

Hiram Township

Regular Meeting Minutes January 17, 2012

Present: Steve Pancost, Kathy Schulda, Jack Groselle

Fiscal Officer, Diane Rodhe opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of the January 3, 2012 minutes. Kathy Schulda motioned to approve the minutes as read. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Steve Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE, Jack Groselle AYE.

Diane Rodhe opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board of Hiram Township Trustees for the year 2012. Steve Pancost nominated Kathy Schulda for Chairman. No second was received for the nomination. Ms. Rodhe re-opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of the Board. Steve Pancost nominated Jack Groselle as Chairman. Jack Groselle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Steve Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE, Jack Groselle AYE. The motion passed.

Resolution #2012-2 names Mr. Jack Groselle as Chairman of the Board of Hiram Township Trustees for the year 2012.

Diane Rodhe opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman of the Board of Hiram Township Trustees. Jack Groselle nominated Kathy Schulda for Vice Chairman. Steve Pancost seconded the nomination. Roll call vote: Steve Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE, Jack Groselle, AYE. The motion has passed.

Resolution #2012-3 names Ms. Kathy Schulda as Vice Chairman of the Board of Hiram Township Trustees for the year 2012.

Announcements: Fran Teresi, representing the Village of Garrettsville, announced that the Village of Garrettsville is interested in working with adjoining communities and individual homeowners to establish a baseline for current water quality. The baseline would then be used to recognize potential contamination in the event of future gas well drilling in the surrounding area. Letters will be sent out to residents offering to have the water tested four times per year which is once per season. A list of Emergency Contact numbers was presented and will be posted on the Hiram Township website. Residents are reminded that the ODNR, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, provides a list of well drilling permits on their website.

Fiscal Officer Report:

The Portage County Engineer will be receiving the updated inventory of township assets and the updated contact list for Hiram Township Officials.

Donna Maynard will be filing the 2011 Resolutions for the Zoning Code. The newspaper notices advertising the Zoning Inspector position and the Alternate Zoning Board Member will be reposted with a closing date for accepting applications of February 6, 2012.

Bond applications were distributed to Jack Groselle, Trustee and Stanley Carlisle, Fiscal Officer.

Hiram Township received a wage study survey from the Dublin Management Group on behalf of Bainbridge Township.

Tom Ford of Hiram College called to invite the Hiram Township Trustees to a Leadership Luncheon sponsored by Tom Chema. The luncheon will be held on February 5, 2012 from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm.

The Temporary Budget for the year 2012 was presented to the trustees by Diane Rodhe, Fiscal Officer. Kathy Schulda motioned to pass the Temporary Budget. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Steve Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE, Jack Groselle AYE.

Resolution #2012-1 to accept the Temporary Budget as submitted by the Fiscal Officer has passed.

Diane Rodhe presented the Certificate of Balances from all Expenditures for 2012 to the trustees. Kathy Schulda motioned to accept the Certificate and Steve Pancost second the motion. Roll call vote: Steve Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE, Jack Groselle AYE.

Resolution #2012-4 to accept the Certificate of Balances for 2012 was passed.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Bill Byers presented the 2011 Year End Report. Mr. Byers expressed his appreciation for the support from the township trustees and he provided a list of accomplishments during year 2011. The report includes a total of 480 runs in 2011. Village of Hiram 49, Hiram Township 236, Hiram College 107, and Mutual Aid 88.

Kathy Schulda inquired about the recent change from OPERS to Social Security. Mr. Byers stated that Tom Reitz would not answer any questions on the subject in the recent public meeting.

Old Business: Jack Groselle inquired about Zoning Inspector applications. Three applications have been received at this time. Applications will be accepted until February 6, 2012.

Steve Pancost presented a letter for trustee signatures to be sent to Natural Resources Conservation Services on behalf of the township trustees. The letter is a request for a coordinated effort to prevent water from overflowing on Asbury and Schustrich Roads as a result of beaver activity on the Camp Asbury property.

Steve Pancost reported that Paul Shaughnessy has received the communication that the business of Excel K-9 would be considered agricultural use.

Jack Groselle suggested that the residents that could be affected by the proposed Annexation should have the option to hook into the water and sewer lines if they so desire. Steve Pancost will communicate with Tom Chema.

