

Hiram Township Regular Hiram Township Trustees Meeting

Minutes for March 4, 2014 at 7:05 PM at the Hiram Township Hall

Present: Chairman Steve Pancost, Kathy Schulda and Jack Groselle

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The minutes for the February 18, 2014 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 was approved.

Fiscal Officer: Tom Caldwell, CEO of Middlefield Banking Company, has told Stan that the Middlefield property on Rapids/Thrasher Road has been sold and the new owner has been informed of the issues raised by the Hiram Township Trustees. Work has started to fix up the property.

A Memorandum of Understanding was presented concerning paying for a siren. After some discussion, it was decided to send it back to Chris Merduri to add something about payment for the lots that already have homes on them.

Christine Craycroft, Executive Director of the Portage Park District, gave a very nice presentation about the Portage Park District and the need for funds to continue to improve and maintain the district. They are asking for .5 mill 10 year operating levy on the May 6th ballot. Jack motioned to endorse the Portage Park District levy. Kathy seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion to endorse the Portage Park District Levy was approved.

Old: Jack had talked with Patti Artz from Ravenna Township about the Solid Waste Contract. They do not see Hiram Township's issues about the contract that was offered.

We have not gotten any word about a court date for Mr. Koscher.

The agreement on file does only allow well traffic on weekdays to and from the injection well from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The bond they have with the County may be removed over this issue.

Steve has talked with Jason Carlton, Mantua Township Trustee, and they may be able to get a pipeline to the injection well off of a state highway with the help of ODNR and Akron Water.

New: Resolution 2014-3 was presented to the Trustees. This resolution is seeking the legislative authority of the Village of Hiram to enact an ordinance assenting to the detachment of the Hiram Township Garage property from the Village of Hiram. After some discussion, Kathy motioned to approve the resolution. Jack seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Steve AYE, Kathy AYE and Jack AYE. The resolution to ask Hiram Village Council to detach the Hiram Township Garage property from the Village was approved.

It was also decided to move our meeting time to 6:30 PM on March 18th so the Trustees can attend the Village Meeting on the same night at 7:00 PM. Stan will place a notice in the legal notices section letting people know of the time change.

Jack asked about the Community Breakfast and if anyone was going. Kathy said that she is planning to go. Jack also asked about the Health Department Advisory Dinner. Steve said that he will be going.

Steve also is reviewing some information from NOPEC and to see if we can get even more savings. We already have a flat rate for the street lights on the poles.

Zoning: Rich is starting to see a few new permits for new building and continues to work with legal to resolve different issues. He will also check the addresses on the list given to us concerning zoning issues in our township.

Fire Report: Chief Byers said that he is spending \$15000.00 out of his capitol fund to purchase a used fire truck. He also shared that the 2000 gallon tanker is working as they had hope in getting water to any fire sites. All equipment is holding up well in this cold weather. And the crew has continued to do a great job!

Road Report: Tom gave Stan the information needed to bid out the liquid for the road work to be done this summer. Stan will place the ad in the newspaper's legal section. The liquid needs to be bid because it will be well over the limit not needing bids. The welder will be needing some repair. The new truck had a missing bolt and the dealership brought a mechanic to replace a missing bolt in the cooling system. Because of the shortage of salt, Tom has also worked with the Village to secure some additional salt from them to get us to the end of winter. He has also used about 40 tons of sand on the streets this winter.

Jack motioned to pay the bills. Kathy seconded the motion. After a short discussion the motion was approved by voice vote. The following bills where paid:

4-Mar-14			
8592	Mark Finamore	legal service	VOID
8593	Mark Finamore	legal service	800.00
8587	Roberta Zuver	Jan, Feb 2014	30.00
8588	Davco Fastener Co	supplies	53.20
8589	Windstream	phone garage	57.72
8590	Municipal Signs & Sales, Inc.	signs	772.50
8591	Oscar Brugmann Sand & Gravel	sand	190.17
electronic	Salary Jan 2014	paid 3/3/14	4390.45
electronic	Wages 2/16-3/1/14	paid 3/3/14	5171.17
TOTAL			11465.21

Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:19 PM.