

Hiram Township

Regular Meeting Minutes March 6, 2012

Present: Chairman Groselle, Steve Pancost, Kathy Schulda

Chairman Groselle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of the February 21, 2012 minutes. Steve Pancost motioned to approve the minutes with corrections. Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Groselle AYE, Pancost AYE, Schulda AYE.

Fiscal Officer Report: None

Announcements:

Jim Guy was recognized. Mr. Guy needs a zoning permit and he inquired about whether the township had a Zoning Inspector.

Fire Report: Hiram Fire Chief Bill Byers reports the 2003 Rescue Squad as being out for service with electrical problems.

Old Business: Steve Pancost is still working with Todd Peetz toward developing an interactive website for the Zoning Department of Hiram Township. The project may incur some cost and the details are not known yet.

Kathy Schulda is researching the deed for the property where the Hiram Village water tower sits.

Kathy Schulda continues to work with the healthcare agent to develop the best plan for the employees. For now, the township will continue with Medical Mutual and Dave Auble of Ohio Health Benefits is now authorized to begin representing the township.

Kathy Schulda notified everyone about the Public Records Meeting that will be held on June 4, 2012.

Kathy Schulda motioned to accept the application of Richard J. Gano Jr. as the new Zoning Inspector. Mr. Gano will be paid \$500.00 per month on a ninety day probationary period. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Groselle AYE, Pancost AYE, Schulda AYE.

Jack Groselle presented information from Verizon regarding phone service. Steve Pancost motioned to proceed with the following changes: eliminate the town hall phone, eliminate the long distance service for the township garage, stop purchasing minutes on the current cell phone, and proceed with the purchase of a Verizon cell phone plan. The new plan will provide two cell phones with four hundred minutes and texting. One phone will go to the road crew and one will go to the Zoning Inspector. Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Groselle AYE, Pancost AYE, Schulda AYE.

Kathy Schulda motioned to accept Tom Briggs to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Groselle AYE, Pancost AYE, Schulda Aye.

Diane Rodhe has updated the Hiram Official's Contact List and it is ready for publication on the website.

New Business: Steve Pancost is compiling a list of potential sites for a new township garage. Tom Matota suggested using the current building as cold storage and building a new facility across Ryder Rd.

Tom Matota inquired about the 2% Village Income Tax. Kathy Schulda advised to not pay the tax and to pursue a meeting with a county level tax board as she was advised to do by Chris Meduri. Diane Rodhe reminded all that there is no motion to withhold the 2% Income Tax.

Kathy Schulda reported on the Commissioner's meeting and the discussion related to the annexation.

Jack Groselle announced the upcoming annual meeting hosted by the Parks Board. The meeting will be held on April 21st at 6:00 pm.

Jack Groselle announced the Health Department Advisory Meeting to be held on March 26th at the Elk's Lodge.

Jack Groselle announced the Pancake Breakfast hosted by at Crestwood School on March 20th at 7:30 am. Please RSVP by March 15th.

Jack Groselle announced that the Ohio EPA will have funds available to assist small communities.

Jack Groselle announced the report provided by Kay Ziska, Village of Hiram Fiscal Officer. The total cost of 2011 EMS township runs was \$38,531.93. Chief Bill Byers mentioned a trend of insurance companies covering one EMS trip per year which has caused an added expense of court costs and paying collection agencies to go after money that is due. Discussion followed.

Jack Groselle announced that two levies are expiring. One levy for Road & Bridge and one for Fire. Discussion followed regarding when to put the levies on the ballot. No decision was reached.

Zoning Report: None

Road Department Report: Tom Matota reports that all stone has been ordered for chip and seal work, and 304 tons of salt has been delivered. Mr. Matota explained a diesel emissions abatement grant from the state that could be helpful for replacing plow trucks. Steve Pancost motioned to apply for the grant in conjunction with the county engineer who will be hiring a professional grant writer. The grant could pay for 80% of the purchase price on two new trucks. Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Groselle AYE, Pancost AYE, Schulda AYE. Tom Matota advised Diane Rodhe and Stanley Carlisle to watch for an application to join the purchasing consortium for next year's salt purchases. Mr. Matota suggested that more trimming of bushes and trees needs to be done at Hiram Rapids Cemetery. Mr. Matota inquired about a Staples card to make purchases of office supplies. Diane Rodhe will provide the Staples card.

Jack Groselle offered to contact Rich Strainer to repair the steps at the front entrance to the town hall. All agreed.

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

2012-3-6 Meeting Payments			
electronic	OPERS	Employer's Contribution	3095.93
electronic	OPERS	Employee's Contribution	2211.40
electronic	IRS	Feb Withholding	2580.85
7757	State of Ohio Income Tax	Feb Withholding	660.86
electronic	Groselle	Salary	848.85
7758	Pancost	Salary	848.85
electronic	Schulda	Salary	848.85
electronic	Rodhe	Salary	1485.45
electronic	Matota	Wages	1932.70
electronic	Firtik	Wages	1145.56
electronic	Roosa	Wages	1287.26
electronic	Bello	Wages	677.59
7759	Village of Hiram	Water	11.47
7760	Frontier	Township Phone	81.89
7761	Sprint	Townhall Phone	39.32
7762	Windstream	Garage Phone	111.10
7763	Hiram R.C.C.A.	electric reimbursement	250.00
7764	Portage County Health District	H.B. Registration Fee	275.00
7765	Anthem Life Insurance	March Premium (X3)	201.14
7766	Garrettsville Hardware	Supplies	187.69
7767	Airgas	Supplies	47.56
7768	Record Publishing	Public Notice	23.80
7769	Geeville Auto Parts	Repairs	135.66
7770	Industrial Connections	Work Gloves	12.31
7771	Mantua Auto Parts	Repairs	69.83
7772	Wise Chevrolet	Repairs	37.70
7773	Western Reserve Farm Co-op	Fuel/Lube	1509.30
7774	Edward Jewett	Mag Impact Wrench	422.00
7775	Central Allied Enterprises	Cold Mix	240.00
7776	Morton Salt	Inv 137456, 148021	2751.59
	Total		24031.51

Steve Pancost motioned to move into Executive Session to discuss litigation. Kathy Schulda seconded the motion.

Executive Session begins at 8:55 pm. Kathy Schulda motions to move out of Executive Session and Steve Pancost seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Pancost AYE, Schulda AYE. Executive Session ends at 9:30 pm.

Steve Pancost motioned to authorize Attorney Al Schrader to draft a resolution opposing the Annexation for the March 20th meeting. Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Pancost AYE, Schulda AYE.

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