

Regular Hiram Township Meeting minutes for
September 3, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Hiram Township Hall

Present: Chairman Kathy Schulda, Steve Pancost and Jack Groselle

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The minutes for the August 20, 2013 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 motion to approve the minutes as corrected was approved.

Fiscal Officer: Stan met with Kathy last week about some concerns. Kathy was a big help in showing Stan a better way to do some things. Stan thanked Kathy for her help.

Mike Mascheck sent a reply concerning money for a siren in Village Gate. Karen Damien has been asked to look up the Village Gate file to see what is written down about this issue. Everyone is thinking it may be in the year 2008.

Stan asked where old minutes are kept. The Trustees pointed to the boxes in the room. Karen Damien is organizing them and will continue until the yearly and zoning records are done and will have a set of records that can be destroyed.

Dom Gualteri will be ready to work on the Mausoleum and Indian Maiden this fall.

The information that the Portage County Emergency Management Agency asked for has been returned to them. Tom finished filling out the information saying that it is all done and EMA will send it on to Columbus for review. We still hope to get some money from any disaster funds available from the State and/or Federal governments. The request is for about \$26,000.00 for the storm damage received on July 10th

The next meeting with Todd Peetz, Director of the Portage County Regional Planning, the Hiram Township Board of Zoning Appeals and the Hiram Township Zoning Board will be September 24th at 7:00 PM at the Hiram Township Hall. The Hiram Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet September 24th at 8:00 PM at the Hiram Township Hall to review two variance requests.

The "Hold Harmless" agreement has been sent out to Roberta Zuver.

A letter was sent to Mr. Ron Thompson about his issue with the changes of the zoning rules. He has not replied.

Marie Stehli, our area UAN representative, will be meeting with Stan to go over the software and help with getting all the records completed. Marie will help Stan get the changes in the 2014 budget.

Stan asked for a vote on a resolution to increase appropriations in the General fund from estate tax payments to the permanent fund, from the road levy funds to pay expenses.

Jack motioned to approve Resolution 2013-14 to appropriate money from the general fund to the permanent fund and from the road levy funds to pay expenses. Steve seconded the motion. After some discussion, a roll call vote was called. Kathy AYE, Steve AYE and Jack AYE. The following resolution was approved:

Resolution 2013-14 was approved to appropriate \$83,000.00 from estate taxes received to the permanent fund, from the 2191 Road Levy fund \$50,000.00 for salary and taxes expenses, \$2,000.00 for Medicare expenses and \$7,000.00 for Ohio Public Employees Retirement System payments. And from the 2193 Road Levy fund \$110,000.00 for operation and supplies needed.

The letter that Tom asked for regarding him being the agent for the Hiram Township Trustees to sell the used dump truck was signed and given to Tom.

Fire Report: Chief Byers reported that Squad 2 is being rehabbed and it is coming along nicely. He shared some photos of the work being done. They still have 2 units that can run EMS. Some of the fire trucks are fitted with equipment for EMS runs. He said that about 300 calls have been responded to so far this year. He says that they work with the Garrettsville, Nelson, Freedom and Mantua Fire Departments to help with coverage on the east and west side of the Township. He also commented that the new LED lights being used are not attracting bugs as the older light did.

The Chief also said that new rules does allow the Fire Department to mandate equipment be installed in different areas of the Township.

Old Business: Jack asked if Tom had the numbers of the savings of our road crew when doing the chip and seal in house vs. hiring it out. The Road Crew saved the Township around \$77,000.00.

Jack reported that he had talked to Mayor Bertrand and had nothing new to report on the income tax issue with Hiram Village. Kathy will be going to the next Village Meeting. Mayor Bertrand said that the Village Solicitor has been busy working on the Social Security vs. OPERS payments for the Village.

Kathy reported that she continues to have positive feedback about adding Hiram Village Police protection to the Township. Steve also reported positive feedback about using Hiram Village Police to

help patrol Hiram Township. He said that Village Police Chief Samec has told him he is getting positive feedback too.

Kathy has received calls about trucks lining up on Allyn Road and trucks dumping waste into the river. Akron Water was called and an investigation is under way. It was asked if the trucks were picking up water or dumping. Tom said that the no parking signs are still up on Allyn Road. Please get license plate numbers and take pictures and notify the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency at 800-282-9378

Kathy has asked Columbus Tax for an extension in hopes of having an agreement with Hiram Village soon. Tom Reitz, Hiram Village Solicitor, is asking to have the case dismissed and said that they have no jurisdiction in this case. She is waiting for a ruling.

New Business: Jack has talked with people in Palmyra and asked about the possibility of Hiram Township start collecting used motor oil for the Township residents and selling it. Jack will get more information on it. Palmyra is getting 60 cents per gallon for the used oil. Concerns of what would be dumped into the tank and other security issues were part of the discussion.

Ohio University has a survey about Fracking and how it has affected your area. Stan will fill it out and send it back.

Zoning Report: Rich will be getting two variance requests and a meeting will be scheduled. He continues to work on several cases. He also commented that he is under the impression that Mr. Koscher is out of town.

Road Report: Tom hopes to finish the chip and seal this week and get on to some paving work. He says that all the storm damage has been addressed. He has talked with Pander Trucking about staying off the roads while he continues paving. He also has some work to do in Rolling Meadows. Tom also asked that he be notified of any additional meeting at the Township Hall so he can have the building and parking lot ready for people.

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

8300	Allied Corporation Inc	Asphalt	1667.34
8301	PC Regional Planning Commission	copies	50.02
8302	County Treasurer's Educational Fund	CPIM Certificate fee	100.00
8303	Rodenbucker Tractor Repair	parts	25.00
8298	Kepich Ford	Extended warranty	1590.00
8297	Windstream	Phone 569-3123 Garage	46.55
8296	United Safety Authority	truck decals	80.00
8295	Nelson Township	Zoning Education meeting	100.00
8294	Shalersville Asphalt	Material	4405.65
8293	Arms Trucking	#411 Limestone 45.56 Ton	854.25
8292	Verizon Wireless	2 cell phones	57.71
8291	Garrettsville Hardware	Supplies	35.47
8286	Gledhill Road Machinery	Truck Bed	32245.00
8287	Gledhill Road Machinery	Parts	197.98
8289	Infoshred	1/2 Shredding	180.00
8290	Hiram Village	Water 7/1 - 7/30/2013	11.47
8288	Ohio Edison	3 bills	316.24
electronic	Wages	6/27/2013	4645.03
electronic	Salary	June	4285.56
Total			50893.27

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.