

Hiram Township

Hiram Township Trustees Meeting Minutes

October 6, 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 2015-98 Steve Pancost motioned to approve the September 15, 2015 minutes. Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

Fiscal Officer:

Diane Rodhe presented the following items: Middlefield Bank will be hosting a Lunch and Learn about protecting data on October 21, 2015. A bulletin was provided by Ohio EPA Citizen Advisory. The Rock Salt Antitrust Litigation Settlement Fund Distribution check for \$1650.76 has been received from Ohio Attorney General, Mike DeWine. Ohio Bureau of Workmen's Compensation will begin the new billing cycle in 2016. A copy of the ballot for the November election has been provided by the Board of Elections. The Employee Handbook was copied and distributed to the Trustees for review. The 2014 Audit Report was presented and an electronic copy was emailed to the Trustees.

Public Comment:

Don Prall inquired about the trucks that do not obey the "No Jake Brake" sign on State Route 305. He suggested that patrol cars sit in the turnaround on his property to better monitor the situation.

Old Business:

Resolution 2015-99 Steve Pancost motioned to add police liability insurance of three million dollars and increase the deductibles to \$5000.00 on the 2016 OTARMA Insurance. Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

Kathy Schulda reported that all persons will be covered by the OTARMA insurance when they are working on the property.

Kathy Schulda reported that Mike Maschek and Ed Wurm are ignoring the letter that has been sent by Attorney Chris Meduri. Kathy also instructed Zoning Inspector, Rich Gano to not issue any Hiram Township zoning permits to Maschek or Wurm until the matter is resolved. Questions should be directed to Attorney Chris Meduri.

Kathy Schulda reported that Kevin Lamb has hired Attorney Billy Simon to represent him. Mr. Lamb has until October 15, 2015 to complete the work on his building.

Steve Pancost reported that the ditch on State Route 700 has not been cleaned and now there is a new problem between State Route 700 and State Route 82.

Kathy Schulda received another resident call about trash cans in the ditch. The resident mentioned a concern with the wooden bridge on Abbott Road. They were informed that the bridge is not the responsibility of Hiram Township.

Jack Groselle provided an update on the Allyn Road RUMA. The Portage County Commissioners are suggesting that the Hiram Township Trustees host a meeting for the residents to ask questions about the RUMA. The Trustees have responded with a letter to the Commissioners that there will not be a meeting unless a representative from Heckmann Water is in attendance. The Trustees have communicated that they would like to resume the earlier RUMA that they helped to write. Jack Groselle stated that the Portage County Commissioners knowingly signed the RUMA without getting the required approval signatures from the Township Trustees. The legal counsel representing the Portage County Commissioners has stated that the Trustees should have been able to participate in negotiating the RUMA and signing the agreement before the Commissioners signed the agreement.

Kathy Schulda reported that Steven Erwin from ODNR did not know if someone was supposed to be in attendance during hours of operation at the injection well. Mr. Erwin did get back to Kathy with the answer and he stated that the injection well on Allyn Road does not need to have an attendant present while trucks are discharging.

Jack Groselle followed up with the road crew after our last meeting to be sure that the "No Trespassing" signs were posted along Roger Monroe's property.

New Business:

Kathy Schulda reported on the upcoming Recycling Roundtable on December 16, 2015 at 1:00 PM. Jack Groselle has asked to participate on the committee.

Per the Portage County Commissioners, "the weight limits are not posted correctly on our roads". Jack Groselle requested that a letter be drafted and addressed to the Portage County Commissioners asking the following question. "If the posted weight limits are not correct on our roads, then we want to know what the county is doing to correct them and when will it be done, since it is the responsibility of the Commissioners to get it right. Hiram Township Trustees are requesting that all posted road weight limits be brought up to the correct standard. Additionally, the township can have the State Highway Patrol enforce the weight limits on township roads if they are correct to begin with.

Jack Groselle reported a new NOPEC rate of 6.94 cents.

Jack Groselle received a resident complaint about a stolen recycle can. The can was recovered. Jack also received another call about trash pickup and Diane Rodhe received an inquiry about cable service from a new resident.

