

Hiram Township

Regular Meeting Minutes December 6, 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 15, 2011 meeting minutes. Kathy Schulda motioned to accept the minutes with corrections and Tom Bosma seconded the motion. Minutes were approved with corrections. Roll call vote: Pancost AYE, Schulda AYE, Bosma AYE.

Fiscal Officer Report: Diane Rodhe reported that she is working with HR Butler and Ohio Plan to seek quotes on the cost of medical insurance for 2012.

Announcements: Jack Groselle presented a printed email from Craig Moser. Mr. Moser is suggesting that Hiram Township, Freedom Township, and the Village of Garrettsville join together to discuss the possible creation of a Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) along the common boundary adjacent to the Garrettsville Industrial Zone. See New Business.

Jack Groselle requested a change in the meeting date for the first regular meeting in January. Discussion resulted in a decision to hold the meeting on the regular date of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 with township budget organizational items will be held for discussion on January 17, 2012.

Jack Groselle suggested that Hiram Township Zoning Inspector, Jason Garey meet with Freedom Township Zoning Inspector, Scott Derthick to learn about the requirements involved when a gas well is being drilled. Temporary housing is one of the items to be considered.

Stan Carlisle was recognized and he expressed that he is looking forward to working with the Trustees.

Andy Pfaff was recognized and he presented the trustees with a two page document requesting assistance from the township trustees in the process of condemnation and removal of decaying buildings on two properties located at 12955 Thrasher Road and 12877 Thrasher Road. The document spells out multiple concerns related to health, safety, and the environment. The document is signed by residents of Thrasher Road. In the discussion that followed, Jack Groselle reminded everyone that the condemnation process starts with a search warrant and includes a representative from the Fire Department. Jason Garey will pursue the search warrant and coordinate with the Fire Department.

Fire Report: Fire and EMS are ahead of 2010 by fifty-two calls and the squad that went out for service is due back in two to three weeks. Kathy Schulda said that she received a request from a resident who wanted to know if the thermal imaging camera would be able to detect natural gas from an outdoor gas well. The answer is "No" but the fire department would be happy to assist the resident with the proper agencies.

Old Business: Kathy Schulda asked Tom Matota about the water level on Asbury Road where the beaver dam is causing flooding. Tom Matota reports that the thirty-six inch culvert has only three inches to

spare before the flood water with threaten the road surface. Tom Matota also passed out a printed law regarding the requirements for ditch maintenance. Kathy Schulda has talked with Chris Meduri who said that Hiram Township may need a court order to destroy the dam in order to ensure the safety of the roadway. Kathy Schulda will make contact with Mickey Marozzi to inquire about what procedures are used by the County Engineers' office. Chairman Pancost inquired about the risk for Schustrich Road and Tom Matota explained that the same flood water from Asbury Road is creating a problem for Schustrich.

Kathy Schulda requests a motion to accept a trash contract with J&J. Ms Schulda explained that J&J sent two representatives to a meeting with the Portage County Commissioners to represent the lowest bid. Tom Bosma motioned to accept the contract with J&J and Kathy Schulda second the motion. Roll call vote: Chairman Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE, and Tom Bosma AYE.

Kathy Schulda reports that Hiram College has filed seventy-eight pages of new requests since meeting with the Portage County Commissioners.

New Business: Kathy Schulda presented information provided by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for Ohio residents to be aware of abandoned mines before building. The information has been forwarded to Jason Garey and will also be provided to Eric Hankinson for the Hiram website.

Chairman Pancost explained the interest in forming a Joint Economic Development District with Freedom Township, Hiram Township, and the Village of Garrettsville in the region adjacent to the Garrettsville Industrial Zone.

Tom Matota suggests formalizing an agreement with Freedom Township regarding the shared maintenance of Hankee Road. Chairman Pancost and Tom Matota will attend the upcoming meeting.

Zoning Report:

Kathy Schulda received a phone call about the goats at 6058 State Route 82 which Jason Garey reported at the last regular meeting. Jason Garey reported that he had visited the residence and the goats appeared to be in good condition. Jason Garey will suggest that the caller contact the Animal Protective League with their concerns.

Road Department Report: Tom Matota reports that clutch work is being done on one of the township trucks and he requested storage space from Jack Groselle for the broom tractor. Jack Groselle said yes to the storage arrangement. Tom Matota discussed the Retro-reflectivity Sign Program and recommended that we adopt a program to include bulk buying and a schedule for replacement. Kathy Schulda motioned to accept the Sign Life Program and Tom Bosma second the motion. Roll call vote: Chairman Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE, Tom Bosma AYE. Tom Matota suggests having Yarnell provide tree limb removal service at the Hiram Rapids Cemetery. Tom Bosma suggests going ahead with Yarnell and Tom Matota will check into having the work completed in 2011.

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

Kathy Schulda motioned for the trustees to go into executive session after the bills were paid in order to discuss personnel issues. Tom Bosma seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Chairman Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE, Tom Bosma AYE. Executive session begins at 8:30 pm. Tom Bosma motioned to adjourn the Executive Session. Kathy Schulda seconded the motion and the Executive Session was adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Kathy Schulda motioned to release Jason Garey, Township Zoning Inspector of his position due to unsatisfactory job performance. Chairman Pancost seconds the motion. Roll call vote: Chairman Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE, Tom Bosma NAY.

The following bills were paid:

2011-12-06 Meeting Payments

electronic	OPERS	Employee Contribution	1,782.49
electronic	OPERS	Employer Contribution	2,495.47
electronic	IRS	Federal Income Tax	1344
7632	Void		
7633	State of Ohio Income Tax	Ohio Income Tax	492.32
7646	Bosma	Salary	848.85
7634	Pancost	Salary	848.85
7635	Schulda	Salary	848.85
7636	Rodhe	Salary	1485.45
7637	Garey	Salary	610.00
7638	Windstream	Phone	104.46
7639	Ohio Edison	Electric	144.67
7640	Dominion East Ohio Gas	Natural Gas	109.00
7641	Sprint	Phone	38.48
7642	Village of Hiram	Water	11.47
7643	Stamm Contracting	Material	12.62
7644	Industrial Connections	Repairs	78.23
7645	Chagrin Pet and Garden Supply	Repairs	119.99
7647	Staples	Office Supplies	74.74
7648	Mantua Auto Parts	Parts	4.14
7649	Garrettsville Hardware	Supplies	301.26
7650	Oscar Brugmann Sand & Gravel	Material	324.11
7651	Ohio CAT	Parts	54.06
7652	Kauffman Tire	Repairs	196.00
7653	Power Tool and Supply	Parts	46.24
7654	Geeville Auto Parts	Parts	66.39
7655	Custom Clutch Joint Hydraulics	Clutch Repair	649.63
7656	Wise Chevrolet	Repairs	80.35
7657	Kepich Ford	Repairs	36.95

7658	East Manufacturing	Repairs	209.50
7659	Reese Tool & Supply	Repairs	142.69
7660	Sedensky Truck & Tractor	Repairs	75.00
7661	Frontier	DSL, Phone, Fax	124.71
7662	Portage County Township Assoc	Membership Dues	164.00
7663	Powerplan-Murphy Tractor	Repairs	1,732.18
7664	Postmaster	Postage	49.59
	Total		15,706.74