at a total cost of \$295.00. This was a time-sensitive request previously approved by Trustee Swedyk
3. Detective Kinney to attend Street Cop Training’s “Social Media and Open-Source Investigations” on November 21, 2022 at a total cost of \$225.00

Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Chief Centner informed the Trustees about the following:

- He has looked into a speed study to assess the current speed limit established by the State of Ohio on Ridge Road where the new elementary school is located. Since the area does not fit the definition of an “urban district” it is unlikely a speed study will alter the current speed limit established. He added that the area is currently patrolled by the Hinckley Police Department to assure speed limits are followed.
- ODOT is pursuing a round-a-bout at the intersection of 606 and Ridge Road in order to reduce accidents. Based on the information he has received the project will be completed within the next five years, it is currently in the design phase.

Ms. Augustine discussed a request to place additional cross traffic signage at the intersection of Weymouth and Stony Hill. These are not Township roads and signage will be installed by the State/County entities that have roadway jurisdiction.

FIRE

Ms. Ascherl made a motion to rescind a June 7, 2022 motion to purchase three radio straps and three carrying cases from Motorola at a cost of \$241.20. Swedyk second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Ascherl made a motion approving the purchase of three radio straps and three carrying cases from Amazon. Swedyk second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Ascherl made a motion to amend a previous W.W. Williams B-schedule total service (062122- \$5250.00) at a revised cost not to exceed \$6,120.84 due to emergency repairs required during the B-schedule service. Swedyk second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Ascherl made a motion to move FF Matthew Marinella from \$14.35 per hour to his non-probationary rate of \$15.75, per the Organizational Minutes, effective immediately. Swedyk second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Ascherl made a motion to hire Firefighter/Paramedic Victor Ughrin at a rate of \$14.35 per hour with a probationary period of one-year, effective immediately. Swedyk second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Ascherl made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 6:48 p.m. to discuss the appointment of personnel. Swedyk second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Augustine made a motion to adjourn out of Executive Session at 7:04. Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Ascherl made a motion to appoint Shawn Barret as interim Assistant Chief effective immediately at a rate of \$20.00 per hour. Swedyk second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Ascherl made a motion to rescind an 8/16/22 motion to Cummins Sales and Service for repairs in the amount of \$1,224.34. The necessary repairs were found to be under warranty. Swedyk second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Due to some clarification required to the Fire Department Bonus Incentive language;

Ms. Ascherl made a motion to adopt **Resolution 111522-01**, which amends Resolution #062122-02 to enact a bonus incentive for the fire department shift members as follows: Any member in good standing that work an additional (3) 12-hour shifts per quarter will receive a 5% bonus for the time that they worked for that quarter. Any member in good standing that work an additional (6) 12-hour shifts will receive a 7% bonus for the time that they worked during the quarter. Augustine second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Chief Grossenbaugh added that there will be a Hinckley Firemen's Association Santa Sleigh event on December 18, 2022. More information can be obtained on the Association's Facebook page.

Chief Grossenbaugh informed the Trustees that the recent live burn training was a success.

SERVICE

Mr. Swedyk made a motion to approve an emergency repair to Unit 13 through Valley Truck Center at a cost of \$2,346.59. Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Mr. Swedyk made a motion to approve the replacement of the door operator in door number 19 through A.S.A.P. Door Company Inc. at a cost of \$1,490.00. Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Mr. Behary informed the Trustees he has received a quote on a Ford 750 from Liberty Ford that lists the same terms, conditions and specifications at a lower price than the State bid price. He recommends the Trustees forward a motion to approve this purchase.

Mr. Swedyk made a motion to adopt **Resolution #111522-04** , to purchase a 2023 Ford F750 from Liberty Ford at a total cost of \$135,422.00. Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Mr. Swedyk complimented Mr. Behary on his efforts to locate this vehicle and added that it beat the State bid pricing by approximately \$40,000.00 and that the vehicle is ready now as opposed to current builds which are estimated at two years out.

Mr. Behary informed the Trustees that the Bethany Lane concrete project is completed and looks great and that he has met with North Royalton to discuss the shared maintenance of Boston Road. Additionally, he is working with the Medina County Engineers Office to notify residents on Lyonswood Road whose driveways are not in compliance with County specifications.

