

Hiram Township

Hiram Township Trustees Meeting Minutes

March 17, 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 2015-31 Steve Pancost motioned to approve the March 3, 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.

Diane will be working with Middlefield Bank to set up the tax exempt VISA account.

An update letter has been received from Attorney Mishler regarding the Kosher property.

A notice has been received from Frank Gates (BWC). Effective March 2, 2015, York Risk Services group and CareWorks Consultants Inc. will be consolidated and will be called CareWorksComp.

Dominion sent a Notice of Filing an Extension of Approval for PIR Program.

Buckeye Sweeping, Inc. sent a specification letter for street sweeping. Per the Trustees, the letter can be disregarded.

Diane provided a Comparison of Budget & Appropriations to date. A certificate of 2015 Revenue has been filed with the Portage County Auditor for approval and final appropriations will be completed once approved.

Public Comment:

Tim Kasper provided an update on the CEAC. The committee is planning an event for March 28 to trim and clean up trails. They are looking into the idea of renting a tent for scheduled events. Tim also met with Jack Groselle to discuss the hayfield directly west of the planned utility shed. The committee would like to have the area available for family recreation. The committee is also interested in saving the trees that were slated for removal in favor of creating a path that leads to the back of the property. Tim met with Tom Matota to have a better indication of the future site development.

Tim Kasper will be asking for funds from the Hiram Community Trust Grant for the pavilion, mulch, and gravel. Tim asked for a letter of support to be presented at the April meeting. Dan Brokos might be partnering with Crestwood Intermediate School for a project such as doing a wildlife count. This may

lead to a need for school bus parking. The committee also discussed the idea of signage with a name for the property. Names that were mentioned are "Hiram Woods" and "Hiram Township Woods".

The three main items of focus for the committee are: reconsider the bids for logging of trees, allow the CEAC to maintain the tree line that leads to the AT&T line as they develop a hiking path, and designate funds for other recreational projects subject to Trustee approval.

Old Business:

Steve Pancost inquired about the website phone number change that is needed. Josh was contacted but the number is not changed. Diane will follow up with Josh.

Kathy Schulda mentioned that Jim Umbaugh is inquiring about the status of CAUV for the new property. Jack Groselle will call Janet Esposito regarding the CAUV and the tax exemption that we have applied for.

Per Resolution 2015-18 Chris Meduri has sent a letter to Mike Mascheck and Ed Wurm regarding the Village Gate Siren Memo of Understanding.

The Village of Hiram and Chris Meduri are still discussing the method for applying the funds received from township road tickets to additional patrol hours in the township.

Jack Groselle presented the latest version of the Solid Waste Recycling Collection Services Bid Proposal. Jack asked Diane to send a letter to the Portage County Commissioners stating that the Village of Hiram and Hiram Township have agreed to accept bids for recycling collection services for July 2015 through December 2016. Jack also asked about what size container would be needed at township garage for recycling. It was agreed to have a 65 gallon container on wheels. Kathy will ask the Village what size container they will need. Jack will provide a list of residents once the bid is awarded.

New Business:

Jack Groselle asked the question, "what if we moved the Township Hall building to the new property for the price of selling the Village lot"? He asked that we all keep our ears open for resources that could help us to evaluate the cost of moving the building and preserving the historic value.

Jack Groselle mentioned a letter that was received from Brilliant Electric Sign.

Jack completed his Sunshine Law Training and presented the Certificate for training records.

Jack Groselle stated that the Hiram Township Records Policy needs to be posted in the Townhall. Diane will post it.

Jack Groselle mentioned the application for 2015 CDBG Community Development Allocation Grant.

The 2014 Road Mileage Certification was presented for trustee signatures. Hiram Township is responsible for maintaining 19.943 miles and there are no changes for 2015.

Jim Umbaugh submitted a notice stating that he has cash rented property to Ryder Groselle Farms and has no share in the crop being grown on the farm.

Jack Groselle received an invitation for all of the Hiram Elected Officials to attend the Portage County Environmental Conservation Awards Benefit Dinner. Steve Pancost will be attending.

Jack Groselle suggested taking bids for the utility shed as two separate projects. One bid for the cement work and one bid for the upper portion. Discussion followed and all agreed.

Resolution 2015-32 Steve Pancost motioned to accept bids on the utility shed as two separate projects. Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE. Tom Matota will make sure that prints are available to be reviewed by bidding contractors.

Tom Matota suggested that Otto Faulkenburg have an opportunity to look at the building site and assess what is needed for site prep. An area of 200 X 300 square feet will be needed for truck traffic making deliveries. Stripping topsoil, moving clay, and stoning the area could cost approximately \$30,000. After discussion, it was agreed to be a good idea to have him come and look. If additional excavation is needed, the site work will not require bids.

Resolution 2015-33 Steve Pancost motioned to agree to purchase 350 tons of salt on the summer salt bid contract with Ohio Department of Transportation. Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

Zoning Report:

Rich Gano presented one Mylar fee of 25.00.

From what Rich can tell, there has been some progress in the Kosher property clean –up effort.

Rich is also coordinating an inspection date for the Kosher property. Rich will notify the Trustees of the date once the Building, Fire, and Health Departments are scheduled.

Fire Report:

Gary Bott reported that all is going well.

Road Report:

Tom Matota mentioned how well the roads have held up over the winter. All agreed that the township road maintenance program is very effective. Jack Groselle has driven all of the roads and there are no potholes on any of them. Discussion followed for future chip and seal where Vaughn Road and State Route 82 intersect. Ryder Road was also discussed regarding the dip in front of the township garage.

Resolution 2015-34 Kathy Schulda motioned to pay the bills. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

Resolution 2015-35 Kathy Schulda motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss land rent and finances at 8:55 pm. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

Resolution 2015-36 Kathy Schulda motioned to come out of Executive Session at 9:07 pm. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

Resolution 2015-37 Kathy Schulda motioned to have Ryder Groselle Farms rent the farmland at 6352 State Route 82 and work cooperatively in the development of the property with the CEAC and the road crew. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack ABSTAIN, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

Kathy Schulda motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 pm.

Warrant	Payee	Description	Paid	Received
electronic	Wages	Wages	\$5,133.87	
electronic	Salary	Salary	\$771.25	
electronic	OPERS	OPERS	\$4,776.96	
9089	Verizon Wireless	Zoning & Road Supervisor	\$58.19	
9090	Dominion East Ohio Gas	Propane Townhall & Garage	\$151.00	
9091	Ohio Edison	82 Siren 162, Schustrich 910,Ryder 180, 700 Pole 936, Townhall 402	\$242.74	
9092	Kellie Durr	Filing	\$187.50	
9093	void			
9094	Hal L. Stamm, PE	Utility Building Drawing	\$1,004.17	
9095	void	void		
9096	Sumerel Tire	Repair	\$21.48	
9097	Ohio Cat	Repair	\$529.82	
9098	Oscar Brugmann Sand & Gravel	Materials	\$113.39	
9099	Morton Salt	Road Salt	\$2,549.04	
9100	Western Reserve Farm Co-op	Fuel	\$2,601.20	
9101	Village of Hiram	Fuel	\$45.49	
9102	Hiram Police Department	Township Patrol Jan & Feb	\$3,149.55	
9103	Powerplan	Repair	\$171.40	
9104	Sarchione	Repair	\$16.50	
	OTARMA Am Risk Pooling Consult	MORE Grant Deposit		\$500.00
	Portage County Auditor	Local Government		\$1,801.75