

Hiram Township

Hiram Township Trustees Meeting Minutes

November 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 2015-106 Kathy Schulda motioned to approve the October 20, 2015 minutes. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

Fiscal Officer:

Diane Rodhe presented several items.

The Auditor of State sent a letter announcing a 5% increase in salary for all township elected officials. The increase begins on January 1, 2016.

We received the title and license plates for the new truck. They were given to Tom Matota.

Portage County Township Association will have a meeting on November 13, 2015 at 6PM in the Deerfield Townhall.

The CEAC and Hiram College hosted a Wildlife Count on October 31st and November 8th.

The Trustees approved the continuation of the following Bond amounts: Gano 5,000, Matota 10,000, Trustees 10,000, and Fiscal Officer 135,000.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

Steve Pancost received a complaint phone call from a Hidden Hills resident regarding internet service. Steve called the Portage County Commissioners and the Portage County Auditor to be connected with Lindsey Stranahan from Connect Ohio. A grant is available for an upgrade in our area including AT&T, Windstream, Frontier, and Time Warner to 10MB.

Kathy Schulda called the area schools to alert bus drivers about the RUMA restricted hours for Allyn Road. They were already aware of the restrictions.

Kathy Schulda reported on the Norton Road bridge. Anthony Zumba, Assistant County Engineer went to ODOT for assistance. One company has been accepted to plug the spring. They have asked Tom Matota

to monitor the work once it is complete. A replacement bridge is planned for this spring and the road will be closed for approximately 21 days at that time.

Kathy Schulda received a resident complaint about trash cans not being brought in. The resident wants the Health Department to be consulted. Kathy will be calling the Health Department and Jack Groselle suggested that the Hiram Police Department be called as well.

Kathy Schulda reported on the move of the Townhall to the new property. Diane will check on the Budget for 2016 and Steve Pancost will check with Regional Planning to see about grant writing if it is available. The current property was also discussed. The foundation will need to be removed and the current driveway is shared but 100% owned by the Township.

Jack Groselle reported that our letter to the Portage County Commissioners never made it to the Portage County Engineers. There are plans for an overweight truck to move to the Buckeye Pipeline and it is undecided as to what roads will be approved for the move.

Jack Groselle called ODOT regarding the passing zone on State Route 82 at the driveway to the new township property. ODOT will consider putting up a "Truck Entrance" warning sign.

Jack Groselle asked for an update on the new dump truck.

Steve Pancost went to the new property to decide on whether or not the oak tree needs to be trimmed. He decided it was acceptable as is.

New Business:

Steve Pancost mentioned that the Hiram Rapids Cemetery has a WWII stone that is damaged and needs repair. Green's Funeral Home will assist with completing the paperwork to get money from the Veteran's Administration. Steve also asked about the maintenance of the flags in the cemetery. It was agreed that flags will continue to be put out by the American Legion and picked up by the Road Crew before winter.

Resolution 2015-107 Kathy Schulda motioned to double Roberta Zuver's pay for cleaning the Townhall. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

Jack Groselle discussed the FEMA webinar.

Jack Groselle presented a check for \$500.00 for rent of the township's 10 acres of farmland on State Route 82.

Fire Report: There were a few less calls this month and the Halloween Party had a very good turnout of community children.

Zoning Report:

Rich Gano contacted Patterson and Zoeller about the Thrasher Road properties. Patterson needs to do electrical work and Zoeller needs to have inspections done.

The Udall Road pool enclosure has been completed.

Rich Gano is working with ODOT regarding the intersection at Wheeler Road and State Route 305. The growth is in the ROW. Rich will also be approaching the property owner.

Rich Gano is working with a property owner on Herr Drive which has a shared driveway and an accessory building that is too close to the property line.

Road Report:

Tom Matota asked for approval to switch the current dump truck tires to a new set of rims. All agreed.

The County Engineer has increased wages by 3% so our township employees will also receive the 1% as of November 1, 2015.

The old dump truck will be sent to Edinburg Auctions for the December 12th auction.

Resolution 2015-108 Steve Pancost motioned to pay the bills. Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

Resolution 2015-109 Kathy Schulda motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss employees at 8:10 PM. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

Resolution 2015-110 Kathy Schulda motioned to come out of Executive Session at 8:32 PM. Jack Groselle seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

No action was taken.

Meeting was adjourned 8:32 PM.

Warrant	Payee	Description	Paid	Received
electronic	Wages	Wages	\$2,998.61	
electronic	Salary	Salary	\$4,339.44	
electronic	IRS	Withholding	\$2,286.21	
electronic	State of Ohio	Withholding	\$482.29	
electronic	OPERS	Retirement Withholding	\$3,817.70	
electronic	ODJS	ODJFS	\$120.88	
9381	Medical Mutual	Health Insurance	\$1,300.00	
9382	Medical Mutual	Health Insurance	\$552.49	
9383	Ohio Edison	Street Lights 729, 149	\$306.52	
9384	Windstream	Garage Phone	\$52.21	
9385	Dominion	Gas Townhall & Garage	\$121.00	
9386	Roberta Zuver	Cleaning	\$20.00	
9387	Ohio CAT	Repairs	\$529.82	
9388	void	void	\$0.00	

9389	Arms Trucking Co., Inc	Material	\$2,810.70	
9390	Cleveland Plumbing Supply Co	Repairs	\$150.57	
9391	Stamm Contracting Co, Inc	Material	\$40.06	
9392	Healthcare	Reimbursement	\$89.29	
9393	Healthcare	Reimbursement	\$1,629.30	
9394	void	void	\$0.00	
9395	OTARMA	2015-2016 Anniversary Invoice	\$16,481.00	
	Portage County Auditor	License Tax		\$632.86
		Permissive Tax		\$903.62
		Cents Per Gallon		\$2,519.09
		Gasoline Excise Tax		\$4,812.18
	Randall Pochedly Rental Property	Culvert Replacement		\$100.00
	John Groselle	Land Rent 10 acres @ 50.00		\$500.00