

Hiram Township

Regular Hiram Township Trustees Meeting Minutes

October 21, 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 October 7, 2014 meeting were read. Jack Groselle motioned to approve the minutes and Kathy Schulda 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 several items.

Bennet Title Company was contacted and asked to begin a Title Search on the Donald Kosher property.

Diane attended an Ohio Auditor training seminar on October 14, 2014.

As a follow up to the 2012/2013 audit, there may be some additional billing hours from Charles E. Harris & Associates. Diane will locate the original agreement before the audit started before approving any further billing. The request for a one year 2014 Hiram Township audit was submitted to Joey Jones of the Ohio State Auditor's office. The one year audit will include an analysis of funds and transfers for the year 2014.

NOPEC sent a letter to inform community leaders that NOPEC has funded an additional 1% discount bringing the total discount to 7% for residential and 5% for small commercial customers. NOPEC is still in the process of putting together group discounts but according to the letter that was sent out, Hiram does not qualify based on having received a NOPEC grant previously.

Diane asked the Trustees if Hiram Township has ever applied for Issue 2 Funds where the State of Ohio pays for some of road paving costs. The response was that Hiram is able to maintain the paving at a cost that does not qualify for Issue 2 Funds.

Per the October 7th meeting, Diane checked on the payment for the Tornado siren. The siren was paid from the Road and Bridge Fund and should have been from the Fire Levy Fund. The payment will need to be reallocated from the proper fund.

Diane presented resolutions regarding the Kosher property. Resolution 2014-21 states that the Kosher property must have the cistern covered and secure before November 3, 2014. Jack Groselle motioned to approve Resolution 2014-21. Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Steve AYE, Kathy AYE, Jack AYE. Resolution 2014-22 states that the Kosher property will have all doors and windows

covered and secure before November 17, 2014. Jack Groselle motioned to approve Resolution 2014-22. Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Steve AYE, Kathy AYE, Jack AYE.

The Portage County Township Association Dinner will be held on November 15, 2014 at the Deerfield Town Hall at 6:00 pm.

The Rotary Club of Garrettsville-Hiram will be hosting a 30th Annual Reverse Raffle on November 13, 2014 at Sugar Bush Golf Club.

Public Comment:

Jim Zella presented drawings for the proposed salt shed. Discussion followed and Tom Matota will take the drawings to the County Building Inspector for approval.

Jason Groselle from the Hiram Fire Department distributed a flyer for the Levy on the upcoming election ballot.

Tim Kasper has worked with Josh Johnston to have the CEAC minutes posted on the Hiram Township website. The CEAC voted to partner with Dan Brokos to conduct a resident survey regarding township parks and trails. Tim presented CEAC Document of Recommendation 2014-2 listing five steps on how to proceed with conducting the survey. Discussion followed and the Trustees approved 2014-2. The CEAC will wait for the driveway to be installed before inviting residents to the property. It was suggested that Jim Umbaugh be invited to lead a hike on the existing trails and the idea of having a bonfire was rejected. Tim mentioned that some maintenance will be needed on some of the trails before hosting the residents. Kathy Schulda reported data from the Western Reserve Botanist. There are 78 plants, 46 beaver areas, and 34 types of birds on the new township property.

Kathy Schulda invited Tim Kasper and Dan Brokos to attend the Beautification Project meeting at the Hiram Village Hall on October 28, 2014. A resident is required to attend with a Trustee to be on the Parks and Beautification Board.

Old Business:

Tom Matota advertised the roller in the Farm and Dairy but there has been no interest. Tom will cover and store the roller outside for the winter.

New Business:

Jack Groselle discussed having a link added to the Hiram Township Website for the Portage County website. Jack will discuss with Josh Johnson. Facebook can be created for free if the township wants to have Facebook.

Jack Groselle reported that Jim Umbaugh has trees available to move onto the township property if the township pays for the cost of having Doug Paul move the trees. No decision was made until the cost of moving trees is established.

Jack Groselle inquired about the ODNR Agricultural Easement Assessment packet sponsored by the township for the Moore Farm. Jack will contact James to see if he has it.

