

Hiram Township

Regular Meeting Minutes January 3, 2012

Present: Steve Pancost, Kathy Schulda

Steve Pancost opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of the December 29, 2011 meeting minutes. Kathy Schulda motioned to approve the minutes as read. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Steve Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE.

Fiscal Officer Report: None

Announcements: Paul Shaughnessy, a Lyndhurst resident announced that he is interested in purchasing a ten acre property in Hiram Township where he would like to continue his business, Excel K-9 Services, Inc. Mr. Shaughnessy wants to know if there are any zoning restrictions or any other limitations before making his purchase. Steve Pancost suggested that he contact Todd Peetz at the Portage County Regional Planning Committee.

Martin Moleski inquired about the status of the Annexation. Steve Pancost responded that Hiram College is planning to pursue a Type 2 Annexation on the premise that nothing else is going to develop such as the potential for a JEDD.

Fire Report: Bill Byers reported a total of 480 calls in 2011 which is ahead of 2010 by 81 calls. Squad One will return from maintenance repairs next week.

Budget cuts will be 5% for the Fire Dept and 7% for EMS. The impact of recent payroll changes are going to be audited on an individual basis and two people will be appointed as representatives by the association. Kathy Schulda requested that Diane Rodhe send a report of the reduced revenue from the county for Fire and EMS.

Old Business: Kathy Schulda motioned to advertise the position of Zoning Inspector in the Record Courier and the Villager. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call vote: Schulda AYE, Pancost AYE.

Kathy Schulda would like to have the tar kettle added to the list of inventoried items.

Kathy Schulda contacted Chris Meduri regarding the handling of tree trimmings. Mr. Meduri suggested that the trimmings be offered to the land owner as the first option and taking bids as a second option. Tom Matota inquired about the wood that has been cut and piled at the Hiram Rapids Cemetery. Tom Bosma suggested offering the wood for bid where it stands. Kathy Schulda suggested taking silent bids. Further discussion led to the decision to have Tom Matota move the wood to the township garage until a later date with more discussion to follow.

Kathy Schulda contacted Chris Meduri regarding the abandoned homes on Thrasher Road. Mr. Meduri would like to have pictures so he can go to a judge with a request for a warrant. The Fire Department and Health Department will be included once the search warrant is in place.

Kathy Schulda discussed the 2% Village Tax. For the year 2011, the Trustees and Fiscal Officer are considered to have worked less than twelve days in the Village and January through September are still subject to review. Kathy will continue the discussion with Chris Meduri and determine if the township garage, the principle building, can be detached from the Village.

New Business: Kathy Schulda reports that the Village of Hiram has received two grants of \$70,000 and \$15,000 dollars. The grants are to be used for purchasing the former school property and for building baseball fields that can be leased to Hiram College.

Steve Pancost reported that during a lunch meeting with Tom Chema, he was advised that Hiram College will be pursuing a Type 2 Annexation on the premise that a JEDD may not be developed. If the Annexation is granted, there will be no opportunity for the township to contest it. Steve Pancost also reported that Tom Chema will continue to discuss the JEDD and if it develops, he would like to utilize the Village Planning Commission. Chema agreed to consider two main concerns expressed by Pancost. The setbacks and sewer lines should not have an impact on the current residents. Pancost and Chema agreed that the JEDD should be able to address both of these concerns. Martin Moleski suggested that the township website be used to maintain communication in the township regarding the Annexation. Mr. Moleski also volunteered to take the lead on the communication.

Zoning Report: None

Road Department Report: Tom Matota reports that the roads and equipment are in good shape. The beaver trapping has started on the Camp Asbury property so the water level moving through the culvert has been down. The trapping season will continue until February. Mr. Matota inquired about the status of communication with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Steve Pancost will be sending a letter. Mr. Matota asked Steve Pancost to include the 36 inch culvert and 36 inch ditch when writing the letter to NRCS. Mr. Matota also reports that he has met with the property owners on Udall Road where there is beaver activity and he not does think this will become a concern for the township at this time.

Kathy Schulda motioned to pay the bills. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Steve Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE. The following bills were paid:

2012-1-3 Meeting Payments			
7696	Portage County Regional Planning	Membership Dues	1,487.10
7697	Ontario Stone	Materials	350.60
7698	Ohio Edison	Schustrich, Ryder, Garfield	172.23
7699	Steve Pancost	Salary	848.85
7700	Kathy Schulda	Salary	848.85
7701	Diane Rodhe	Salary	1485.45
7702	Jason Garey	Salary	610.00
7703	void		0

7704	Sprint	Garage Phone	38.48
7705	Tom Bosma	Salary	848.85
electronic	Matota	Wages	2032.52
electronic	Firtik	Wages	1423.67
electronic	Roosa	Wages	1,100.50
electronic	Bello	Wages	1,084.32
	Total		12,331.42

Adjourn: Kathy Schulda motioned to adjourn the meeting. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Pancost AYE, Kathy Schulda AYE.