

Hiram Township

Regular Meeting Minutes November 20, 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 November 7, 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.

Charles Patterson, who owns 12877 Thrasher/Rapids Road, has contacted the Building Department, but has not met with them yet. He said he will continue to work on the property and has hired a contractor to help.

Tim Casper asked if the web site could be more interactive. We will pass this on to Josh Johnson.

The Certificate of Exception talked about in the Audit report has been found. It is an exemption for townships that do not invest outside of the local bank. This will be sent to the State Treasurer of Ohio to gain compliance.

An OPERS letter was given to all employees telling of some coming changes with the plan and contact information if anyone had additional questions about OPERS.

Old Business: Steve talked about information from the green energy meeting he went to. He said that solar panels could save up to 16 % of the energy for the garage and at some point in time; it may be worth the investment. He also did not feel that wind power is ready to use commercial yet.

Kathy Met with people at the Seneff's property and will refer more with Chris Merduri about the issue.

She also added that the Village still does not have a complete Tax Board.

Kathy also asked about seeing the account balances. Stan will bring them to the next meeting.

Jack He was asked about the beaver and trapping issue. It is still being worked on. Trapping season opens December 26th.

Jack also attended the Portage County Storm Water Task Force Quarterly Meeting. More will be coming in the way of storm water control. Next's years meetings will be: February 12th, May 21st, August 20th and November 19th. All meetings will be at the Garden Meeting Room behind the PC SWCD offices from 10:00 – 11:30 am. He said that training will also be coming from the County Engineer's Office soon for the Road Crew.

New Steve says the Regional Planning is trying to get a grant for a Food Hub. This is a community-based agricultural economic development from: The Center for Farmland Policy Innovation, Ohio Agricultural Research & Development Center and The Ohio State University. It is to help sell locally grown and made products.

A copy of the updated comprehensive plan was given to Steve to be added to the web site for review and comment.

Jack also asked that a letter be sent to the Solid Waste Office in support of the tire collection grant. This helps keeps the tires out of our road ditches.

The last meeting of the year will be December 26, 2012 at 7:00 A.M. (yes A.M.).

The Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on December 5, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. in the Hiram Township Hall.

Jack moved to approve a resolution to place a fire replacement levy for 2 mills to replace the levy that will be running out next year. The motion was seconded by Kathy. After some discussion a Roll Call vote was called. Groselle AYE, Schulda AYE, Pancost Aye The resolution was approved.

Resolution 2012 – 19 was approved to place on the ballot a replacement fire levy to continue when the current levy runs out.

Zoning Report: Due to illness, Rich did not attend the meeting, but sent information that he still has seen a few cars on the Rolling Meadows property. He will continue to work on it. He also received an E-mail from Jason Boltz concerning developing part of the Hiram College property just north east of town. More information is needed before any more can be talked about what he wants from Hiram Township.

He asked about going to a seminar in Columbus next year for zoning training. More information will be coming about this. It was asked if Rich works for another township and if they would pay part of the tab.

Road Report: Tom is working on the cost of a new plow truck. He thinks about \$84,000.00 for the truck and another \$24,000.00 for all the other equipment. This totals about \$104,000.00. He will continue to gather information. It is subject to the State Bid process.

Fire Report: The October Monthly Report was handed out. The average response time was 3 minutes 23 seconds on 49 runs.

Kathy moved to pay bills. The motion was seconded by Steve. All by voice vote YES. The following bills were paid:

MIX	Wages		4567.67
8074	Middlefield Bank	Fire Truck Payment	16410.45
8075	Kepich Ford	Parts	41.44
8076	Quick Service Welding	Repair Bucket	675.00
8077	Industrial Connections, Inc.	Supplies	16.39
8078	Wise Chevrolet, Inc.	Parts	3493.82
8079	Kauffman Tire	Parts	1829.66
8080	Airgas	Supplies	105.25
8081	Western Reserve	Fuel	1755.92
8082	Oscar Brugmann	#3 Crushed Sandstone	86.51
8083	Harrison Machine	Parts	53.16
8084	Ohio State University	Pesticide Conference	75.00

Chairman Groselle adjourned the meeting at 8:13 PM.