

Hiram Township

Regular Meeting (Corrected) Minutes January 15, 2013 7:00 PM

Present: Chairman Groselle, Steve Pancost, Kathy Schulda

Chairman Groselle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jack made a motion to approve a resolution selecting Kathy as the Chairman for the Board for 2013. The motion was seconded by Steve. After a very short discussion, a roll call vote was called. Groselle AYE, Schulda AYE, Pancost AYE.

Resolution 2013-1 was approved to appoint Kathy Schulda as Chair of the Hiram Township Board of Trustees.

Jack made a motion to approve a resolution to appoint Steve as Vice-Chairman for the Board of 2013. The motion was seconded by Kathy. After a short discussion, a roll call vote was called. Schulda AYE, Pancost AYE, Groselle AYE.

Resolution 2013-2 was approved to appoint Steve Pancost as Vice-Chair of the Hiram Board of Trustees.

Kathy asked for the reading of the minutes from the meetings on December 18, 2012 and December 26, 2012. The December 18, 2012 minutes were read. Jack motioned to approve the December 18, 2012 minutes. Steve seconded the motion. By voice vote, the minutes were approved. The December 26, 2012 minutes were read. Jack motioned to approve the minutes. Steve seconded the motion. By voice vote the minutes were approved.

A report from the Portage County Engineer was received reporting the township road mileage at 19.943 miles. This report will be forwarded to the Ohio Department of Transportation for certification.

The regional Planning Commission has asked who the representative will be for 2013. Jack motioned that Steve be the representative. Kathy seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion was approved. Steve will continue to be the township's representative to the Portage Planning Commission and Jack will be the alternate.

Tom Matota has submitted a copy of the Hiram Township inventory, which has been sent onto the Portage County Engineer per a request from them.

Stan has received, from Hiram Village, a copy of a Village income tax return form. Tom reported that he has met with the Hiram Tax Board, but no final decision has been made concerning any income tax

payment to Hiram Village. Kathy said that Hiram Village has asked that her case with the State Board be dismissed. Stan mentioned that the Board could start meeting once a month and be in compliance with Hiram Village Income tax code. Windham Township has started meeting once a month within the village limits of Windham.

Stan said that the 2012 books are almost complete. Marie Stehli (a representative from UAN and Fiscal Officer for Mantua Township) is helping to finish this process.

The Township has been notified by the Portage County Treasurer's Office that we will be receiving about \$34,400.00 from the Estate of Francis E. Wright. Jack moved to make a resolution that all estate funds go into the Parkland Fund. Steve seconded the motion. After some discussion a roll call vote was called. Kathy AYE, Steve AYE, Jack AYE.

Resolution 2013-3 was approved to place any estate funds received by Hiram Township shall go into the Parkland Fund.

Dave Auble, our health insurance representative, said that our renewal date is March 1st and thinks it will be best to continue with what we have. A health care exchange will be set up soon in Ohio and more details are coming out every day about this. He hopes to have more information for us at our February 5th meeting.

Fire Report: Chief Byers was on hand and gave us a copy of the year end totals. 2012 had 442 emergency runs. The average response time was 4 minutes 38 seconds. The total cost of fire lost in Hiram Village and Township was only \$17,200.00. The report also contained a nice list of accomplishments for 2012. It talked about the switch to the Cleveland Clinic for medical control and what a positive that has been. He also mentioned that any funds addressed to the Fire Department will now go to the Hiram Fire Department and not into the Hiram Village General Fund. They are also planning some fund raisers for 2013. The hair cut fund raiser for children's cancer will be March 23, 2013 at Sean's Pub in Garrettsville.

Bill Pinter asked that a resolution be passed concerning the Moore's air strip. After some discussion, Kathy told the group that the material would be copied for each trustee to review and the discussion would continue at our next meeting.

Old Business: Steve said that a meeting with Couches representative will take place soon.

