

Hiram Township

Regular Meeting May 17, 2011

Present: Ms. Schulda, Mr. Pancost, Mr. Bosma.

Chairman Pancost opened the meeting with the reading of the minutes of the May 3, 2011 meeting which were approved as read.

Mr. Brewer, Fiscal Officer, said the Bureau of Workers Comp audit was conducted on Friday May 13, 2011 and completed without any findings.

Ms. Schulda made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Mr. Bosma seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ms. Schulda AYE, Mr. Pancost AYE, Mr. Bosma AYE. The Board went into executive session at 7:07 P.M.

The Board returned to regular session at 7:31 P.M. Ms. Schulda made a motion to hire Ms. Diane Rodhe as Fiscal Officer starting July 1, 2011. Mr. Bosma seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ms. Schulda AYE, Mr. Bosma AYE, Mr. Pancost AYE.

Resolution # 2011-18 to hire Ms. Diane Rodhe to be Fiscal Officer starting July 1, 2011 has passed.

Chairman Pancost thanked everyone who applied for the position of Fiscal Officer.

Old Business: Ms. Schulda said a meeting will be held on June 15, 2011 with Mr. Steiner, the Village of Hiram and Hiram College representatives to discuss a trash hauling contract. All parties are invited to share their thoughts and perhaps agree on a common contract that may save some money for all involved but the Township will proceed independently if no agreement is reached.

Ms. Schulda met with the County engineer to discuss the bonding of gas well drillers. The bonding agreement was also discussed with the County Prosecutors office which had some concerns that need to be addressed.

Ms. Schulda met with Mr. Reitz, Hiram Village Attorney related to the 2% income tax issue. No meeting has yet been set by the Village to discuss this issue further.

The annexation issue has been ruled in favor of the Township by the County Commissioners. The Village of Hiram and the College have 30 days to file an appeal.

Mr. Pancost met with Portage Planning personnel to discuss the hosting of festivals in the Township. The Planning Committee will look into the concept and make some recommendations to the Township that would in some way monitor and regulate this activity in the future.

The Planning Commission is also looking at the Township zoning regulations concerning accessory buildings for clarification. Recommendations will be forthcoming soon.

New Business – Ms. Schulda attended a meeting on storm water runoff. It would seem that we will have to act in some way to put a plan in place soon or the County will be forced to act against us. It was mentioned that June 15, 2011 is the deadline for beginning action on a plan for the Township.

Fire Chief Bill Byers dropped off the safety forces report for April. No contract has been agreed on yet with the College of Hiram for fire protection.

Zoning – Mr. Garey reports that one application for a storage building was denied. The applicant was turned down by the BZA and now wants to build anyway saying he wants an agriculture permit for some small animals. Mr. Garey feels this is an attempt to go around zoning regulations for the size of the lot in question and said no to the request.

Roads – Mr. Matota said the Township Hall will be insulated next Thursday. New radios for the road equipment will be needed soon at a cost of about \$2000.00. New requirements will render present equipment obsolete. Mr. Matota passed out a suggested list of requirements for ditch maintenance for the Board to consider. Mr. Matota was directed to purchase equipment for crack sealing road surfaces.

Mr. Bosma made a motion to pay the bills and adjourn. Ms. Schulda seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Bosma AYE, Ms. Schulda AYE, and Mr. Pancost AYE. The following bills were paid and the meeting adjourned.

Bills for May 17, 2011

7227	supplies	Garrettsville Hardware	36.73
7228	water	Hiram Village	11.47
7229	natural gas	Dominion	76.00
7230	zoning ad	Record Publishing	32.25
7231	fuel	Hiram Village	949.82
7232	fuel	Western Reserve	1608.01
7233	ad	Weekly Villager	14.00
7234	parts	GeeVille Auto	418.64
7235	cold mix	D&R Supply	873.78
7236	parts	Kepich Ford	17.40
7237	welding gas	Airgas	80.17
7238	portajon	Portage Portable Toilet	390.00

7239	siren maint.	Federal	855.00
7240	blades snow plow	Dexter	571.00
7241	tool	Davco Co.	127.00
7242	state tax	Treasurer Ohio	935.00
7243	parts	TL Service	10.56
7244	printer ink	Donna Maynard	48.98
7245	fire truck loan	Middlefield Bank	16,410.45
7246	wages	Matota	1530.85
7247	wages	Firtik	1144.54
7248	wages	Roosa	1044.32
7249	wages	Bello	1084.32

Total \$29,801.14