

Hiram Township

Hiram Township Trustees Meeting Minutes

October 20, 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 2015-103 Steve Pancost motioned to approve the October 6, 2015 minutes with corrections. Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

Fiscal Officer:

Diane Rodhe presented several items.

Ohio CAT has received two payments for \$529.82 (ea) that was not applied to our account but were cashed. Diane will be following up with Ohio CAT to get this corrected. Jack Groselle suggested that we set up a credit card expense account with Ohio CAT.

HughesNet would like to be listed on our website.

The OPERS Bulletin was distributed to the Trustees.

A letter was drafted to the Portage County Commissioners for the Trustees to sign. The letter is a request for the Commissioners to make the necessary corrections to the posted weight limit signs in Hiram Township.

A letter was received from the office of John Husted, Ohio Secretary of State listing resources for interested voters to access via online for information and arguments both for and against Issues 1, 2, and 3 on the ballot for the November 3, 2015 election.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

Kathy Schulda talked to Ed Samec about enforcing the posted "No Jake Brake" stretch of State Route 305.

Kathy Schulda inquired about the OTARMA insurance payment. Diane will be preparing the payment for signatures at the next Trustee meeting.

Kathy Schulda reported on the project for moving the current Townhall building. Stein House Movers have provided a rough estimate of \$20,000.00 with no wire lifting plus \$700.00 for a permit. They do not

take care of notifications, etc. That would all need to be done by the Trustees. Most of the cost involves the lifting and setting down of the building. The second estimate is \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00 with no wire moves and the Trustees take care of notifications.

Kathy Schulda will be calling the area schools with buses travelling Allyn Road (RUMA) to see if the drivers have concerns about overweight trucks being on the roads during restricted hours. Jack Groselle contacted the Deputy from Solid Waste and he will also monitor the RUMA roads to ensure the trucks are staying off during restricted school bus hours. The Deputy cannot write a ticket but he can report to the Commissioners and the Hiram Trustees.

Kathy Schulda reported that until 1993, Hiram College donated money to the Hiram Fire and Police Departments. In 1993, the College started a contract and paid \$96,000.00 to the Village of Hiram for fire and police protection. Currently, the Fire and Police receive less from Hiram College.

Jack Groselle received a call from a concerned resident about Norton Road. He made some follow up calls and found out that the Kimble Recycling made all of their stops but the trash pick-up was missed the first week of the bridge being closed.

New Business:

Jack Groselle mentioned that the cost of Fire Insurance has increased for residents in Mantua due to the location of the Fire Station.

Steve Pancost reported that Regional Planning reviewed our Agricultural Use for less than five acres and they suggested that it be changed to meet Ohio Revised Code. ORC states 30 ft. setbacks and Hiram Zoning states 50 ft. The Zoning Amendments will be presented for approval at our next meeting which will be advertised as a Public Hearing for Zoning Amendments beginning at 7 PM.

Steve Pancost called the FCC to file a complaint about Windstream service levels. The only other option in the area is HughesNet which does not support gaming.

Fire Report:

The Fire Report was provided for September. Calls for the Village-10, College-8, Township-26, and Mutual Aid-4 with an average response time of 5 minutes and 20 seconds.

Resolution 2015-104 Kathy Schulda motioned to donate \$50.00 to the Hiram Fire Association as a contribution for the upcoming children's Halloween Party. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

The Halloween Party will be held at the Fire Station on October 31st immediately following Trick or Treat which is from 5 – 7 PM.

Kathy Schulda received a call from a resident on Norton Road about fires service with the recently closed bridge. The Fire Department responded that they are aware of the bridge closing and the response plan in place includes going around the bridge with the fire engine due to weight limits.

Zoning Report:

Rich Gano sent letters out to Patterson and Zoeller to inquire about the status of renovations for the dwellings on Thrasher Road. Kathy Schulda suggested that if he does not receive a response within a month, a follow up letter should be sent via registered mail.

Rich Gano reported that Kevin Lamb has completed the work as required.

Rich Gano received a call from someone interested in purchasing land on Allyn Road. They were concerned about the truck traffic and Rich assured them that the Trustees are diligently working on this.

Todd Peetz called Rich to discuss the Zoning Amendments in regards to Agricultural Use and Setbacks.

Rich Gano received a call about the poor visibility due to hedge growth at the intersection of Wheeler Road and State Route 305. Rich will follow up.

Road Report:

Tom Matota received a quote for trimming the oak tree on the new property. Steve Pancost will go out and check out the tree.

Tom Matota reported that the new truck will be done by November 1st. The old truck will be ready for auction once the hitch is cut off. The next auction in Edinburg will be November 21st with another in December and February. Our truck will not be advertised for an auction until it is on the property.

Diane Rodhe inquired about the safety of pulling out of the new township property driveway. The westbound lane opens up as a passing zone and vehicles heading east from driveway are at risk to poor visibility. After discussion, Jack Groselle will call the State of Ohio to inquire about a No Passing Zone to improve safety.

Kathy Schulda discussed employee sick hours per year and carryover to the next year. Per Tom Matota, our current policy is 40 sick hours per year with a carryover of 5 days to the following year and never to exceed 10 days of time.

Mr. Masters inquired about the bridge on Norton Road. He is happy to have the school bus and others turn around in his driveway but he was concerned about the amount of mud accumulating on his paved drive. Tom assured him that it would be taken care of.

Discussion of Healthcare with no changes to report.

Resolution 2015-105 Steve Pancost motioned to pay the bills. Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Warrant	Payee	Description	Paid	Received
electronic	Wages	Wages	\$4,998.83	
electronic	Frontier	DSL	\$39.99	

9373	TomMatota	Reimbursement Water, Ohio CAT, B&M	\$116.74	
9374	Middlefield Bank	Zoning Postage, Interest	\$19.58	
9375	void	void	\$0.00	
9376	Hiram Fire Association	Trick or Treat Party Donation	\$50.00	
9377	Village of Hiram	Fuel	\$64.18	
9378	Arms Trucking	Material	\$439.56	
9379	Treasurer of State	UAN Fees	\$82.00	
9380	Shalersville Asphalt Co	Material	\$2,396.04	
	Zoning Permits	Huston, Schumacher, Ochwat, Swanson		\$250.00
	Portage County Auditor	HB 64 Local Government		\$518.50
		Local Government		\$2,367.62