Jack said that trapping has started along Asbury and Schustrich Roads with some success.

Kathy said that she has talked with Chris Merduri about Thrasher/ Rapids Road. He will work on getting us added to the list of people to be informed about any possible sale of the property. She is continuing to work with Chris concerning the building on the Seneffs property.

Jack has talked to the people at the Soil and Water Conservation Office again about a letter concerning dealing with the beavers. The trappers will be getting written permission to trap beavers and will start in January, 2013.

The solid waste plan was discussed and concerns are being voiced that the plan needs to include wording so it can go to private companies.

Jack has been told that the deep well to be drilled by Dale Booklover's property will be coming in off St. Rt. 700 instead of Udall Road.

New Business: Regional Planning has given us a copy of some zoning changes that Suffield Township is looking at concerning accessory structures. The information will be given to the Hiram Township Zoning Board for review.

Jack said the several northern communities are putting a letter together to send to the Solid Waste Board listing concerns that need to be resolved (Private hauling at the top of the list) and asking where the current tipping fees are going. The Board agreed that they would sign a letter with these concerns.

Steve got information from the Villager about fees to put the comprehensive plan survey in it. A ½ page would be \$220.00 and a full page would be \$550.00. Jack motioned to use the Villager to put the survey in a ½ page ad in the Villager. Steve seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion was approved.

Mark Finamore will be presenting a zoning information meeting in Nelson Township on March 23rd starting at 8:30 AM at the Nelson Townhall. Jack motioned that we pay our share of the fee for Mr. Finamore's presentation. Steve seconded the motion. After some discussion a voice vote was called. All voted for the motion and it has been approved. Notices will be sent out to all the Board of Zoning Appeals and Hiram Zoning Board members about the presentation and asking them to attend.

Road Report: Tom reported that to chip and seal Allyn Road from the injection well to the Mantua Township line would be:

\$34,800.00 for 2 inches of material and \$53,400.00 for 3 inches of material.

Pander Trucking will be approached to see if they would be willing to pay for the material and then the Hiram road crew would install it. He wants to try to keep it so the liquid will not keep coming to the top of the road surface. Tom is getting closer to a firm price for a new road truck. It is right at \$80,000.00 for the truck and about \$30,000.00 for the bed and other equipment. He is hoping to get a purchase order at our next meeting. Tom also mentioned that we should be OK with our salt.

Zoning Report: Rich asked about how much time to give for clean up on St. Rt. 305. He will be sending notice for 90 days and follow up in 30 and 60 days. He also presented a list of 10 permits and 3 agricultural exemptions issued in 2012.

Jack motioned to pay all the bills but one to the IRS (#8137). Steve seconded the motion. By voice vote the motion was approved and the following bills were paid. IRS will be contacted to see if more of the penalties can be removed.

Mix	Wages Check # 8123		10377.62
8124	Record Publishing Company, LLC	Legal Notice	15.60
8125	Treasurer of State of Ohio	Auditor IPA Quality Review	143.50
8126	Hiram Village	Water	11.47
8127	Western Reserve	Fuel	2719.24
8128	Kepich Ford	parts	39.44
8129	Verizon Wireless	Phones - Cell	63.92
8130	Garrettsville Hardware	Supplies	274.26
8131	Wise Chevrolet, Inc	Parts	98.80
8132	Dominion	Gas	79.70
8133	Geeville Auto Parts Corp	Parts	94.15
8134	Quick Service Welding	Parts	107.70
8135	Frontier Communications	Phone - Stan	92.05
8136	Powerplan	Murphy Parts	197.01
8137	IRS	Penalty \$381.84	VOID
8138	Portage County Regional Planning	Dues 0.71 X 2413 people	1713.23
8139	Cargill	Salt 6 invoices	6026.56
8140	Ohio Edison	6 bills	483.23
TOTAL			22537.48

Chairman Schulda adjourned the meeting at 8:32 PM.