Fire Report:

Gary Bott reported that everything was going fine.

Zoning Report:

Rich Gano issued permits for one home addition, one accessory building, and one new home permit. Rich sent a reminder letter to the homeowner who needs to repair their pool enclosure.

Kathy also suggested that Rich send a letter to the property owners (Patterson and Zoeller) from Thrasher Road to see what they are planning to do with the vacant properties.

Kathy Schulda reported on the status of the Kosher property. All agree that Mr. Kosher cannot live in the house until he has an occupancy permit.

Jack Groselle shared the Health Department Report.

Road Report:

Tom Matota reported the chip and seal has been completed for \$159,000.00. Tom also invited the Trustees to come and see the new parking lot at the utility building. One thousand tons of asphalt grindings were purchased for \$4000.00.

Tom Matota requested approval for spending \$3600.00 on liquid to complete chip and seal on Ryder Road because we already have the stone for the job. After a short discussion, this was approved.

Leonard Roosa has submitted his letter of resignation effective October 9, 2015.

Tom Matota provided an update on the new truck purchase. The truck is currently at Gledhill for a different tailgate and a front bumper. The old truck will be sold through an auction service.

Resolution 2015-100 Kathy Schulda motioned to pay the bills at 8:03 PM. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

Resolution 2015-101 Kathy Schulda motioned to go into Executive Session at 8:04 PM to discuss Personnel. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

Resolution 2015-102 Kathy Schulda motioned to go out of Executive Session at 8:45 PM. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

No action was taken. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Warrant	Payee	Description	Paid	Received
electronic	wages	wages	\$5,279.86	
electronic	salary	salary	\$4,340.06	
electronic	OPERS	Public Employees Retirement	\$4,633.88	

electronic	IRS	Withholding	\$2,492.45	
electronic	State Tax	Withholding	\$527.58	
electronic	RITA	Withholding	\$69.38	
9347	Medical Mutual	Healthcare	\$1,852.49	
9348	Village of Hiram	Water	\$11.80	
9349	Windstream	Ryder Rd Garage Phone	\$52.43	
9350	Ohio Edison	729, 149, 936, 910, 162, 180, 402	\$526.94	
9351	Dominion	Gas	\$121.00	
9352	Hiram Police Department	Township Patrol	\$2,101.60	
9353	Gledhill Machinery	Repair	\$17.04	
9354	Kepich Ford	Repair	\$29.38	
9355	Verizon	Zoning & Road Supervisor	\$58.15	
9356	The Weekly Villager	Classified Ad	\$15.00	
9357	Western Reserve Farm Coop	Fuel	\$1,070.45	
9358	Mantua Hardware	Supplies	\$123.96	
9359	void	void		
9360	Dale Johnson	chip and seal	\$1,494.00	
9361	Steve Pancost	Township Sign Reimbursement	\$241.69	
9362	Middlefield Bank	Construction Materials	\$960.00	
9363	Quick Service Welding	Repair	\$81.00	
9364	Carter Lumber	Supplies	\$7.98	
9365	Cleveland Plumbing	Supplies	\$85.88	
9366	void	void	\$0.00	
9367	Oscar Brugmann Sand & Gravel	Materials	\$339.43	
9368	Stamm Contracting	Supplies	\$14.25	
9369	Marlboro Supply	Supplies	\$759.25	
9370	Hiram Rapids Church & Cemetery	Cemetery Flagpole Lighting	\$250.00	
9371	Arms Trucking	Materials	\$428.75	
9372	Shalersville Asphalt	Materials	\$1,673.36	
electronic	Frontier	DSL	\$39.99	
	Zoning Permit	Gingerich Carport Addition		\$50.00
	Portage County Auditor	License Tax		\$600.60
		Permissive Tax		\$805.86
		Cents Per Gallon		\$2,757.04
		Gasoline Excise Tax		\$4,908.99
	Portage County Auditor	Local Government HB64		\$518.50
		Local Government		\$2,366.90