

Hiram Township

Hiram Township Trustees Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Hiram Township Hall

Present: Chairman Jack Groselle, Kathy Schulda and Steve Pancost

Chairman Jack Groselle 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.

Resolution 2015-10 Steve Pancost motioned to approve the January 20, 2015 minutes with corrections. Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

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

Auditor of State Training on April 1-2, 2015

OTA Dinner on February 21 at Rootstown Townhall.

PERRP Form was filed with BWC.

Siren Memorandum sent to Chris Meduri second time.

Sunshine Law Training at Maplewood JVS on April 20th.

Public Comment:

Dave Auble attended and presented quotes for the upcoming medical benefit plan.

Tim Kasper and Dan Brokos presented a hand drawn map of the new property along with survey results from the community hike. Approximately 15 were surveyed. Steve Pancost offered that Regional Planning has Survey Monkey software and it could be used by the township for a nominal fee. Jack Groselle also mentioned that the CEAC could apply for funds from several organizations. Dan Brokos would like to use a camera trap to record the wildlife that exists on the property. Dan would also like to create an education program to be used by the surrounding schools.

Focus groups have been offering suggestions since having the opportunity to hike the trails and see the property. Tim presented these ideas in relation to the map of the property.

Old Business:

Steve Pancost stated that the Land Bank, Fire Department, and Building Department have approved the property at 6630 Allyn Road for demolition.

Kathy Schulda reported that Chris Meduri and Tom Reitz met with the Clerk of Courts to discuss the funds that are created from traffic tickets issued in the township and how to get this money back to the township.

Kathy Schulda stated that the Fuel Depot contract was discussed at the Hiram Village Council Meeting and the role of the township is now recorded.

No money has been received from Mike Maschek or Ed Wurm for the Village Gate Memorandum of Understanding. All documents have been sent to Chris Meduri.

Resolution 2015-11 Kathy Schulda motioned to add a 3 mill renewal road and bridge levy to the November ballot. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE. Diane will get information to the Board of Elections.

Resolution 2015-12 Kathy Schulda motioned to move our OTARMA Insurance to Ellerhorst Russell Insurance on the contract renewal date. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE. Mark Russell will come and talk with the Trustees before the policy begins. Diane will communicate with Zuccaro Insurance to let them know about the changes.

Kathy Schulda has asked the Village of Hiram Police to add patrols around the township based on recent break-ins around the township.

Jack Groselle inquired about the approval of the drawings for the utility building. Hal Stamm is still working with the Building Department.

Jack Groselle inquired about the refund check from Russell Standard. The refund has not been received.

New Business:

ODOT is doing work on the bridge on Norton Road. The road is currently closed due to hitting an artesian well. The Fire Department has been notified but the advance communication from ODOT has not been very good.

Jack Groselle reported that while property taxes have increased in Portage County, the taxes are much higher in Ashtabula County.

Tim Kasper mentioned that residents in attendance at the Zoning Meeting were wondering why we have the siren and what to do when it goes off.

Zoning Report:

Kathy Schulda reported on the Kosher property. A letter from Attorney Mishler has been received. In response to the requests in the letter; the farm tractor has to be moved indoors if it is going to be refurbished, the tires must be disposed of now, and the trailer is no longer useful as a camper therefore, it must be removed. Kathy asked Rich Gano to call Chris Meduri regarding the responses and to communicate that all outdoor items must be cleaned up within a week of the snow melting.

Rich Gano reported no requests for permits in the township.

A fence has been installed without a permit on Winchell Road. Rich stopped in the give them an application.

Fire Report:

Chief Bill Byers talked with Federal Signal regarding the \$5890.00 quote that was received. The quote is actually the installation fee for the siren installed in 2014 across from Village Gate on State Route 82.

One crew member was assaulted on a call but was not seriously injured.

Road Report:

Tom Matota inquired about the RITA tax refunds.

Tom reminded Diane that the Municipal Sign invoice can be submitted for the MORE Grant.

We have ordered approximately 140 tons of the 180 ton salt purchase agreement. The discussion that followed was all good feedback for the management of the roads this winter.

Tom reminded the Trustees that the 1999 truck needs to be replaced this year and he needs approval due to the length of time involved to order. Jack and Kathy suggested that Tom proceed with getting some numbers together but final approval will have to wait until April. Kathy stated that she is not interested in financing the truck.

Kathy inquired about the price of fuel when we purchase from the Village of Hiram. The price is less than a gas station because it is tax-exempt.

Resolution 2015-13 Steve Pancost motioned to pay the bills. Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

Resolution 2015-14 Kathy Schulda motioned to go into Executive Session at 8:26 pm to discuss employee benefits. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

Resolution 2015-15 Kathy Schulda motioned to go out of Executive Session at 8:31 pm. Jack Groselle seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Warrant	Payee	Description	Paid	Received
electronic	Wages	Wages	\$5,028.03	
electronic	Salaries	Salaries	\$3,470.99	
9035	Windstream	Garage Phone	\$45.57	
9036	Ohio Edison	Street Lights 149, 729	\$319.76	
9037	Dominion	Townhall & Garage	\$151.00	

9038	Morton Salt	Road Salt	\$2,228.24	
9039	Industrial Connections	Supplies	\$53.13	
9040	Marie Louise Stehli, CPA	Consulting	\$132.00	
9041	Village of Hiram	Fuel	\$144.41	
9042	Federal Field Services	Siren Inspection	\$626.00	
9043	Oscar Brugmann Sand & Gravel	Materials	\$338.58	
9044	Mantua Hardware	Supplies	\$140.51	
9045	Carter Lumber	Supplies	\$148.71	
9046	JwJ Web Design	Web Hosting & Maintenance	\$450.00	
9047	Gee-ville Auto Parts	Repairs	\$108.98	
9048	Charles Harris & Associates	2012-2013 Audit Expense	\$9,500.00	
	Portage County Auditor	Permissive Tax		\$504.37
	Portage County Auditor	License Tax		\$552.40
	Portage County Auditor	Cents per Gallon		\$2,515.08
	Portage County Auditor	Gasoline Excise Tax		\$4,762.95