Jack Groselle mentioned that J&J is selling individual trash bags and they are significantly smaller than the bags sold by R&R. Kathy Schulda asked Chris Meduri for a copy of the contract with J&J.

New Business: Kathy Schulda notified the board of the need to update the membership on the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Zoning Board. Current members will be contacted. Kathy Schulda also asked

Tom Matota about providing the abstracts of driving records for 2012. Tom Matota has already started the process. OTARMA will reimburse the expense.

Kathy Schulda informed the board of an \$800,000.00 Grant that is being provided to build a Hike/Bike trail. Ms. Schulda contacted Matt Sorrick who was not aware of the grant or the required paving of the trail.

Jack Groselle mentioned that a logging company is working at Pioneer and Limeridge Roads where trees have been taken down from adjoining properties without permission. The Portage County Sheriff has been contacted.

Doug Brewer was recognized and he suggested that an adjustment in compensation for the position of Zoning Inspector should be considered.

Kathy Schulda reported conversations with the County Auditor where it was discovered that the tax maps show the Township Townhall as township property rather than Village of Hiram. Conversations are ongoing with Chris Meduri regarding the 2% Village of Hiram Income Tax. There is no recommendation or decision to withhold tax from 2012 paychecks. Kathy Schulda recommends that township employees do not pay tax to the Village of Hiram at this time.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Chris Meduri entered into discussion regarding the Hiram vs. Essell Case: 2010 CV 01150. A bench trial is scheduled for January 18, 2012 at 9:00 am. Mr. Meduri's recommendation is that the trustees sign the Agreed Judgment Entry and Order. After discussion, Kathy Schulda and Steve Pancost agree to sign the document. Mr. and Mrs. Pinter were also in attendance and they expressed their concern that the Agreed Judgment Entry and Order will not resolve the conflict or the use of the air strip at the Moore Farm. Mr. Meduri suggested that further discussions or concerns should be handled by new Zoning Inspector.

Kathy Schulda asked Chris Meduri for the status on the abandoned homes on Thrasher Road. He will be going before the Judge with pictures in order to obtain a search warrant.

Zoning Report: None

Road Department Report: Tom Matota reports that he encountered equipment on Vaughn Road taking core samples of the roadbed. He was informed that the samples were being taken by CTL Engineering in preparation for moving drilling equipment to a future gas drilling well site. The test holes are being filled with special clay. Tom Matota will follow up with the county engineer's office and keep the trustees advised.

Steve Pancost motioned to pay the bills. Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Steve Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE, Jack Groselle, AYE. The following bills were paid:

2012-1-17 Meeting Payments			
7706	Western Reserve	Fuel/Lubricants	1,574.37
7707	Garrettsville Hardware	Supplies	157.43
7708	Morton Salt, Inc	Road Salt	4,366.42
7709	Doug Brewer	Consultation	400.00
7710	Medical Mutual	Feb Health, Dental, Vision	2,512.88
7711	Portage County Recorder	Zoning Resolutions Filing Fee	20.00
electronic	Matota	Wages	2042.03
electronic	Firtik	Wages	1423.67
electronic	Roosa	Wages	1156.47
electronic	Bello	Wages	1084.32
electronic	Total		14,737.59

Kathy Schulda motioned to move into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Steve Pancost seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Steve Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE, Jack Groselle AYE.

Executive Session begins at 8:45 pm. Steve Pancost motions to move out of Executive Session and Kathy Schulda seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Steve Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE, Jack Groselle AYE. Executive Session ends at 8:56 pm.

2012 Benefits for the road crew have been reviewed. Kathy Schulda motions to accept Medical Mutual 2080-250 Classic Healthcare for three people based on full time employment as of February 1, 2012. Steve Pancost seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Steve Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE, Jack Groselle AYE.

Kathy Schulda motions to accept Medical Mutual 186 Dental Insurance for three people based on full time employment as of February 1, 2012. Steve Pancost seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Steve Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE, Jack Groselle AYE.

Kathy Schulda motions to accept Medical Mutual Vision Insurance for three people based on full time employment as of February 1, 2012. Steve Pancost seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Steve Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE, Jack Groselle AYE.

Kathy Schulda motions to pay the current Anthem Life Insurance policy through June 30, 2012. Steve Pancost seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Steve Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE, Jack Groselle AYE.

Adjourn: Kathy Schulda motioned to adjourn the meeting. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE.