

Hiram Township

Regular Hiram Township Trustees Meeting Minutes for

June 3, 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 May 20, 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:** I received a call about trouble with 4 wheelers on the road and disturbing the quiet of the area on Allyn Road just west of Hiram Rapids. I told them to call the Sheriff's Office and that we are working on getting more police protection in the township. Kathy has also fielded calls concerning 4 wheelers activities. The Hungarian Club has blocked some of its property with picnic tables to help keep the 4 wheelers out.

Resolution 2014-9 was presented to the Trustees to start the process to put a 3 mill levy for EMA services on the November ballot. Jack motioned to approve resolution 2014-9. Kathy seconded the motion. After some discussion, a roll call vote was called: Steve AYE, Kathy AYE and Jack AYE. The following resolution was approved:

**Resolution 2014-9 to place on the November 2014 ballot a levy for EMA services. This is to approve the 2 mill currently being collected and adding an additional mill for a total of 3 mills to continue for 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. The Board will ask the County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation and the revenue this levy would generate.**

It was discovered that this should have been a replacement levy. Stan will go back to the Elections Board to correct this and bring it back to the Board.

I also talked with Josh about the web site. He says that the provider is having some issues and hopes to have it up soon.

Tim Casper has been working on by-laws and a resolution for the Trustees to approve the by-laws for the newly formed Community Evaluations and Accomplishments Committee (CEAC) for Hiram Township. After some discussion, it was decided to send a copy to the Portage County Regional Planning Board and

to Legal counsel Chris Merduri. Steve said that he would take care of this. It was also discussed that this group will need to advertise any meeting times and keep minutes to comply with the Ohio Sunshine laws. Tim also told us that his group did receive a grant of \$750.00 from the Hiram Community Trust Fund to help get the committee started.

Gary Bott said that the Hiram Community Trust Fund did distribute about \$38,000.00 in grants this year. The Trustees also thanked Gary for his service as the Hiram Township Representative to the Hiram Community Trust Board.

**Old:** Jack asked that the used oil recycling information be moved back to the front page of our web site. Stan will relay this to Josh.

The Police contract is still being worked on. A question about the insurance is being addressed.

No report from Mr. Finamore's Office was available concerning the income tax issue with Hiram Village.. Kathy said that she will be contacted before the next Board meeting.

As of January 1, 2015 we will be getting \$3.50 of the licensee fee from the Portage County Engineer's Office.

Kathy motioned to except the contract as presented for the purchase of the property on State Route 82 from the J. M. Umbaugh Trust (29.7977 acres). Jack seconded the motion. After a short discussion, a roll call vote was taken: Steve AYE, Kathy AYE and Jack AYE. The motion was approved and the contract was signed.

The Township will continue to look for any available grants to help pay for the property. Employees from the Western Reserve Land Conservatory have walked the property checking out the bird population.

**New:** Kathy has received a request from the Hungarian Club concerning putting signs up on St. Rt. 82. Tom said that they need to contact the Ohio Department of Transportation concerning getting signs for on the state route. Kathy will pass this information along to them.

If anyone sees any issues with any state route, they need to contact the Ohio Department of Transportation in Ravenna as soon as possible. Steve said that he is concerned about a washout along St. Rt. 700 just north of Hiram Village.

The purchase of the property on State Route 82 has started discussion about what to do with the garage and Townhall property. Tom stated that any new garage should face south and any salt building should face east. How big does any turn around need to be to accommodate large trucks with large trailers? Will we need to get a land cleaning company in to clear an area for a new garage or can our Road Crew do the work. Discussion continued for quite a while with nothing being decided tonight.

**Zoning:** Rich has gone to a home that has ramps in the back yard being used for 4 wheelers. Jack and Kathy have received complaints about this. They are also concerned about the possibility of

dust complaints coming. Rich has also called the Building Department concerning construction at the property that was owned by Middlefield Bank. He was only able to leave a message on a machine so Stan was asked to contact them. He said that he would.

Rich has also been called about burning on the Bob Andrew's property on St. Rt. 82 west of Hiram Village. He has investigated and is unable to see any violations. He will continue to watch. He is starting to get busy with people calling about getting permits.

**Fire Report:** Gary Bott also reported that all is going well with the Fire Department.

**Road Report:** Tom says that they have been patching on Allyn Road and replacing a pipe under Norton Road. They have been working on the old dump truck too.

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

20-May-14				
86-2014	Ohio Public Employees Retirement	April payment	2140.20	
	Wages 4/13-4/26/14	Paid 4/30/14	4668.22	
	Wages 4/27-5/10/14	Paid 5/14/14	4579.37	
8638	Portage Portable Toilets Inc.	Port a Jon	390.00	
8639	Ohio Edison	6 bills	463.32	
8640	Airgas	2 bills	81.19	
8641	Ohio Cat	Parts	9.64	
8642	Powerplan	Parts	294.70	
8643	Oscar Brugmann Sand & Gravel	Material	730.05	
8644	TL Service Center	Parts	11.47	
8645	Door Works & Construction Co.	Door repair	75.00	
8646	Windstream		48.41	
8647	Jackson Fence	Bar post	50.00	
8648	Kepich Ford	Parts	89.95	
8649	Medical Mutual	6/1-7/1/14 premium	4868.84	
8650	Arms Trucking	3 invoices 542.47 ton 8 slag	14646.69	
8651	Emmett Equipment Co	Parts	277.34	
8652	Cleveland Plumbing Supply Co	Parts	317.52	
8653	Mark Finamore	Service 2-2014	675.00	
8654	Dominion East Ohio Gas	2 bills	151.13	
<b>8655</b>	Gee-ville Auto Parts Corp	Parts	166.58	
8656	Western Reserve	Fuel	1576.92	
8657	Hiram College Service Center	Time cards	110.00	
8658	D and R Supply Inc	Cold Patch	289.80	

8660	Village of Hiram	Fuel	347.23	
8661	Village of Hiram	Water 5/1/14	11.80	
8662	Mantua Hardware Lawn and Garden	Parts	12.24	
8663	Sarchione	Parts	21.39	
8664	Verizon	2 cell phones	58.01	
8665	Dexter Co	Parts	135.10	
<b>8666</b>	Davco Fastener Co	Parts	13.50	
<b>8667</b>	Carter Lumber	Supplies	58.03	
8668	Gatto Electric Supply Co	Supplies	62.07	
8669	Chagrin Pet +Garden Supply Inc	Parts	163.07	
8670	Roberta Zuver	Jan, Feb	40.00	
8671	Karen F. Demian	44 hours & supplies	445.65	
8672	Industrial Connections INC	Supplies	13.40	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>38,092.83</b>	

Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.