

Hiram Township

Regular Meeting Minutes November 15, 2011

Present: Chairman Steve Pancost, Tom Bosma, Kathy Schulda

Chairman Pancost opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of the November 1, 2011 meeting minutes. Tom Bosma motioned to accept the minutes with corrections 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 Middlefield Bank to initiate Direct Deposit paychecks for township employees. Employees will have a choice of utilizing the Direct Deposit option or continuing to receive negotiable checks.

Announcements: Eric Hankinson was recognized and he discussed the Township Website. Mr. Hankinson is posting the meeting minutes and the zoning information as provided. He has also posted the information for the Fire Department Thermal Imaging Camera. Mr. Hankinson asked if there are suggestions or concerns regarding the website from the trustees or residents and he stressed that the website is updated when information is provided. Currently, he does not receive minutes from the zoning meetings. Tom Matota inquired about the statement that is posted regarding the roadside Right of Way. Mr. Matota would like to have the statement in a highly visible area so residents are aware that calls to the Road Department with questions are always welcome. Sandy Wagner requested that links be posted to for both Crestwood and Garfield Schools. Tom Matota mentioned that decisions regarding trash collection could be posted on the website. Chairman Pancost stated that he would like to see a committee formed specifically for finding out what the residents are interested in for further developing the website. Jack Groselle inquired as to how many "hits" the website receives and Sandy Wagner mentioned several tools that are available for measuring the number of hits.

Mr. Don Johnson representing J&J introduced himself and presented materials on the bid that was submitted by J&J for trash pickup. Kathy Schulda advised Mr. Johnson that he would be contacted by Mr. Bill Steiner regarding the reason why Hiram Township did not sign the resolution created by the county commissioners. Kathy Schulda also advised that a meeting was planned with the Portage County Commissioner's and Bill Steiner on November 22, 2011 at 11:00 am. Mr. Johnson commented on the bid process and inquired why R&R was mentioned in the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 1, 2011. Jack Groselle asked what other communities were serviced by J&J. Mr. Johnson replied with Aurora, Streetsboro, Richfield Center, Euclid, Seven Hills, etc. Tom Bosma inquired of Mr. Johnson, "If things work out, how long before you can start?" Mr. Johnson replies, "We can start January 6, 2012".

Fire Report: Bill Byers reports that Fire and EMS are ahead of 2010 by forty calls and they are maintaining a 5 minute response time for the township. The squad is scheduled to be out for one month for warranty rust prevention & service work. The remaining squads are ready for medical emergencies plus Mantua and Garrettsville are prepared to assist with transport if needed.

Old Business:

The trash pickup discussion was continued. Tom Bosma suggested that we bid our own contract per discussion with Chris Meduri. Kathy Schulda said that Gary at R&R would extend our current contract.

Kathy Schulda provided pictures of the Jeff Clauss property. The pictures show the current condition as of November 7, 2011 with several plantings removed in compliance with the township request. The pictures include the statement "Picture after plantings have been removed. Nothing is to be planted on the road side of the fence. It is with the understanding that if and when these bushes block the view of the road, for safety, the township has the right to trim back." The pictures also include the signatures of Kathy Schulda and Tom Matota.

New Business:

Stan Carlisle has been elected to the position of Fiscal Officer; therefore, he is unable to continue on the Zoning Board. Tom Bosma motioned to appoint Sandy Wagner to the position formerly occupied by Stan Carlisle. Kathy Schulda seconds the motion. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Pancost AYE, Tom Bosma AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE. The open position for Alternate will be posted in The Weekly Villager.

Chairman Pancost announced the Portage County Township Association dinner to be held November 19, 2011 at 6:00 pm in the Randolph Township Community Center.

Chairman Pancost announced the Portage County Health Department Quarterly report is available to the public.

Zoning Report:

Jason Garey reports a concern over the building of a compost bin on the Dye property. He will check it out.

Mr. Kosher on State Route 305 was given a notice regarding a junk motor vehicle on October 21, 2011.

Chris Meduri sent a thirty day notice on September 10, 2011 to the Ward residence at 11586 Wheeler Road regarding a junk motor vehicle. A second complaint was filed on November 10, 2011. The car has not been moved.

Chris Meduri sent a thirty day notice on November 1, 2011 to Robert Seneff stating that the shed should be removed from the property within thirty days. No action has been taken.

Chris Meduri sent a letter to the Township Zoning Department on November 4, 2011 advising to review and provide notice to the property owners at 6438 Pioneer Trail regarding the airstrip activity and proper usage of buildings on the property.

Chris Meduri sent a thirty day notice on September 29, 2011 to the Elenniss residence at 6243 Winchell Road regarding a junk motor vehicle.

Jason Garey reports an unknown caller reported animal cruelty at 6058 State Route 82 citing goats in the front yard being housed under blue tarps.

Permits:

- Havener accessory building
- Coleman building permit – delayed
- Schmiel accessory building
- Kuzniakowski accessory building
- Bockmuller accessory building
- Mackenzie garage and room addition

Road Department Report:

Tom Matota reports the department is ready for snow.

Mr. Matota inquired about the Village of Hiram 2% income tax being withheld from paychecks for the year 2011 based on his discussion with Tom Reitz. The taxes have not been withheld for the year 2011. Kathy Schulda stated that the Tax Appeal Board will decide who pays tax and how the payment will be handled. Wendell Schulda reminded everyone of the recent resolution stating that the principle place of business is now 11260 Wheeler Road and previously Alpha Road.

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

The following bills were paid and the meeting was adjourned.

2011-11-15 Meeting Payments

electronic	OPERS - Employee Contribution	Employee Contribution	1,800.29
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7606	Matota	Wages	1508.82
7607	Firtik	Wages	1144.54
7608	Roosa	Wages	1044.32
7609	Bello	Wages	1084.32
7610	Carter Lumber	Repairs	109.43
7611	Shalersville Asphalt	Materials	92.63
7612	Stamm Contracting	Materials	190.00
7613	Industrial Connections	Repairs	7.70
7614	Village of Hiram	Water	11.47
7615	Garrettsville Hardware	Supplies	79.18
7616	Geeville Auto Parts	Repairs	102.11
7617	Weekly Villager	Newspaper Notice	10.00
7618	Ohio Edison	Electric	286.72
7619	Village of Hiram	Fuel	392.60
7620	Kauffman Tire	Repairs	139.00
7621	United Safety Authority	Decals	87.21

7622	Western Reserve Coop	Fuel, Lubricant	1,795.92
7623	Robeck Fluid Power	Repairs	583.55
7624	Morton Salt	Salt	937.70
7625	Middlefield Bank	Fire Truck Pmt	16,410.45
7626	Ohio Plan Consortium	Health Care	4,317.84
7627	Anthem Life	Life Ins	326.66
7628	Matota	Wages	1,555.21
7629	Firtik	Wages	1,164.05
7630	Roosa	Wages	915.46
7631	Bello	Wages	1,084.32
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