

Hiram Township

Regular Hiram Township Trustees Meeting Minutes for

April 2, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Hiram Township Hall

Present: Chairman Kathy Schulda, Steve Pancost and Jack Groselle

Chairman Schulda opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the March 19, 2013 Trustee's meeting were read. After a short discussion, Jack motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Steve seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Kathy AYE, Steve AYE and Jack AYE. The minutes were approved as corrected.

The tire pick up will be May 18th from 8:00 AM till Noon at the Hiram Village Hall. Josh will be asked to add it to our web site.

Fiscal Officer: Stan asked if it would still be alright to apply for a grant for the Indian Maiden and building repair at the cemetery. The bid that Tom received from Stamm is \$14,540.00. It was agreed to go ahead with the application to the Community Trust.

The Solid Waste Plan has been voted on and did not pass. It will now be up to the Ohio Environmental Agency to write a solid waste plan for Portage County.

We received an e-mail from Rich Gano that he will be unable to attend tonight. His report has been forwarded to the Trustees.

After some discussion about the Solid Waste Plan, it was asked that a letter be sent to the Solid Waste District asking that any major capital expenses (trucks, etc.) be delayed until a plan has been written to follow. A copy will also be sent to the Portage County Board of Commissioners.

Old: Steve is still looking for a contact from the Crestwood Hot Stove baseball group to follow up on insurance issues.

Steve talked more about the tornado warning alarms. He talked about the possibility of putting one up and attaching mechanics leans to the lots in Village Gate. He asked Chief about any grants. Chief Byers said that a lot of the FEMA and USDA grants are drying up, but it may be a possibility. The Chief will look into it further. Kathy will also talk to Chris Merduri about any other possibilities.

Steve motioned to pay Tom Franek, Tim Casper and Clyde Faust for attending the zoning meeting hosted by Nelson Township March 23, 2013 with Mark Finamore. Jack seconded the motion. After a short discussion, the motion was approved by voice vote. The three zoning board members will be paid for attendance at the zoning meeting.

Kathy mentioned that a Zoning Board meeting will be needed to change concerns of the fencing section. Jim will be contacted to set a date to have a meeting of the Zoning Board.

Kathy asked about the Zoning and Board of Zoning Appeals and when appointments will be needed for replacement of people with terms ending soon. Stan will follow up but mentioned no one is off until July

Kathy also said that nothing new with Pander Trucking or the County Engineer's Office about the roads.

Kathy also mentioned that she is still waiting for information concerning the Moore's airport. Chris Merduri is looking into the easement. She hopes to have enough information at the next meeting to act.

Jack also mentioned that Portage County Commissioner Tommie Jo Marsilio has not provided any cost information on the recycling bids.

New: Jack showed off a brochure about the Geauga Park District and asked why they had so much more going for them compared to the Portage Park District. Funding for each group was talked about.

Steve said that he went to the Pond Clinic put on by the Portage and Geauga Soil and Water Conservation Districts. He said it was very good.

The Fire Department raised over \$8,000.00 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation for the "Shaving the Way to Conquer Kids' Cancer".

Kathy went to the Advisory Meeting for the County Health District. It was short and sweet.

Kathy and Jack also went to the Hiram College Hike and Bike trail meeting. They had a very good turnout and are working on different options for trails to the Bio Station and to Headwaters Trails from Hiram College. They are still looking for more federal funding to do all this. They are still not sure who would maintain the trails once they are done.

Kathy went to the Hiram Village Meeting addressing the zoning change of the annexed land from the township. The 3rd reading will be April 16th and it appears that it will be approved without any objection. Hiram College is telling them that they have no formal plan yet for the property (just a draft so far).

Road Report: Tom is asking to put a bid together for liquid this year. He is also thinking that we will be spending about \$130,000.00 for the chip and seal projects. Tom is thinking we will need about 800 ton of stone.

Jack motioned to place an ad for the liquid and to get the stone as needed. Steve seconded the motion and some discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken: Kathy AYE, Steve AYE and Jack AYE. The motion was approved for placing the ad and getting the stone for this year's road projects. An ad will be place for the purpose of getting bids for road liquid.

Kathy asked about salt contract for 2013-14. Tom and Stan will work together to get in to the state by the end of April.

Tom also talked about trouble with the 2011 F 150 truck. Repairs to the transmission were done under warranty. Kathy asked about the possibility of getting an extended warranty. Tom will look into it and bring information back.

Tom also asked if he could represent the road crew workers in dealing with Hiram Village concerning the village income tax issue. Kathy is still looking for information in the Ohio revised code that they do not need to pay income tax to the village. She will try to find it and bring it to the next Trustee meeting.

Fire Report: The Chief shared with us that they have been having an issue with Robinson Hospital and the fact that they are diverting EMS runs to other hospitals that are farther away. He is concerned because of the longer runs and time for the patients. He has talked with people at Robinson and has not found a satisfactory answer to his issue yet. He will continue to pursue this.

The Chief is still having a discussion about what to do with Squad 2. It is a 2003 model and would love to replace it, but will continue to look at other options of repairing and fixing it up to continue the useful life of the unit.

Kathy shared information about some break-ins in the township and the sheriff and the Hiram Police are responding to the calls.

Jack motioned to pay the following bills and Garrettsville Hardware with check number 8207. Steve seconded the motion. By voice vote, the following bills and Garrettsville Hardware were paid.

electronic	Wages 4/4/13 and salary 3/13		9616.63
8193	Ohio Department of Taxation	Nov Dec Tax	1181.48
8194	IRS	3rd & 4th quarter 2012	11408.04
8195	Hyatt Regency Columbus	Local Gov't Meeting	145.00
8196	Windstream	Phone Garage	55.25
8197	Roberta Zuver	Feb, March	40.00
8198	Cargill	Salt 44.74 Ton 2 bills	1661.19
8199	Weekly Villager, Inc.	Survey	225.00
8200	Municipal Signs	ODOT reflective signs	498.70
8201	Village of Hiram	85% Fire Levy Payment	24153.88
8202	Village of Hiram	90% EMS Levy Payment	25574.70
8203	Oscar Brugmann Sand & Gravel	#2 Crushed Sandstone 5.83 T	65.59
8204	Ohio Edison	2 Bills	289.34
8205	Medical mutual Of Ohio	Premium 5/1-6/1/13	4127.84
8206	Hiram Postmaster	1 yr rent Post box	78.00.
			79120.64

Kathy motioned to go into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee or regulated individual, per ORC Section 121.22(G)(1). The motion was seconded by Steve. A roll call vote was called: Kathy AYE, Steve AYE and Jack AYE. The motion was approved and the Board of Trustees moved into Executive Session at 8:19 PM.

Jack motioned to Recess Executive Session. Steve seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called: Kathy AYE, Steve AYE and Jack AYE. The motion was approved and the Board of Trustees recessed the Executive session.

No action was taken and Kathy adjourned the meeting at 8:31 PM.