Kathy Schulda provided an update on the 2% Village Income Tax. She has mailed all documents and payments that she received from township employees and there has been zero feedback. Diane has entered the 2% withholding on payroll for all employees for October earnings.

Kathy Schulda will be attending the Village of Hiram financial meeting and she inquired as to whether the township wanted to request having the current road garage detached from the Village. If detached, the township will offer to chip and seal Ryder Road from the garage to State Route 82 (approximately ¼ mile) which is valued at \$17,000/mile. The Deed will read "If the property is sold at a later date, the Trustees will agree to the garage being annexed to the Village".

Steve Pancost provided an update on the meeting that was held regarding the Don Kosher property on Friday, October 18, 2014. Steve reported that funds are available in Portage County through Moving Ohio Forward and could be used for the demolition of the structure. Mr. Kosher declined to sign the release for the demolition so the funds cannot be applied for. Mr. Kosher intends to live in the structure so he needs to apply for an occupancy permit. Before an occupancy permit can be obtained, Randy Roberts will need to inspect the property. The structure has to be cleaned out by December 1st so the inspection can be done and Randy Roberts can tell Mr. Kosher what needs to be done for an occupancy permit. Permits need to be applied for by December 15, 2014. Rich Gano will be allowed to inspect the property on December 1st and 15th as well. Chris Meduri stated that the Ohio Revised Code has provisions for the Trustees to demolish the structure without a lawsuit. The lawsuit will be dismissed. The court will remain involved to manage the timeline so that valuables can be removed before demolition. Kathy Schulda reported that a Restraining Order has been filed by Don Kosher but has not been approved.

Kathy Schulda motioned that Don Kosher must meet the deadline of having the house cleaned out for inspection by December 1, 2014 and he need to apply for the Occupancy Permit before December 15, 2014. The Trustees will not move forward with the demolition if the dates above are met. If the dates are not met, the Trustees will move forward with the Nuisance and demolition. Jack Groselle seconded the motion.

Zoning Report:

Rich Gano sent a letter to Kevin Lamb regarding the building that was put up without a permit. Mr. Lamb stated that he could not reach anyone in the township so he started the building thinking that someone from the township would show up. Rich would like to make sure that his email is linked to the website. Diane received an application and a check for the permit from Kevin Lamb at the PO Box address which was forwarded to Rich Gano. The application is not completed correctly and the building is oversize. Rich will be following up with Mr. Lamb to work with the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Fire Report: None

Road Report:

Portage County Engineer will be sending a bill for signs. The street light at Hidden Hills has been repaired.

Tom Matota is ready to start the driveway on the new property and he estimates \$25,000. Diane will confirm that the funds are available.

Kathy Schulda reminded Tom that Don Bello's hours cannot exceed the established limit. Tom Matota has it all planned out till the end of the year.

Jack Groselle motioned to pay the bills. Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Steve AYE, Kathy AYE, Jack AYE.

Kathy Schulda motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm. Steve Pancost adjourned.

Warrant	Payee	Description	Paid	Received
electronic	Wages	Wages	\$4,658.60	
8916	Ohio Edison	electric	\$127.77	
8917	Shalersville Asphalt	Materials	\$54.45	
8918	Western Reserve Farm Co-op	Fuel	\$2,810.01	
8919	void		\$0.00	
8920	Medical Mutual Of Ohio	Medical Ins Premium	\$4,848.84	
8921	Mark S. Finamore	Legal Fees	\$325.00	
8922	Village of Hiram	Fuel	\$194.71	
8923	Municipal Signs	Road Markers	\$260.00	
8924	Southeastern Equipment	Supplies	\$51.73	
8925	Mantua Hardware	Supplies	\$103.38	
8926	Advance Auto Parts	Repairs	\$33.85	
8927	Weaver's Tree Service	Tree Removal	\$8,850.00	
	Portage County Auditor	Local Government		\$2,361.99
	Toothman	Accessory Building Permit		\$50.00
	OPERS	Refund		\$616.04