

Hiram Township

Regular Hiram Township Trustees Meeting Minutes

August 19, 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 August 5, 2014 meeting were read. Kathy Schulda motioned to approve the minutes with corrections and Jack Groselle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Steve AYE, Kathy AYE and Jack AYE. The motion was approved.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Diane Rodhe presented Resolution 2014-16 for the purpose of amending the Annual Appropriations to account for the cost of building the salt shed in 2014. Jack Groselle motioned to approve Resolution 2014-16 and Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Steve AYE, Kathy AYE, Jack AYE. Diane presented Resolution 2014-17 to approve the 2015 Tax Budget. Jack Groselle motioned to approve Resolution 2014-17 and Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Steve AYE, Kathy AYE, Jack AYE.

Removal Hearing:

The Removal Hearing regarding the Kosher Property began with Zoning Inspector Rich Gano presenting letters to the Trustees from the Hiram Fire Department and the Portage County Building Inspector. Both letters determined the structure to be unsafe. Steve Pancost read the official notice and discussion followed with Attorney Robert Mishler. Attorney Mishler reported that Mr. Kosher was in the process of repairing the roof and siding on the structure and that he had notified Attorney Chris Meduri of the repairs as well. Kathy Schulda inquired about a contract for the work that was being done on the structure and Attorney Mishler presented a contract from A+ Roofing. Kathy Schulda motioned to pass Resolution 2014-18 to proceed with the Removal of the structure but not before the September hearing date. Jack Groselle seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Steve AYE, Kathy AYE, Jack AYE. Jack Groselle thanked Attorney Mishler and Mr. Kosher for attending the meeting.

Public Comment:

Josh Johnson advised the Trustees that he will be re-evaluating the website and adding information regarding the CEAC. Kathy Schulda requested that a notice regarding the upcoming salt contract be posted on the website as well as Zoning Minutes.

Paul Shaughnessy presented his response to the flyer that was distributed around the neighborhood where he is training his dogs. He was concerned about the conflict and was looking for resolution.

Discussion followed with several residents also in attendance. Tiffany Grejac of 12522 Alpha Road expressed her concerns and suggested a coordination of events so the weekends would be quieter.

Mr. Shaughnessy responded with a willingness to consider her concerns. Resident Patricia Vegas (sp) inquired about the barking noise and the shooting on the property that is within ½ mile of a township park. Kathy Schulda responded that she would check into the Ohio Revised Code regarding the distance from the park. Barbara Kones (sp) and Wendy Coneir (sp) spoke in favor of Mr. Shaughnessy and his business. Paul LaMinno (sp) also expressed his concerns about the business and the property lines. The discussion came to a close with the Trustees asking the neighbors to talk with each other and Mr. Shaughnessy inviting his neighbors to talk with him before distributing flyers around the neighborhood. Fire Chief Bill Byers added that Mr. Shaughnessy had volunteered to have a Fire Inspection done on his property and that his shooting practices are safe.

Old Business:

Bill Byers thanked the Trustees for partnering with the Hiram Village Police to patrol the township roads.

Diane sent the Utility information to NOPEC for possible rate reduction.

Bill Vines will complete the tree removal on August 20th and Tom Matota called Yarnell Tree Service for a quote on further clean up and site preparation. Bids will be taken from at least 3 tree service companies.

Kathy Schulda will provide addresses for the Thrasher Road properties in order to add the 100.00 Midland Title search fee to the tax bill.

Tom Matota presented the cost of purchasing salt back to 2008. He suggested that Hiram Township reduce the quantity of the bid to 200 Tons instead of 400 Tons. Diane will resubmit the bid at 200 Tons. The township will be advised of the reduced salt coverage through the website.

Rich Gano reported that ODNR requires a distance of 150 feet from dwellings for holding tanks.

Jack Groselle reported on the Solid Waste Management meeting. There are three options on the table now with the EPA.

Kathy Schulda presented the Agreement Memorializing an Alternate Income Tax Arrangement between Hiram Township and The Village of Hiram regarding the Alternate Income Tax.

New Business:

Jack Groselle suggested using the Gas Tax fund to pay for road crew salaries, materials and salt.

Rich Gano will inventory the contents of the safe in the Townhall and Diane will inventory the contents of the lock box at Middlefield Bank.

Zoning Report: The Zoning and BZA boards were discussed in regards to who needs to be re-appointed.

Rich Gano reported that he went to the Kosher property and Mr. Kosher will need an occupancy permit if he intends to stay on the property after the hearing in September.

Fire Report: Bill Byers will email the Fire Report.

Road Report: Tom Matota reported that Udall and Norton have been double chipped and sealed. He inquired about needing a drawing to be able to get a permit for building the salt shed. Jack Groselle suggested that we have a drawing done. Tom is planning for 500 tons of capacity in the new salt shed.

Jack Groselle motioned to pay the bills and adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm. Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. Steve AYE, Kathy AYE, Jack AYE.

Warrant	Payee	Description	Paid	Received
electronic	Wages		4957.19	
8805	Allied Corporation	Materials	98.8	
8806	Russell Standard	Materials	32168.99	
8807	Ohio Dept of Ag	License	35	
8808	Portage Cty Planning	Comp Plan Books	80.35	
8809	Federal Signal	Siren	17402.3	
8810	Airgas	Propane	299.4	
8811	Robinson Memorial	Testing	54	
8812	Rich Gano	Office Supplies	30.13	
8813	Ohio Edison	Electric	107.6	
8814	Carter Lumber	Supplies	23.17	
8815	Arms Trucking	Materials	6380.82	
8816	Stamm Contracting	Materials	320.78	
8817	Shalersville Asphalt	Materials	809.05	
8818	Marlboro Supply	Supplies	359.75	
8819	Industrial Connections	Supplies	42.65	
8820	Void			
8821	Void			
8822	Ohio Dept of Taxation	Withholding	432.69	
8823	OPERS	Retirement	4144.73	
8824	OPERS	Retirement	92.36	
8825	Void			
electronic	IRS	Withholding	1882.87	
Zoning Permits				175.00
Vines				3600.00
CEAC				750.00