

Hiram Township

Regular Hiram Township Trustees Meeting Minutes

September 16, 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 September 2, 2014 meeting were read. Jack Groselle motioned to approve the minutes with corrections and Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Steve AYE, Kathy AYE and Jack AYE. The motion was approved.

Public Comment:

Jim Zella was invited to discuss the architectural drawing for the salt shed that is being planned. Jim gathered information regarding location, elevation, dimensions, aesthetics, and materials. Tom Matota and Jim will meet at the property to further discuss options for the new salt shed. All agreed that Jim Zella should proceed with the drawings and the cost will be under \$1000.

Janet Esposito attended the meeting and presented information regarding her upcoming campaign for County Auditor. Janet stressed the accomplishments of managing 800 million annually through the office of County Auditor and she reminded everyone that the County Auditor works for the people of Portage County.

Prosecutor Becky Dougherty attended the meeting and she introduced herself as a candidate for Judge in Portage County. Becky stressed the importance of knowing who the candidates for Judge are when you go out to vote and she would like to start a drug court in Portage County to battle the growing heroin problem.

Daniel Brokos attended the meeting to inform the Trustees of his interest in working with Tim Kasper and the CEAC group to introduce a community engagement program. Daniel is completing a Master's Degree in Arts and Biology at the University of Cincinnati which is affiliated with the Cleveland Zoo.

Fiscal Officer: Fiscal Officer, Diane Rodhe presented several items.

The Portage County Board of Elections has galley proofs of the November Ballot ready for review.

Frank Gates has sent a letter stating that Hiram Township will be able to continue to benefit from the group rate. Kathy Schulda requested that Diane find out if the current rate is up or down based on previous late payments.

OTARMA has presented the Township Insurance policy for the new term beginning October 1, 2014. Diane will have the new property added to the policy.

Bennet Land Title sent the Original Recorded Deed and the Original Owners Title Insurance Policy. The current tax maps show the property as 4 acres but will be updated to 29.97 acres. Tom Matota inquired about deed restrictions. The documents will be stored in the lock box at the Middlefield Bank.

The approved Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Contributions towards Hiram Siren was presented for signatures and will be mailed to Mike Maschek and Ed Wurm.

Diane presented Resolution 2014-19 Stating Agreement to pay the Village of Hiram Income Tax and execute any documents necessary to finalize the tax agreement. Jack Groselle motioned to approve Resolution 2014-19 and Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Steve AYE, Kathy AYE, Jack AYE.

The League of Women Voters is looking for description and annual amount of proceeds from the EMS Levy that will be on the ballot in November. Diane will respond with the information.

OTARMA is looking for nominations for the Board of Directors. There were no nominations from the Hiram Trustees.

Diane inquired about attending a training meeting for Fiscal Officers that will be held on October 14, 2014. The cost is 65.00 and will be held in Hudson. The Trustees approved the training.

Fire Report: The Village of Hiram Police are only ticketing for blatant speeding in the township. There continues to be a problem with four-wheelers and a red truck in Hiram Rapids.

Old Business:

Jack Groselle motioned to nominate Don Prall 330-569-7893 to the Zoning Board as an alternate and Ron Thompson 330-620-0807 as alternate to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Steve AYE, Kathy AYE, Jack AYE.

Jack Groselle inquired about the possibility of reduced utility bills through NOPEC. Diane had not heard back from NOPEC and she will follow up with NOPEC.

Jack Groselle reported on the Solid Waste Management meeting. Solid Waste Management cannot do what they want to do. They have three options and the meetings will continue to find out who is interested in a consortium.

Land clearing for the new property was discussed. Three bids have been received.

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| H&H | \$17,000. | Front \$11,000. | Back \$6,000. |
| CYC | \$15,200. | Front \$10,200. | Back \$5,000. |
| Weaver | \$13,400. | Front \$8,850. | Back \$4,550. |

In a previous meeting there was a question regarding the distance between a township park and a shooting range. Attorney Chris Meduri responded that he is not aware of any restrictions in the Ohio Revised Code.

