

Hiram Township

Regular Meeting Minutes November 1, 2011

Present: Chairman Steve Pancost, Tom Bosma, Kathy Schulda

Chairman Pancost opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of the October 18, 2011 meeting minutes. Tom Bosma motioned to accept the minutes and Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as read with roll call vote: Pancost AYE, Schulda AYE, Bosma AYE.

Fiscal Officer Report: Diane Rodhe reported that she is working with HR Butler to start quoting 2012 health insurance from Aetna, United Health Care, and Anthem.

Fire Report: Bill Byers reports that the Fire Dept has surpassed 2010 call numbers and they are winding down the fiscal year. The Community Halloween Party was well attended this year. Bill also reported on the lack of communication from the Ravenna Arsenal on the day that was planned for discharging ammunition in a series of explosions that could be heard and felt in Hiram Township.

Announcements:

Gary Bott was recognized and he inquired about the fence that is being built along State Route 305 on the Hiram College property. Tom Matota responded that the road is a state highway and therefore outside of the township concern.

Old Business: Roberta Zuver has been hired to perform cleaning duties at the Hiram Townhall. Kathy Schulda motioned to pay 20.00 once per month for regular cleaning and 75.00 once per year for fall cleaning to include woodwork, windows, lights, curtains, and furniture. Tom Bosma seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Pancost AYE, Schulda AYE, Bosma AYE.

New Business:

Kathy Schulda reported that the City of Aurora and Mantua Township have received notification of a forty ton truck(s) passing over the roads in their area for the purpose of measuring for gas well drilling sites.

Kathy Schulda mentioned that she has received calls concerning dirt bikes operating in the neighborhood of Abbott Road. The dirt bikes are allowed to run on the property if they are trucked in versus crossing property or roadways.

Kathy Schulda and Tom Matota report that the culvert on Asbury Road near Camp Asbury is being monitored for flooding due to beaver activity on the camp property. In a discussion with the director of Camp Asbury, a plan for trapping the beaver during the month of January was decided. A nuisance permit for trapping was also discussed but not decided. Tom Matota will continue to monitor the situation and report back to the trustees.

Kathy Schulda raised the topic of how to better utilize the Hiram Township Website. Kathy suggested that our Zoning Inspector could become more involved with posting information and Steve Pancost suggested that the Fiscal Officer could take on the duties of posting information. After discussion, Diane Rodhe will contact the Webmaster, Eric Hankinson to provide guidelines on the current services provided, the limitations, and the possibilities for managing the website.

Kathy Schulda reported on the bids that were recently submitted for Solid Waste Management. R&R has won the contract overall and within the proposed contract, there are some increased prices for residents. The residential cost will increase for “unlimited” and exceeds the bid of J&J for the same service. Commercial and Hiram College service will not increase with the proposed bid. Kathy expressed her concern over how the bids were handled and she will be discussing the possibility of taking bids a second time or taking bids for the township as a separate entity from Hiram Village and Hiram College.

Zoning Report: Jason Garey is on vacation.

Road Report: Tom Matota is ready to dispose of surplus road signs and he requested the letter from Diane Rodhe to accompany the surplus road signs to the scrap yard.

Tom also presented an update on the plan for replacing current township road signs with retro-reflective signs. A portion will be purchased and replaced on a blanket basis and some will be replaced on an “as needed” basis. There will be a fifteen year warranty on the new retro-reflective signs.

The road crew has completed a dry run with snow removal equipment and they are ready for winter.

Adjourn: Kathy Schulda motioned to adjourn the meeting and pay the bills. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Kathy Schulda, AYE, Steve Pancost, AYE, Tom Bosma, AYE.

The following bills were paid and the meeting was adjourned.

2011-11-01 Meeting Payments

electronic	IRS	Employer's Fed Tax	1,371.00
7588	State of Ohio Dept of Taxation	Employer's State Tax	500.65
7589	Matota	Wages	1,508.82
7590	Firtik	Wages	1,144.54
7591	Roosa	Wages	1,044.32
7592	Bello	Wages	1,084.32
7593	Bosma	Salary	848.85
7594	Pancost	Salary	848.85
7595	Schulda	Salary	848.85
7596	Rodhe	Salary	1,485.45
7597	Garey	Salary	610.00
7598	Ohio Edison	Electric	183.31
7599	Dominion	Natural Gas	109.00
7600	Sprint	Telephone	38.48

7601	Windstream	Telephone	104.06
7602	Chagrin Pet & Garden	Repairs	313.94
7603	Carter Lumber	Repairs	195.66
7604	Dale Johnson	Asphalt Roadwork	1,004.00
7605	Rodhe	OSHP Accident Report	4.00
	Total		13,248.10