

Hiram Township

Regular Hiram Township Trustees Meeting Minutes for

May 6, 2014 at 7:00 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 April 15, 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: The Zoning Board Meeting to review the distance of oil tanks from homes will be scheduled for June 24th at 7:30 PM at the Hiram Township Hall.

Old: Kathy will contact Mark Finamore about finalizing an agreement with Hiram Village over the income tax issue.

Kathy asked about the payment to the members of the zoning boards. Stan said he will take care of this soon.

Portage County Engineer Mickey Marozzi is still looking into pricing of road liquid material for our Township.

Steve is still trying to get the insurance information from the baseball team using the Hiram Rapid's Ball Field. He will get the information soon.

New: Jack received a complaint from someone on Limeridge Road. It was concerning trash not being picked up. It was picked up later after a phone call.

Zoning: The Koscher case will be going to court. Rich has also received some complaints about 4 wheelers and a red pick up on Alpha Road. The people have been told to call the Portage County Sheriff's Office for help. Work is continuing on the house that Middlefield Bank owned and Mr. Patterson is showing no signs of work going on.

Fire Report: Engine 3 is now in service and working well. The Chief asked about the Township putting on the new 3 mill EMS levy. Stan will check with the Board of Elections about the timing of filing. The Chief also asked about putting in the pole for the new siren at the top of Carlisle Hill on State Route 82. He was informed that a resolution was approved at the last meeting to pay for this and collect money from Village Gate for sold lots and as the lots are sold. The money is to be collected by Hiram Township and returned to the Fire and EMS funds.

Road Report: Tom is getting road material delivered so they can start road work as soon as the weather breaks. They have started mowing already. He also thanked the Carlises for letting them store a tractor over the winter. They have also started some patch work, but will do more after the hot patch material is available. Tom also talked about the two mowers having the same belt break with in a few hours of each other. It was also discussed that part of Ryder Road (about ¼ of it) is in Hiram Village and the Township has been maintaining it.

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

Salary Paid 5/8/14 total of \$4972.38

Jack motioned to go into executive session per ORC section 121.22 (G)(2) (purchase of property)and ORC section 121.22 (G)(6) (security arrangements). Kathy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Steve AYE, Kathy AYE and Jack AYE. The Board went into executive session at 7:55 PM.

Jack motion to come out of executive session. Kathy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Steve AYE, Kathy AYE and Jack AYE. The Board came out of executive session and into regular session at 8:08 PM.

Jack motioned to not use any service from the Western Reserve Land Conservancy to help with the purchase of any land for Hiram Township. Kathy seconded the motion. After a short discussion, a vote was taken: Steve AYE, Kathy AYE and Jack AYE.

Jack motioned to have a resolution to purchase about thirty one (31) acres of land and pay all legal, surveying and other fees associated with the purchase of the property. Kathy seconded the motion. After some discussion, a roll call vote was taken: Steve AYE, Kathy AYE and Jack AYE. The following resolution was approved:

Resolution 2014-8 to purchase about thirty-one (31) acres just west of Hiram Village on the South side of State Route 82. The parcel contains about thirty-one (31) acres of vacant land. Any legal, surveying or other fees are to be paid by the Hiram Township Trustees associated with the purchase of the property. Any building design is to be in the spirit of the "salt-box" style. Appropriations from the Permanent Fund 4951-710-599-0000 of \$175,000.00 are to be appropriated for the purchase and expenses of the land purchase.

Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:17 PM.