



Hambden HIGHLIGHTS

Spring 2022



Looking to Help Serve Your Community?

The Hambden Township Trustees are seeking residents interested in helping serve their community by serving on the following Boards and Committee:

- **Hambden Zoning Board of Appeals (alternate)**
- **Hambden Park Board**
- **Annual Community Picnic Committee**

Please submit your letters of interest to the Township Office.



Fire Chief Scott Hildenbrand, Trustee Keith McClintock, Trustee Pam Carson, Trustee Paul Molan and Fiscal Officer Mike Romans

Hambden Welcomes a New Township Trustee: Pam Carson!

Hello Neighbors! I am truly excited to be recently appointed as Hambden Township Trustee.

Following a career in Financial Services Executive Management, Non-Profit and Small business leadership and currently working for Leadership Geauga County as the Heritage Program Director (for retirees), this opportunity represents fulfillment of my next goal: to engage in public service. I am deeply committed to Public Service in the community in which I live.

Having moved to Hambden from Bainbridge in 2014, I share with residents an appreciation for the unique rural quality of Hambden Township. I look forward to meeting more of you at community events such as Hambden Trash Day, the Memorial Day parade, the Hambden Community Picnic and

around our Township. I am especially interested in helping to bring to fruition recommendations within the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Your comments served as the foundation for the recommendations in the Plan and remain important. I welcome and encourage your current and future insights; therefore, please feel free to connect with me via phone or email, or out and about in our community!

While this Trustee opportunity arose from the disappointment of Scott Yamamoto's resignation, we are fortunate to have Scott remain close through his service on the Zoning Committee. His love for Hambden Township and his reputation as a "doer" will thankfully find new ways of expression in Hambden Township!

Pam Carson

From the Desk of Fire Chief Scott Hildenbrand



First, I would like to thank Scott Yamamoto (former Trustee) for his dedication to the Township. Scott was the first Trustee to attend our citizens fire academy. He told me that he learned a lot about how the fire department operates and what it is like to be a firefighter. Scott was always supportive of the Fire Department and it was great to have him here. I would also like to congratulate Pam Carson for joining the Hambden Township Board of Trustees. I look forward to working with her in the coming years.

Well, we made it through 2021 with many obstacles. We continue to protect our fire fighters, EMTs and Medics from the virus. It has changed how we do business. Our members are dedicated to protecting everyone they come in contact with and have done a very good job of it. We worked with the Health Department, University Hospital Geauga and the Township Trustees to make many changes. We continue to provide the best service we can. I have to note that we have had very few chimney fires in Hambden Township. I want to thank the residents for cleaning their chimneys and keeping them safe.

Spring is coming it always does. We look forward to seeing everyone this summer when the warm weather arrives. Please be safe.

Your Fire Department

We had another record year for calls for service. We received 860 calls in 2021 – compared to 743 calls in 2020. We responded to 550 EMS calls and 310 Fire calls. We had 112 overlapping calls (more than one call at the same time). The busiest day of the week in 2021 was Wednesdays with 130 calls. Tuesdays had the least number of calls with 105 calls. The busiest time was Wednesdays between 6pm and 7pm with 16 calls for the year during that time. Our calls continue to increase but our group of dedicated members continue to answer these calls in a professional manner. We are very proud of them.

In an effort to get back to normal, we will continue to sponsor the following: Easter Egg Hunt at the Township Park on April 16, Mother's Day rib dinner on May 8, and pancakes at the fire station on Memorial Day, May 30. Our Clam/Steak bakes this year will be Sept. 17 and Oct. 15. We love to see our residents come to your fire station. We will continue CPR classes at the Fire Station and fire prevention throughout the Township.

This year we will be updating the computers in the fire trucks and ambulances. We continue to advance training for our members, replacing our alerting system (paid for with a grant to the Sheriff's Office), and updating paging equipment (paid for with a Federal grant). We were fortunate last year to replace our Turnout Gear, racks and one vehicle with COVID funds. We partnered with five other Fire Departments on a Federal grant and replaced all our radios. The grant match was 10%. We received almost \$140,000 worth of new radios in all of our vehicles along with portable radios. When we got our new radios, we gave the older ones to the Road Department. We will continue to apply for grants to replace equipment.

Township Fiscal Officer's Report

2021 was a challenging year for Hambden Township. One of our part-time summer employees was killed in a tragic motorcycle accident in July. Our Road Superintendent retired in November, and one of our Trustees resigned to avoid a potential conflict of interest with the county. All of these people will be greatly missed as we move forward in the coming months. I would like to thank our full time Road Department employees, Steve Wolcott (superintendent), Dan Brazis,

Bob Hall and Tim Bowling for their hard work in keeping the roads clear during the winter. They do an outstanding job of maintaining our roads. Please pay attention when you see them on the roads and keep them safe.

