

Hiram Township

Regular Meeting Minutes September 18, 2012 7:00 PM

Present: Chairman Groselle, Steve Pancost, Kathy Schulda

Chairman Groselle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of the September 4, 2012 minutes. Kathy Schulda motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Groselle AYE, Pancost AYE, Schulda AYE. The minutes were approved.

Mr. Richard Masters Gave a history lesson concerning the "Indian Maiden" and the Indians that lived in Hiram Township. He will be working with Tom Matota to get a foundation for the Maiden once funds have been raised.

Mr. George Hill asked about the Division of Forestry in the Department of Ohio Natural Resources and the Forestry plan for Hiram Township and Northeast Portage County. Jack said that the draft copy of the forestry plan would be posted online as soon as possible.

Dave Mays from Rolling Meadows had questions about out buildings and the size they can be. Rolling Meadows has some deed restrictions that are stricter than township zoning rules.

Tim Kasper from Cheryl Dr. asked about the possibility of lowering the speed limit on St. Rt. 82 out to Cheryl Dr. to 35 mile per hour. He was told it is a State Highway and they set the speed limits, not the township.

Old Business: Steve motioned to paint and fix the Hiram Township Hall and spend no more than \$2000.00 and have The JHI Painting from Mantua, Ohio. Kathy seconded the motion. After some discussion, a voice vote was taken with everyone voting for the motion. The motion was approved and Kathy will follow up with JHI Painting.

Kathy said that her appeal to the Hiram Village Appeal Board was not approved. She will be following up by going to the Ohio Tax commission.

A notice will be sent to the owner of 12877 Thrasher/Rapids Road letting him know that if nothing is done in 30 days, the condemnation order will be continued to a conclusion.

Notice from Middlefield Bank has been received notifying us that they intend to fight the condemnation order issued on the property at 12955 Thrasher/Rapids Road.

A meeting concerning recycling will be held on September 25th at 10:00 am in the County Commissioners Meeting Room.

A letter to each of the members of the Portage County Solid Waste District Policy Committee was asked to be sent voicing our concerns with the current district plan.

A joint meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Zoning Board will be held on September 26th at 7:00 PM at the Township Hall. Todd Peetz from the Portage County Regional Planning Office will be the speaker and give an update on the Township Comprehensive Plan.

Fire Report: Chief Byers talked about Former Chief Wally Ellenberger and his service to the Hiram Fire Department. He will truly be missed. Donations can be made to the Hiram Fire Association in Chief Ellenberger's name. Response time is still holding at 4 minute average. The people on the Department have had some training due to a grant from East Ohio. And they received a \$3000.00 EMS grant from the State. The Village has moved some money into the EMS fund to keep it funded until the end of the year. The department is still maintaining a paramedic on site 24/7. They also helped with the bomb threat at Hiram College. Nothing was found after the College was evacuated. He continued with a discussion about the MARCS radios that some of the county is using. Because of the cost (\$4000.00 per radio and a \$20.00 per month service charge) the Fire Department has not purchased them. They do have the ability to talk to who they need to. They are also getting support from the Cleveland Clinic. A doctor is coming to Hiram twice a month and they have provided some med boxes to the Department. He also mentioned his concern that the private roads (Cheryl and Sherwood) are only plowed for one lane of traffic after a snow fall. He asked if the roads could be opened up more in case of an emergency.

Zoning Report: Rich reported that he stopped at a resident on Alpha Road that did not get a permit to build his deck. He told him that he will comply. He went to Mr. Bob Andrew's property to see about an open burning complaint. Nothing was found. He is also working on an unlicensed JMV complaint is on St. Rt. 88 just north of St. Rt. 305 He has received a call from a neighbor pleased with the fast response.

Road Report: Tom reported that the mower will need some repairs that will be about \$1000.00 and the tired excavator needs two tires. They are around \$400.00 each. Schustrich Road repair is almost done and they will be moving on to crack filling.

Kathy moved to pay the bills. Steve seconded the motion. Roll Call: Groselle AYE, Schulda AYE, Pancost AYE. Motion to pay the bills is approved and the following bills where paid.

electronic	Wages		4543.37
8004			VOID
8005	Medical mutual	Insurance payment	4121.64
8006	Wise Chevrolet	Parts	22.68
8007	Hiram Village	Water	11.47
8008	Hiram Village	Fuel	680.43
8009	Allied Corp.	Material	342.79
8010			VOID
8011	Stamm Construction	Material	45.00
8012	Carter Lumber	Material	18.00
8013	Western Reserve	Fuel	1880.87

Chairman Groselle adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM.