

Hiram Township

Regular Meeting May 4, 2010

Present: Ms. Schulda, Mr. Bosma, Mr. Pancost.

Chairman Schulda opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the reading of the minutes of the April 20, 2010 meeting which were approved as read.

Chairman Schulda recognized Mr. Jack Groselle. Mr. Groselle asked about the trash contract pending for the coming year. The present contract was extended for one more year with no changes as per the present contract. The contract for 2012 is being developed for bidding with Mr. William Steiner of Portage Solid Waste Management. The future contract will be independent of the College who will be considered an industrial contract but the Village of Hiram may want to be involved with the Township in some fashion. The Township will act independently in the best interest of the Township residents. The recycling contract will continue unchanged in content.

Mr. Groselle also asked several questions about the fire/EMS contract. He questioned aspects of the agreement and the budget. Ms. Schulda said the Board has not finalized the contract yet as the recent copy of the changes to the agreement have just been given to the Board and time is needed to look at it in its present form.

Chairman Schulda recognized Assistant Fire Chief Kozac. Chief Kozac asked the Board to act on a proposal to trade in the present Tanker truck and purchase a new fire truck. Mr. Pancost made a motion to allow the fire department to trade in the present tanker truck as part of a deal to purchase a new truck. Mr. Bosma seconded the motion. Voice vote: AYES ALL.

**Resolution #2010-9 to trade in the tanker truck for a new fire vehicle has passed.**

Mr. Pancost made a motion to have the fiscal officer enter into a loan agreement in the amount of \$145,000.00 to purchase a new fire vehicle. Mr. Bosma seconded the motion. Voice vote: AYES ALL.

**Resolution # 2010-10 to enter into a loan agreement in the amount of \$145,000 to purchase a new fire truck has passed.**

Mr. Pancost made a motion to allow the fire department to have an engine installed in the new truck that meets the department's requirements. Mr. Bosma seconded the motion. Voice Vote: AYES ALL.

**Resolution # 2010-11 to allow the fire department to have an engine installed in the new fire truck that fits their needs and requirements has passed.**

Assistant fire chief Kozac showed the Board a new heart monitor/defibulator, one of three units purchased with a grant secured by chief Kozac for \$78,000. Chief Kozac is to be commended for the grant proposal he wrote to secure the funds for this purchase.

Mr. Brewer, fiscal officer, asked to Board to move on a conversion plan as per employee contract for unused vacation time. Mr. Pancost made a motion to allow for conversion of unused vacation time to be converted into pay at the standard rate of the employee for the number of hours accrued by the employee as stated in the employee contract. Mr. Bosma seconded the motion. Voice Vote: AYES ALL.

**Resolution #2010-12 to provide a conversion plan for employee vacation time has passed.**

Old Business – Chairman Schulda said the lease contract for the Rapids Church is still in the hands of the County Prosecutors office. We may need a quick deed to establish ownership prior to issuing an agreement. Ms. Schulda will contact the Rapids Church association to secure items needed to go forward.

Chairman Schulda said a request of 30 days has been granted to the parties affected in the eminent domain case.

New Business – Chairman Schulda noticed a truck parked on a Township roadway over the weekend. She notified the owner of the truck and the sheriff's department. The sheriffs' depart will issue a warning and then plans to ticket the vehicle in the future.

Mr. Brewer talked with Ms. Wilthew, former zoning secretary. Ms. Wilthew said that all zoning records have been placed in the Township Hall. She asked what to do with a printer in her possession that was purchased by the Township. The Board feels that the item in question is old and was soon to be replaced so they decided to let Ms. Wilthew keep it.

Mr. Brewer supplied the Board with information on a decision by the County budget commission to withhold future funds to pay for the health department budget shortfall in funding.

New Business – Ms. Schulda asked for a copy of the employee contract which is on file with the fiscal officer.

Ms. Schulda attended a Regional Planning meeting for Township officials. It is designed to work on zoning issues County wide.

Zoning Report – Mr. Garey asked the Board to review the Comprehensive Plan and sign off on it as reviewed. Zoning minutes from October 2009 need to be figured out. Mrs. Maynard will be asked to bring the tapes of the meetings to the zoning meeting next week so that others may try to figure them out and develop a hard copy. Ms. Schulda asked Mr. Garey about some way to mark his vehicle as a zoning vehicle.

Roads Report – Mr. Matota said a tree was removed from the road right of way in the Village Gate development. Mr. Matota has looked over the road material bids and recommended the bids from LaFarge Materials and Russell Standard be accepted. Mr. Pancost made a motion to accept the bids for road materials from LaFarge Materials and Russell Standard for liquid. Mr. Bosma seconded the motion. Voice Vote: AYES ALL.

**Resolution # 2010-13 to accept the bids from LaFarge Materials and Russell Standard for road materials has passed.**

Mr. Matota was asked to hold off on a planned ditch improvement on Asbury Road.

Mr. Bosma made a motion to pay the bills and adjourn. Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. The following bills were paid.

6221 salary	Schulda	848.85
6222 salary	Pancost	848.85
6223 salary	Bosma	500.00
6224 salary	Brewer	900.00
6225 salary	Garey	610.00
6226 fed tax	Middlefield Bank	2580.00
6227 state tax	Treasurer Ohio	679.00
6228 web site	Blue Ryu	360.00
6229 life ins.	Anthem	297.15
6230 health ins.	Anthem	4408.07
6231 phones	Windstream	191.85
6232 parts	Quick Service	75.00
6233 wages	Matota	1528.48
6234 wages	Firtik	1159.54
6235 wages	Roosa	1085.32

6236	wages	Bello	1105.32
6237	repairs	Jackson Fence	1325.00
6238	parts-mower	Chagrin Mower	90.14
6239	parts	Geauga Door	18.00
6240	long dist.	Sprint	37.08
6241	insurance-property	OTARMA	217.00
6242	sirens	Ohio Edison	42.87
6243	parts	Power Plan	414.09
6244	parts	Reese Tool	94.08
6245	ads Road Materials	Weekly Villager	94.50
6246	supplies	Garrettsville Hardware	186.35
6247	parts	GeeVille Auto	46.49
6248	parts	Cross Truck	157.92
6249	parts	Wise Chevy	99.82
6250	parts	D/R Supply	413.70
6251	water	Hiram Village	66.09
6252	fuels	Western Reserve	1182.74
6253	BZA	T. Briggs	90.00
6254	BZA	J. Phillips	90.00
6255	BZA	B. Gualterri	60.00
6256	BZA	J. Pancost	90.00
6257	BZA	S. Fischer	30.00
6258	BZA Sec.	Anna Wilthew	504.50

Total \$ 22,527.80