Hambden Township has received the first of two payments from the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$247,003. A fund has been established to keep the money separate from the other revenue funds. These funds can only be used in ac-

cordance with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) guidelines. An example would be: To provide government services affected by a revenue reduction due to a public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency. One use of the funds being considered is for the William's Road culvert replacement and other culvert work to help repair and replace aging infrastructure.

—Mike Romans, Fiscal Officer

Winter is Still with Us!

Late winter/early spring often brings with it heavy lake effect snows – which can be deep at times. Please remember to secure your mailboxes to the post and make sure your post is sturdy to withstand pushed snow. Remember, the Township is not responsible for mailboxes knocked down by the snow coming off the plow.

Remember property owners AND contractors - please do NOT plow across the roads and do not pile snow in the cul-de-sacs.



Memorial Day
2022

This year will mark the return of the Memorial Day parade, service and pancake breakfast! Our parade will kick off at the Sunoco Plaza at 9 am on May 30. Feel free to bring your classic car, tractor or truck. The Great Geauga County Fair Band, the Hambden Road Crew, and the Fire Department will be there.

The parade will run from the Sunoco plaza to the Hambden Congregational Church. After the parade join us for the Memorial Day service at the Hambden Congregational Church followed by the reading of the names at the Hambden Veteran's Memorial at around 10 a.m. The VFW Chardon Post 6519 will be present to honor the fallen.

The Hambden Fire Department will host a pancake breakfast at the Fire Department immediately following.

Hambden Park News

The landscape plan for the park detention basin has been approved and will move forward in 2022. A selection of native plantings will be installed in the spring, and a woodscape barrier will be constructed in front of the detention basin and along the eastern side.

Before the pandemic the Board was in contact with the Chardon High School art class to paint murals on the baseball field dugouts. Regrettably, due to the pandemic, the endeavor did not materialize. We would still like to go ahead with the project this spring and are looking for a resident who would like to lend their artistic ability to assist with the renderings. The materials to complete the project will be paid by the Township.

The mild December weather brought a lot of dog walkers to the park. Unfortunately, there has been a problem with walkers not picking up their dog's waste. When visiting and enjoying the park it is up to each dog owner to be part of the solution and not part of the problem when it comes to picking up after their dogs. We plan to install 2 more dog stations this year and try to keep the stations supplied with waste bags - but be prepared and bring bags with you.

There are several openings on the Park Board for residents. The Park Board meets once a month April-November. Residents who are interested in volunteering their service are asked to contact the township office.

Pavilion reservations for this year begin on April 15th. Reservation forms are available on the township website www.hambdentownship.com or by calling (440) 286-4364 ext. 7.

From the Zoning Office

The Hambden Township Zoning Resolution contains a section that provides rules relating specifically to temporary structures and uses. This section covers all three districts- residential, commercial, and industrial. Common, infrequent events such as garage sales are permitted without the need for a permit. Temporary signs relating to sales or seasonal events are also permitted but come with size and time restrictions. Temporary retail sales may be permitted but are limited in time and location and require a specific permit to be issued. Political signs related to candidates for public office or public issues are permitted so long as they're not in the right-of-way, public property, or on telephone poles. Please contact the zoning office with any questions.

– Richard (RJ) Acquaviva, Zoning Inspector

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Meeting Dates at the Township Hall

Trustees:

First & Third Wednesday of the Month
6:30 p.m.

Zoning Commission:

First Monday of the Month
6:00 p.m.

Hambden Resident



Spring Trash Day

Spring Trash Day is being 75% funded by a grant received from the Ohio EPA. The grant totaled \$8,000 (for the fall 2021 and spring 2022 Trash Days). This year's Spring Trash Day will take place on April 30th from 8 am to 1 pm. Please see our website for full Trash Day Guidelines.

The format will remain the same:

Please stay in your vehicle, have ID ready, soft-sided furniture and mattresses should be wrapped, no liquid paints or hazardous materials, no fluorescent bulbs. Tires are accepted at the spring Trash Day ONLY. A shredding service will also be present for a portion of that time (more details to come – please watch the website for updates).

Hambden Township Calendar of Events

APRIL 16: (Hambden Park)
Hambden Fire Department
Annual Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL 30: Hambden Annual
Spring Trash Day (8am – 1pm)

MAY 8: Mother's Day Rib Dinner

MAY 30: Memorial Day Parade and Service

MAY 30: Hambden Fire Department
Pancake Breakfast

JULY 30: Community Movie Night in the Park

AUGUST 14:
Hambden Community Picnic RETURNS!

