

Hiram Township

Regular Meeting Minutes March 20, 2012

Present: Chairman Groselle, Steve Pancost, Kathy Schulda

Chairman Groselle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of the March 6, 2012 minutes. Kathy Schulda motioned to approve the minutes. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Groselle AYE, Pancost AYE, Schulda AYE.

Fiscal Officer Report: None

Announcements:

Jim Guy was recognized. Mr. Guy asked for an update on the status of his zoning permit. Rich Gano responded that Mr. Dye was asked to hold off on construction of his accessory building until he could check on the most recent communication from the previous Zoning Inspector. Mr. Dye was given the go ahead and Kathy Schulda reminded him that he is allowed only one sled type of building and one permanent accessory building on his property.

Fire Report: Chris Sanchez from the Hiram Fire Department provided the written monthly report to Chairman Groselle.

Old Business: Steve Pancost is still working with Todd Peetz toward developing an interactive website for the Zoning Department of Hiram Township. The project has been delayed due to illness.

Steve Pancost reported that Regional Planning is going to include the entities of Streetsboro and Sugrbush Knolls. The Regional Planning Annual Report has been completed by the Kent State Intern.

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

Kathy Schulda reported on the property at 12955 Thrasher Road. Due to liens and a bankruptcy it is unclear how to proceed so Chris Meduri is looking into it.

Kathy Schulda reports that Portage County Recycling is planning a day for tire and computer trash pick up. Hiram residents will take their tires and computers to Mantua. The date has not been set.

Kathy Schulda attended the Village of Hiram council meeting. Hiram Township is invited to participate in the "Fill the Police Car" day where food will be collected for the Food Cupboard in Mantua. The information will appear on the Hiram website. Ms. Schulda also reported that the Village of Hiram passed ten emergency resolutions or ordinances and she has requested a copy of the basic code.

Jack Groselle has arranged for two cell phones to be purchased from Verizon Wireless. Both phones will have 330-569 numbers. The new cell phone number for the Zoning Inspector is 330-569-8857. The Zoning number will be posted on the Hiram website.

Jack Groselle announced a public meeting to discuss the Joint Economic Development District for Hiram and Garrettsville to be held on March 21 at 7:30 pm in the Garrettsville Village Hall.

Steve Pancost motioned to add a Road and Bridge Renewal Levy to the ballot in November. Jack Groselle seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Groselle AYE, Pancost AYE, Schulda AYE.

New Business: Steve Pancost met with Tom Chema of Hiram College to discuss and resolve outstanding issues. While it was a good discussion, Mr. Pancost explained that both parties will need to go back to their entities to discuss the options.

Kathy Schulda announced that an Emergency Public Meeting will need to be scheduled for Friday, March 23, 2012 to discuss pending litigation. The notice will be sent to the Record Courier and the website.

Kathy Schulda inquired about the practice of making payment for purchases without approval signatures. Tom Matota and Jack Groselle explained that the current process of Mr. Matota having the authority to make purchases and review the payments before they are mailed is acceptable.

Jack Groselle inquired of Tom Matota about the article written in the Weekly Villager regarding the Nelson Township meetings. Mr. Matota responded that a reporter attends the meetings and submits the articles.

Jack Groselle announced that Family and Community is looking for contributions of food items.

Jack Groselle announced that OTARMA has sent out a survey regarding the level of customer service.

Diane Rodhe requested a motion be put in place to add the current trustees and newly elected Fiscal Officer to the signature cards at Middlefield Bank. Kathy Schulda motioned to add Jack Groselle, Steve Pancost, Kathy Schulda, and Stanley Carlisle to the signature cards at Middlefield Bank. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Groselle AYE, Pancost AYE, Schulda AYE.

Kathy Schulda motioned to explore a cancellation of the maintenance fee for the copy machines (2) and then plan to replace the copy machines with equipment that is more efficient. Jack Groselle seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Groselle AYE, Pancost AYE, Schulda AYE.

Zoning Report: Zoning Inspector Rich Gano, Jr. provided the Zoning written report and commented that he has toured the township roads to become familiar. Mr. Gano also reported on a new building permit for the 6000 block of State Route 82, an accessory building permit on State Route 700, and a nuisance report for the 5000 block of State Route 82.

Kathy Schulda reports that the Seneff property is in question as to whether it is a single or multiple family dwelling. According the township zoning, the dwelling should be considered as "single".

Road Department Report: Tom Matota reports that ODOT called in response to a report that was filed last December regarding a concern on State Route 700. ODOT is working on the concern. The fuel tank on the dump truck has been replaced. The excavator is having potential break issues and there will be substantial cost involved in having it serviced (\$1,200-\$1,500). Mr. Matota asked if Steve Pancost has

received any information from the Department of Natural Resources regarding the Camp Asbury flooding situation. There has been no communication since the letter was sent by Mr. Pancost. Mr. Matota provided the language and requested that Diane Rodhe post a notice to accept bids for the purchase of liquid to be used for chip and seal work. The sealed bids must be received before the April 17th meeting where they will be opened by the Trustees. The township met the 80% minimum purchase for road salt. The roadcrew is planning to perform crack-sealing this summer. Mr. Matota inquired about the 2% Village Income Tax. Steve Pancost suggested that he hold on for a week or so. Stop signs have been stolen from Asbury and Schustrich Roads two times and both signs have been promptly replaced. The operators of the injection well have been successful in pulling the trucks off of Allyn Road while waiting to discharge their loads. The new gravel is holding up along the side of the road.

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:

2012-3-20 Meeting Payments			
7777	VOID	VOID	0.00
7778	Medical Mutual of Ohio	March Medical, Vision, Dental	1402.43
7779	Ohio Edison	electric	34.69
7780	Kathy Schulda	tax maps	6.00
7781	Void	Void	0.00
7782	Weekly Villager	Public Notice	20.00
7783	Hiram Village	Fuel	505.17
7784	Quick Service Welding	Aluminum Housing Repair	120.00
7785	Hiram Post Master	Post Office Box Fee	70.00
7786	Scot A. Stevenson Co., LLC	Legal Fees	4462.50
7787	Arms Trucking	#8 Slag	24823.55
7788	Emch Spring	Bolts, clips	80.96
7789	Oscar Brugmann Sand & Gravel	#2 Crushed Sandstone	1316.35
7790	Medical Mutual of Ohio	April Medical, Vision, Dental	4105.64
			12123.74

Adjourn: Chairman Groselle adjourned the meeting.