

Hiram Township

Regular Hiram Township Trustees Meeting Minutes for

April 16, 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.

This meeting is being taped to facilitate the written minutes. Once the written minutes are approved, the tape will be reused.

The minutes from the April 2, 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 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM till Noon at the Hiram Village Hall. It has been added to our web site.

**Fiscal Officer:** The Solid Waste District will have a meeting at the Mogadore Road Facility this week. The Trustees continued to discuss different issues concerning the Solid Waste District.

I will have Josh add to the Web site that we are looking for Zoning Board and Board of Zoning Appeals members.

I attended the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Local Government Official's Conference. Programs about the new health care, UAN programs, grant writing and others were offered.

I have started contacting members of the Zoning and Board of Zoning Appeals whose terms are up. I will continue to contact people to make sure we have enough for each Board.

It appears that the Geauga County Parks District has an annual budget of about \$6,000,000.00 from levy and tax income. Portage County Park budget is about \$175,000.00 a year.

The Health Department's budget for 2014 does not have any charge backs to the Townships.

The next Portage County Township Association Meeting will be May 4, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the County Engineer's Central Facility on Newton Falls Road.

A Status Conference will be May 9<sup>th</sup> for the property owned by Middlefield Bank on Thrasher/Rapids Road. Chris Merduri will be attending this.

The next meeting of the Zoning Board and the Board of Zoning Appeals with Todd Peetz will be April 23, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Township Hall.

The OTAMA "More Grant" has been sent. The Grant application for the purchase of two AEDs and the grant application for the Riverside Cemetery Mausoleum and Indian Maiden Site Repair to the Hiram Community Trust have all been sent.

**Old:** Jack motioned to pass a resolution to except the Cooperative Purchasing Program to buy rock salt through the Ohio Department of Transportation. Steve seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Kathy AYE, Steve Aye, Jack Aye. The resolution was approved. Tom and Stan will get together to get it sent in before the May deadline.

**Resolution 2013-7 was approved to purchase rock salt from the state approved vender for the 2013 - 2014 winter season through the Ohio Department of Transportation.**

Kathy said that Chris Merduri is checking into the legal issues about the tornado siren.

Kathy is still reviewing information concerning the Moore's airport. She will be talking to a lady in Columbus to try to get more information. Jack said that this is getting way out of control. A discussion continued for a short time.

Kathy wanted Stan to check that her e-mail was working on the web site. Her new e-mail is [Schulda@frontier.com](mailto:Schulda@frontier.com).

Steve stopped at the ball field and talked to a manager and is still trying to contact people from Crestwood Hot Stove Baseball.

Steve is also waiting for information from Chris Merduri concerning detaching the Township Garage from the Village.

It was discussed about getting the Hold Harmless contract cause signed by any contractors we use. This will be done.

Nothing has happened with Pander Trucking yet. This is still being worked on by Kathy.

Tom asked about talking with the Village about the income tax. Kathy quoted ORC 718.011 about the Board being exempt (12 days a year) but the Road Crew not. After more discussion, Kathy offered to go with Tom to talk with Mayor Lou Bertrand and Council President Tom Wadkins about this issue. Tom agreed to that.

Kathy asked that Mr. Patterson be called and he report back as to his plans for his property on Thrasher/Rapids Road.

Steve said the grant money for the townships is now up to \$800,000.00

**New Business:** Ryan Catteau from Reserve Energy Exploration was given the floor and he talked about an oil and gas lease his company is asking for on the 9.2 acres owned by the Trustees on Munford Road. Jack said that a copy of the lease agreement has been given to Chris Merduri. No action can be taken until Chris has finished reviewing it.

Kathy stated that a bill for a port-a-pot for the baseball field will be coming.

Kathy gave Stan information about the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program for membership. It begins on August 1, 2013.

Kathy shared a letter from Mary Greer concerning the horizontal drilling and her support of the County Health Department Levy on the ballot May 7th.

**Fire Report:** The Chief told of a barn fire on St Rt 88 which was estimated to be a \$150,000.00 loss.

They have received the funds from the Monsanto grant given to Dale Brookover. They did not get the FEMA Grant.

The Koscher property had a small fire involving what appeared to be some plastic melting on a stove.

Kathy asked that copies of all the faxes concerning any diversion from or closure of Robinson be given to the Trustees. The Chief said he would get them.

He is still working to get the financial information from the Village and is still working with the Village Fiscal Officer. He is thinking it will be close to a 50-50 split between the Village and Township.

His report showed 37 runs in March with an average response time of 5 minutes 19 seconds.

**Zoning Report:** Rich has traveled all the township roads and still is working on several cases with Chris Merduri. He also had questions about Mr. Seneff's tractor being outside. Some discussion followed.

Rich has questions about the fence section of the code.

Kathy has received from Mr. Seneff a list of other zoning infractions. She asked him to get the addresses.

**Road Report:** Tom has found an extended warranty for the 2011 F 150 for \$1590.00 to 120,000 miles. Steve motioned to pass a resolution to purchase the extended warranty. Jack seconded the motion. After some discussion a roll call vote was taken. Kathy AYE, Steve AYE, Jack AYE. The resolution was approved.

**Resolution 2013-8 was approved to purchase an extended warranty for the 2011 F 150 pick up to 120,000 miles.**

The new plow truck (cab and chassis) should be here soon and Tom is asking to be given the ability to sign all the paperwork to close the deal on the truck. A Journal Entry will be added so Tom can handle all the paperwork, including the insurance and buying the truck.

Tom also stated that stone is starting to be delivered to the garage for the upcoming summer work. Road patching has already started.

Jack motioned to pay the following bills. Steve seconded the motion. By voice vote, the motion to pay the bills was approved.

electronic	OPERS	10 % Employee	1850.06
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8208	Ohio Department of Taxation	Jan, Feb, Mar withholding	1659.03
8209	TL Service Center, Inc.	Parts	10.20
8210	Kepich	Parts	41.23
8211	Frontier	Stan's phone	288.43
8212	Stan Carlisle	Supplies, Conference expen	91.33
8213	Ohio Auditor	UAN 2nd Quarter	795.00
8214	Davco Fastener	Parts	24.30
8215	Western Reserve	Fuel	1672.66
8216	Dominion East Ohio Gas	2 bills Gas	342.26
8217	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phones	57.81
8218	Tom Franek	Zoning Meeting in Nelson	30.00
8219	Tim Kasper	Zoning Meeting in Nelson	30.00
8220	Clyde Faust	Zoning Meeting in Nelson	30.00
8221	Ohio Edison	4 bills	163.85
8222	Hiram Village	Water	11.47
8223	Village of Hiram	Fuel March 2013	102.14
8224	Geeville Auto	Parts	73.30
8225	Ohio Cat	Parts	96.20
8226	Cargill	21.85 Ton salt	811.29
8227	MOMAR Inc	One Step 2/5 GL	574.98
8228	Portage County RPC	Printing	29.81

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Kathy adjourned the meeting at 8:31 PM.