ZONING

The Trustees reviewed and signed a lot split on River Road (Pope/Van Duesen property)

Ms. Augustine made a motion to accept the resignation of Zoning Commission member Bill Spellman effective December 31, 2022. Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Mr. Spellman had previously been appointed to fulfill the term of Bruce Schneider who passed away in 2021.

Ms. Augustine made a motion to post the opening for the Zoning Commission member through December 9th. Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Augustine made a motion to schedule a Trustee Public Hearing regarding a zoning text and map amendment proposal on December 6, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Augustine informed the Trustees that she, Zoning Inspector Wilson, Fire Chief Grossenbaugh and Zoning Commission Chair Fisher had met with a Medina County Prosecutor's Office representative and Medina County Engineering staff regarding the West 13th senior housing facility entrance. It was agreed that the proposed sidewalk addition modification site plan would be forwarded to the Zoning Commission for approval or denial. This modification will increase the proposed sidewalk width so that pavement can be included in the necessary vehicle access radius.

TRUSTEES

Ms. Ascherl discussed with the Trustees her desire to appropriate ARPA funds toward 2023 roadwork and utilize surplus General Fund revenue for a Capital Improvement "wish list". The surplus could be used to fund improvements like rooftop solar on Township buildings and improvements to the old fire station bay areas. Mr. Swedyk stated he supports this idea and would like to see townhall parking lot maintenance and repairs added to the "wish list". Ms. Augustine stated she may support this idea as long as extending the waterline was part of the discussion.

Ms. Augustine made a motion to adopt **Resolution 111522-02** , authorizing the sale of materials to Hinckley Township by Medina County. Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

The Trustees further discussed requesting ODOT undertake a speed study at the new Hinckley Elementary School on Ridge Road. A consensus was reached on requesting the study, acknowledging that it would be unlikely to result in a reduction in the posted speed limit.

Ms. Augustine proposed holding another work session to review and discuss the updated Hinckley Township Non-union Employees Handbook draft. It was decided to schedule a work session at 4:00 p.m. on November 22, 2022.

Ms. Augustine made a motion to purchase holiday decorations in the amount of \$175.00. Swedyk second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Augustine made a motion to appropriate \$2,000 to the Medina County SPCA for an annual fair-share contribution. Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH- yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

FISCAL OFFICER

Mrs. Catherwood stated the fund status is \$6,412,760.00.

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Ms. Ascherl made a motion to contract with Charles E. Harris & Associates to prepare the 2022 and 2023 Hinckley Township Notes to the Financial Statement, as follows:

2022 - \$525.00 and 2023 - \$575.00

Augustine second. Vote: ASCH-yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Ms. Ascherl made a motion to pay the annual Amazon Business Prime fee in the amount of \$179.00. Augustine second. Vote: ASCH-yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Mr. Swedyk made a motion to adopt **Resolution 111522-03** as follows:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE **AMENDED** AMOUNTS AND RATES
AS DETERMINED BY THE
BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES
AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of HINCKLEY Township, MEDINA County, Ohio, in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1st, 2023 and WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of MEDINA County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill limitation; therefore, be it RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of HINCKLEY Township, MEDINA County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said Township the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation; and be it further RESOLVED, That the Fiscal Officer of this Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of Said County. Augustine second. Vote: ASCH-yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Mr. Swedyk made a motion to pay the bills/payroll in the amount \$335,336.49. Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH-yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

Mr. Swedyk made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss employee compensation at 7:52 p.m. Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH-yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

The Trustees adjourned out of Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. with no decision being made.

PUBLIC

Ridge Road resident Richard Beck expressed his concern as to ODOT installing a round-a-bout at the intersection of Ridge and 606. He feels this project will reduce his property value and he encouraged the Trustees to contact ODOT and object to the devaluation of adjacent properties.

Ms. Augustine made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Ascherl second. Vote: ASCH-yes, S-yes, AUG-yes

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The Board reviewed and signed purchase orders, payroll and bills.