There will be an inspection at the Kosher property on September 18, 2014 at 1:00 pm. The Portage County Building Inspector, Health Inspector and Zoning Inspector will be present along with a Trustee.

Diane will forward the DVD's from the lock box to Josh Johnson so he can consolidate the data.

Kathy Schulda has forms for the township employees to complete for Village of Hiram Income Tax.

New Business:

There have been reports of trucks dumping in the Cuyahoga River. The trustees suggested that residents take a picture of the truck including the license number when they see this happening.

The Village of Hiram is considering a merge of the Hiram Recreation and Park Board with the Hiram Beautification Committee. The Village discussion was tabled for a later date.

Zoning Report: There were no permits requested.

There have been complaints regarding high grass at the Parks-Sheiner Acacia property at 6058 State Route 82. Rich Gano talked to the owner and they reported that the grass is scheduled to be cut. The property owner expressed concern over how he is represented at the township meetings and feels that his neighbors are being unreasonable. Rich invited him to attend a township meeting.

There is a pond in progress on Winchell Road. Rich stopped in to talk to property owner. Discussion followed. No permit is required.

Road Report:

Jack Groselle stated that the roads look great.

Tom Matota reported that all chip and seal is complete.

The roller needs to be sold for \$3,000. or best offer. Tom will advertise in the Farm and Dairy for three weeks.

George Firtik hit a deer with the pickup truck. The damage was minimal and it was agreed that the repair would be completed without filing an insurance claim.

Jack Groselle motioned to pay the bills and adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Steve AYE, Kathy AYE, Jack AYE.

| Warrant | Payee | Description | Paid | Received |
|------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| 8859 | Medical Mutual | Health Insurance | \$4,888.84 | |
| 8860 | Village of Hiram | Water | \$25.23 | |
| 8861 | Western Reserve Farm | Fuel | \$1,428.11 | |
| 8862 | Verizon Wireless | Road and Zoning Cell Phones | \$57.91 | |
| 8863 | Ohio Edison | Garfield, Ryder, Schustrich, Pole | \$147.84 | |
| 8864 | Dominion | Gas | \$208.00 | |
| 8865 | Frontier | DSL | \$40.99 | |
| 8866 | Warren Fire Equipment | Equipment Maintenance | \$124.88 | |
| 8867 | Hiram Police Dept | Police Service in Township | \$1,864.90 | |
| 8868 | Village of Hiram | Fuel | \$241.57 | |
| 8869 | Village of Hiram | 3rd Quarter Fire Protection | \$24,694.36 | |
| 8870 | Village of Hiram | 3rd Quarter EMS Protection | \$26,141.94 | |
| 8871 | Stamm Contracting | Materials | \$52.65 | |
| 8872 | Carter Lumber | Supplies | \$70.05 | |
| 8873 | Arms Trucking | Materials | \$3,549.58 | |
| 8874 | Allied Corporation | Asphalt Materials | \$2,468.37 | |
| 8875 | Applied Industrial | Supplies | \$100.44 | |
| 8876 | Dale Johnson | Contract Labor | \$1,532.52 | |
| 8877 | Russell Standard | Asphalt Materials | \$48,415.75 | |
| 8878 | Rich Strainer | Porch Repair | \$60.00 | |
| 8879 | Gee-Ville Auto Parts | Repairs | \$181.59 | |
| 8880 | Southeastern Equipment | Supplies/Repairs | \$83.77 | |
| 8881 | Mantua Hardware | Supplies | \$263.47 | |
| 8882 | Chief Bill Byers | Permit for Siren Electric Hookup | \$61.80 | |
| 8883 | Ohio Treasurer | Fiscal Officer Training | \$65.00 | |
| electronic | IRS | Federal Withholding | \$2,754.34 | |
| electronic | Wages | Wages | \$4,622.71 | |
| | Portage County Auditor | Estate Tax Settlement | | \$3,166.90 |
| | Portage County Auditor | Gasoline Excise Tax | | \$4,725.18 |