

Hiram Township

Regular Meeting Minutes December 4, 2012 at 7:00 PM

Present: Chairman Jack Groselle and Steve Pancost

Excused per family affairs: Kathy Schulda

Chairman Groselle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the reading of the November 20, 2012 minutes. Steve moved to approve the November 20, 2012 minutes as corrected. Jack seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Groselle AYE, Pancost AYE. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Fiscal Officer Report: A letter was received from Medical Mutual. It explained that cost due to the Affordable Care Act will no longer be absorbed (about \$150,000.00 in 2012), but will be passed onto the customer. The first will add about \$1.92 per year per person and more to come.

The Ohio Township Annual Winter Conference will be January 30th to February 2nd at the Columbus Convention Center.

Resolution 2011-25 was passed last year to remove the beaver dam. Discussion is still ongoing concerning this with nothing gained at this point in time.

The Board of Zoning Appeals has met and approved a variance to Scott Hershberger to build a building that is 40' by 60' (2400 square feet). Our code limits the size to a maximum of 1200 square feet.

The Board of Zoning Appeals and the Zoning Board met in joint session with Todd Peetz from Portage County Regional Planning and continued discussion on a new comprehensive plan for the Township. Todd will be working on a survey for Township residents. The next meeting will be January 8th at 7:00pm at the Township Hall.

A letter has been sent to the Solid Waste District stating our support for continuing to go after grants for tire pickup events to keep tires out of our road ditches.

Mr. Dave Auble has been asked and will attend our January 15, 2013 meeting to give any new information concerning our health insurance.

Mr. Boltz (a developer) was given Kathy's phone number concerning some issues with the property northeast of the Village. Steve has talked with Tom Chema (Hiram College President).

All the property Mr. Boltz is talking about appears to be within the Village. He also told Steve that the College is about ready to sign with Fairmount Properties so they can start on building on the newly annexed property.

Josh Johnson was also present and had a few question concerning getting the web site up and running in 2013. Stan will get him some information concerning the domain log in. He will be able to use the existing template and he can make it interactive if we choose. Tom asked about putting road right of way information on the site. Josh said yes, this can be done.

Old: Steve asked for Kathy about enforcement of someone not using the approved hauler for trash. It was agreed that the Solid Waste Office be called and the violation be reported to them.

Nothing new from Mr. Merduri concerning the Thrasher/Rapids Road property owned by Middlefield Bank. We should watch for any auction so any buyers could be informed of the condemnation of the property.

Jack commented on Mr. Patterson's property. We need to continue to watch and see if he does get together with the Building and Health Departments to make sure any improvements are done correctly.

New: Steve moved that a resolution be approved to pay all employees, other than the road crew, monthly. Jack seconded the motion. After a short discussion, a vote was taken. Groselle AYE, Steve AYE and Kathy absent.

Resolution 2012-19 was voted on and approved to pay all elected officials and non road crew employees monthly.

Rich Gano has asked to go to a seminar about zoning. It was agreed that Hiram Township would pay only 50% of the bill because the other townships he works for will pay the other 50%.

Jack will be going to a Solid Waste Meeting on December 5, 2012. He says that most of the changes asked for by some Trustees will be added to the new solid waste plan.

Jack also handed out invitations from Hiram College about the Eagle Creek Restoration Project to restore the local stream, floodplain and wetlands. It will be December 15, 2012 at 10:00 am at the Hiram Bio station for a short presentation and then everyone will be invited to St Rt 82 to walk the site. Another presentation will take place on January 12, 2012 at 10:00 am at the Bio Station and then a walking tour of the site to follow.

Steve motioned to pass a resolution to cancel the first meeting of January 1, 2013 because of the holiday and have January 15, 2013 be the first meeting of the year. Jack seconded the motion. After discussion a roll call vote was taken: Jack AYE, Steve AYE and Kathy absent. The motion was approved.

Resolution 2012-20 was voted on and approved to cancel the January 1, 2013 meeting due to the holiday and have the January 15, 2013 be the first meeting of the year.

This will be advertized in the local newspaper.

Zoning Report: The junk car issue in Rolling Meadows will go to legal if it is not taken care of soon. Michael Hill has received a building permit for a new dwelling on St Rt 82.

Road Report: Tom was asked about water on the road at Pioneer Trail and St Rt 700/82. He said that the Ohio Department of Transportation worked on it for over half a day and water is still coming onto the road. Tom also was given new contact information for the salt contract. Tom also told us that Don will be off for the rest of the year. Tom is also working on truck specks to go to state bid for a new road plow truck

Steve moved to pay the bills. Jack seconded the motion. By voice vote, the motion was approved. The following bills were paid:

8088	Tom Matota	Salt & Film	29.91
8089	Advance Auto Parts	Parts	124.00
8090	Reese Tool & Supply	Parts	192.60
8091	Village of Hiram	Fuel Sept & Oct	301.77
8092			VOID
8093	Cleveland Plumbing Supply Co.	Parts & pump	281.88
8094	Windstream (Garage)	Phone	42.99
8095	Medical Mutual of Ohio	12/1-1/1/13	4486.84
8096	Industrial Connections, INC	Parts	4.99
8097	Airgas Great Lakes	Service repair	135.24
8098	Gee-Ville Auto Parts Corp.	Parts	172.15
8099	Dominion	Gas	77.65
8100	Frontier	Stan's Phone	92.05
8101	Ohio CAT	Battery - wet 2	213.60
8102	Verizon Wireless	2 cell phones	63.92
8086	Ohio Edison	5 bills	409.04
8103	Ohio edison	1 bill	55.68
8104	Village of Hiram	Water	11.47
8105	Garrettsville Hardware	Supplies	88.67
MIX	Wages		8827.05

Adjourn: Chairman Jack Groselle adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.