

Hiram Township

Regular Hiram Township Trustees Meeting Minutes for

September 17, 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 September 3, 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.

**Fiscal Officer:** Marie Stehli, UAN representative is working with Stan to get the files up to date. Stan is continuing to change the files over from meeting dates to company names. He hopes to have this done soon.

The estate money of \$73,750.65 has come in and will be placed in the permanent fund.

We have received a letter from Ed Wurm and Mike Mascheck which referred back to another letter dated 9/12/08. It states that they will pay \$300.00 per house as they sell to help pay for a siren. Discussion followed and we will wait to see if anything can be found in the records approving Village Gate can be found. Kathy has them and will report back.

**Fire Report:** The monthly fire report was handed out.

**Old:** Jack motioned to update Resolution 94-4 to today's Ohio Revised Code and to go into effect October 1, 2013. Steve seconded the motion. After some discussion concerning the enforcement of the state junk car rules by a township and to have the Township Zoning Inspector enforce the resolution. A roll call vote was taken. Kathy AYE, Steve AYE and Jack AYE. Resolution 2013 – 17 was approved.

**Resolution 2013 – 17 was approved to update Resolution 94-4 to continue to enforce any updated Ohio Revised Code rules concerning the removal of junk vehicles. This Resolution is to go into effect October 1, 2013. The State rules are to be enforced by the Hiram Township Zoning Inspector.**

Jack asked if anymore had happened with the new fence zoning rules. Stan stated that he has not gotten anything from Ron Thompson, the person who was asking why the rules were changed and wording was taken out.

Jack read from page 62 of the zoning book concerning certificate of nonconforming use. He stated that the Moore's should have been issued one for the airport. He asked to pass a resolution to issue a certificate for nonconforming use. Kathy stated that Jack is a relative and should not be voting on this issue. Jack disagreed. She also stated that we have voted to give this issue to Chris Merduri, Assistant

Portage County Procedure's Attorney, and we should not be acting on this issue. Jack will give the information to Chris.

Kathy has been told that she did not file her appeal concerning the Hiram Village tax issue in time. She added that The Village has approved a resolution to pay legal counsel (Tom Reitz) \$120.00 per hour to represent Hiram Village concerning this issue.

Discussion about if rules about the number of hours trucks can haul to the dumping wells was started. 7 days from 7 to 7 or 5 days a week. Kathy is going to check with the Portage County Engineer's Office to see if any contact was ever signed.

**NEW:** Kathy asked about the resolutions for the auditor for the Budget Commission. Marie will be meeting with Stan to draft the needed resolutions for our next meeting.

Jack motioned that a resolution be approved to have the Portage County Health and Building Departments and the Hiram Fire Department be contacted and asked to provide written documentation as to what is needed before the Middlefield Bank Property can be granted an occupancy permit. Steve seconded the motion. After some discussion, a roll call vote was taken. Kathy AYE, Steve AYE and Jack AYE. The following resolution was approved:

**Resolution 2013-16 was approved to contact the Portage County Health Department, The Portage County Building Department and The Hiram Fire Department and ask each agency to write out what needs to be done before the structure can be occupied.**

Kathy will talk to someone at Middlefield Bank to let all the parties into the structure. Stan will contact each agency.

Kathy asked that the Ohio Environmental Agency and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources HOT LINE phone numbers be added to our web site. These are numbers to call to report any dumping or other activities concerning oil, gas and disposal wells and trucks hauling to them. Stan will ask Josh to do this.

Stan has been asked to contact each utility company and inform them we are a government agency and therefore; exempt from any late fees.

On October 22, 2013 at 2:00 PM, a webinar will be presented by the Ohio Historical Society titled "Just the Basics for Townships". Stan is planning on watching this presentation.

**Zoning Report:** Rich has two variance requests coming soon. Stan will schedule the Board of Zoning Appeals to meet once the variances have been received. He is still working on several cases.

**Road Report:** Tom reported that the paving on Allyn Road is done and looks nice. Tom said that Pander did work with him as he was paving the roads and kept truck traffic down. He will still be adding some liquid to the sides.

No word from Annette at the Portage Emergency Management Agency concerning any money for the storm damage.

Tom also shared with everyone that Hankee Road just west of St. Rt. 700 is not in the Township Right-of-way. He will be contacting the Portage County Engineer's Office to see if they can provide any guidance about this issue.

Tom also went to see the used oil site at Palmyra Township. He still has concerns about security, but will work on setting up one in our yard at the Township Garage.

Tom also asked that 2 ads be place in the Record Courier telling that the dump truck is going to be offer for sale at the Edinburg Auction on October 19, 2013 at 9:30 AM. Stan will take care of this.

Jack motioned to include in a new resolution to add any industrial and commercial areas in Hiram Township be added to any Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) with the Village of Hiram. Steve seconded the motion. After a short discussion, a roll call vote was taken. Kathy AYE, Steve AYE and Jack AYE. The following resolution was approved:

**Resolution 2013-15 was approved to pursue an agreement with Hiram Village concerning income tax payments. We are asking the Portage County Procedure's Office (our legal representative) to work out this agreement with the representatives of Hiram Village. We further agree to include any industrial and Commercial areas be included in any joint economic development district (JEDD).**

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

Eletronic	Wages	9/19/2013	4712.80
Eletronic	Payment OPERS August 2103	1765.89 / 2472.23	4238.18
8364	Ohio Department of Taxation	July 2013 payment	492.33
8365	Ohio Department of Taxation	August 2013 Payment	488.20
8366	Tom Matota	Supplies	45.67
8367	Medical Mutual	Premium 10/1 - 11/1/13	4127.84
8368	Ohio Edison	4 bills	156.36
8369	Dominion Wast Ohio Gas	2 bills	57.81
8370	Warren Fire Equipment	Certification expenses	128.55
8371	Municipal Signs & Sales, Inc.	Engine brake signs	445.24
8372	Arms Trucking Co., Inc.	Limestone 25.43 Ton	476.81
8373	Ohio Cat	Parts	VOID
8374	Western Reserved Farm Co-op	Fuel	1797.36
8375	Oscar brugmann Sand & Gravel	Material	1122.02
8376	Gee-ville Auto Parts Corp.	Parts	90.76

8377	Garrettsville Hardware	Supplies	100.46
8378	Kauffman Tire/Ravenna	Tire work	46.00
8379	Treasurer Of State of Ohio	UAN Fees - 4th Quarter 13	795.00
8380	Village of Hiram	Fuel	312.08
8381	Village of Hiram	3rd Quarter Fire 85%	21085.20
8382	Village of Hiram	3rd Quarter EMS 90%	22325.50
8383	Shalersville Asphalt Co	Material	243.36
8384	Marie Stehli, CPA	UAN Support 4 Hours	80.00
8385	Ohio Cat	Parts	171.64
8386	Hiram Village	Water	11.47
<b>TOTAL</b>			

63,550.64

Kathy adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.