

Hiram Township

Regular Hiram Township Trustees Meeting Minutes for

March 18, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the Hiram Township Hall

Present: Chairman Steve Pancost, Kathy Schulda and Jack Groselle

Chairman Pancost opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

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

The minutes for the Public Hearing on March 4, 2014. This meeting was to have open discussion concerning the approval of the Hiram Township Comprehensive Plan. After a short discussion, Jack motioned to approve the Hiram Township Comprehensive Plan. Kathy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Steve AYE, Kathy AYE and Jack AYE. The Hiram Township Comprehensive plan was approved.

The minutes for the March 4, 2014 meeting were read. After a short discussion, Jack motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Kathy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Kathy AYE, Steve AYE and Jack AYE. The motion was approved.

Fiscal Officer: Presented a "Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Contributions Towards Siren". The Trustees agreed with it and signed it. The owners of Village Gate will be asked to sign to have something on file to help pay for another siren by Village Gate.

Mr. Finamore has been in and out of the Hospital, but his staff is working on the legal issues we have given them.

After a little discussion about the vacuum sweeper, Kathy will take it to get it repaired.

Tim Casper was present and wants to get started with the Community Evaluations and Accomplishments Committee (CEAC). He will be writing a grant application to the Hiram Community Trust Board for funds to help get started with the process.

Old: Resolution 2014-4 concerning the salt contract was presented to the Board. After some discussion, Jack motioned to approve the resolution. Kathy seconded the motion. After a little discussion, a roll call vote was taken, Steve AYE, Kathy AYE and Jack AYE. Resolution 2014-4 to enter into a winter salt contract 018-15 to buy salt under the Ohio Department of Transportation was approved. The contract is to take 90 to 110 percent of 400 Ton of salt.

Jack asked about the Middlefield Bank property and what was going on with it. The property has been sold and work has been started to turn it into a rental unit. The septic can be turned into the Health Department if a nuisance is observed.

Jack also asked about the list of addresses to give to Rich concerning any zoning issues. Kathy will talk to him.

The Portage County Engineer's Office is checking into bidding road liquid for the townships. Jack is following up on this.

New: Steve told the group that some kids were on the baseball field with 4 wheelers. They were caught and a sheriff's report has been filed. We will be able to go after the parents to pay for any needed repairs. Stan was asked to get a copy of the Sheriff's report.

Kathy asked about banking with one of the online banks. Stan will check into it.

Alex Czayka, Eastern Associate Field Director for the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, presented to the Board a resolution on behalf of Terry Gallagher. The resolution is to support the application of Mr. Gallagher to the Clean Ohio Local Agricultural Land Conservancy to preserve his 117 acre farm. Jack motioned to approve the resolution. Kathy seconded the motion. After some discussion, a roll call vote was taken: Steve AYE, Kathy AYE and Jack AYE. Resolution 2014-5 was approved to support the application of Terry Gallagher to the Clean Ohio Local Agricultural Land Conservancy.

Fire Report: Hiram Village has started readings to place a 3 mill levy on the village ballot this fall. They will be selling the old fire house and the proceeds will be used to add on to the new fire house. Hiram Village has approved the purchase of a used fire truck to add to the fleet.

Road Report: Tom has been busy with some freezing issues on the roads and high water, but all is going well. He said that he will start ordering stone for chip and seal. He will be taking back two loads of salt that was borrowed from the County Engineer's Office. They will also start trimming back trees out of the road right-of-ways. It was mentioned that Hiram does a great job of keeping the right-of-ways free of brush and other debris.

Kathy motioned to pay the bills. Jack seconded the motion. After a short discussion the motion was approved by voice vote.

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electronic	Wages 3/2-3/15/14	Paid 3/19/14	5063.20
8594	Ohio Edison	6 bills	470.07
8595	Advance Auto	supplies	4.44
8596	Record Publishing CO	2 legal ads	30.00
8597	Western Reserve	Fuel	2861.69
8598	Gee-ville Auto Parts	Parts	119.47
8599	Brugmann Sand	Sand	671.29
8600	Village of Hiram	Water Feb 14	11.80
8601	Municipal Signs	Signs	350.65
8602	Verizon	cell phones	57.98
8603	Portage Co Health Department	Septic Application	275.00
8604	Gledhill Road Equipment	Cylinder	497.51
8605	Medical Mutual	3/1-4/1/14	4868.84
8606	Harvey Veon	Trap 6 beaver	120.00
8607	Dominion East Ohio Gas	2 bills	382.79
8608	Hiram post Master	Post Office Box (year)	84.00
8609	Mantua Hardware	supplies	84.69
8610	Stan Carlisle	Mail to Hiram Village	14.80
	TOTAL		15968.22

Kathy motioned to go into executive session per ORC Section 121.22(G) (5) to consider the purchase of property for public purposes. Jack seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Steve AYE, Kathy AYE and Jack AYE. The Board went into executive session at 7:29 PM.

Kathy motioned to come back into open session. Jack seconded the motion and the Board came back into regular session at 7:40 PM.

Kathy asked, per the request of Chris Merduri from the Portage County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Jack if he or any of his LLC's were planning on bidding on any property that the Township is bidding on. Jack said that he would not.

Kathy motion to use the Western Reserve Land Conservancy to help to negotiate the purchase of land for the Township. Jack seconded the motion. After a short discussion, a roll call vote was taken: Steve AYE, Kathy AYE and Jack AYE. The motion to use the Western Reserve Land Conservancy to help purchase land was approved.

Steve adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM.