

Hiram Township

Regular Hiram Township Trustees Meeting Minutes for

November 5, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Hiram Township Hall

**Present:** Chairman Kathy Schulda, Steve Pancost and Jack Groselle

Chairman Schulda opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

This meeting is being taped to facilitate the written minutes. Once the minutes are approved, the tape will be reused.

The minutes for the October 15, 2013 meeting were read. After a short discussion, Jack motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Steve seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Kathy AYE, Steve AYE and Jack AYE. The motion was approved.

**Fiscal Officer:** The old dump truck was sold for \$16,000.00 at the auction. After commission and other cost, we received \$14,375.00 for it.

I viewed the Webinar ("Just the Basics for Townships") on October 22nd. It was more about record retention than anything else.

NOPEC asked for a resolution of support. After a short discussion, Steve motioned to approve Resolution 2013-22 to support customer choice of opt-out aggregation. Jack seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called: Kathy AYE, Steve AYE and Jack AYE. The following resolution was approved:

**Resolution 2013-22 supporting the preservation of customer choice through governmental opt-out electric aggregation.**

The 330-527-5700 phone number to Stan's house will be disconnected.

Josh Johnson was present and presented information about the web site. Everyone has been pleased with the web site this year and agreed to continue to have Josh run our web site. He has been working with Karen Demian concerning our record retention program. He is having some issues opening some of the older data records. Stan will talk to people at UAN about this issue.

**Old:** Jack asked about the Fire, Health and Building Departments going to the Middlefield Bank property on Rapids/Thrasher Road. They cannot go until Middlefield Bank gives them permission and they have not responded yet.

The question about the Village income tax was discussed. It was agreed to call Mark Finamore and see if he would come to a meeting to answer questions. Stan will contact him and set a date.

Steve gave Tom information on the Safety Data Sheets so he can share the information with the rest of the Road Crew.

Kathy has received complains about truck traffic to and from the disposal well on Allyn Road. Information from the Portage County Engineer's Office states that the well can only be used Monday thru Saturday from 6:00 AM till 7:00 PM. She also received complaints about dumping off a bridge. EPA and ODNR have been contacted.

**New:** Jack has found out that Cuyahoga County residents will no longer be paying Storm Water fees. Portage County residents will continue to pay because the wording is different.

The Farm & Dairy had a story about EPA being forced to stop enforcement of different farm water issues. The Farm Bureau stepped in to help the local farmer fight the suit.

Steve shared an E-mail received from Senator John Eklund. It is asking for any funding plans that we may have. The form needs to be back to him by December 2, 2013.

The County Township meeting is November 16<sup>th</sup>.

Kathy will be talking to some people about the possibility or purchasing some land close to the middle of Hiram Township soon.

**Fire:** The Halloween party was a success and the Fire Association said thank you very much for the donation. All the trucks are up and running. Work on St. Rt. 82 east of Hiram Village has started and it is hoped that it will be done by mid-December. It was reported that the culvert pipe is in and being covered.

**Zoning:** Seneff's have poured more concrete. Kathy will call Chris Merduri about this and issues with the Koscher property.

Jack said the Moore's have not received any paperwork to fill out concerning the appeal for a nonconforming use permit. He will contact Rich Gano about getting this corrected.

**Road Report:** Tom asked about setting up an account with Janson Hardware in Mantua. It was agreed that this would be alright to pursue. He will be getting tires (about \$750.00) for the pickup soon and two tires (about \$1175.00) for the front of the 1999 dump truck.

The stone work on the Mausoleum and Indian Maid is done at the cemetery. Dom Gualtieri (a local contractor) did the work for \$1,300.00.

The Engine brake signs are up. Tom also talked about replacing the 1950s vintage rubber tired roller. A 1990s vintage or newer would possibly run about \$28,000.00 or could rent something for maybe \$3,000.00 per month.

Jack motioned to pay the bills. Steve seconded the motion. After a short discussion the motion was approved by voice vote.

November 19, 2013			
8443	Bradford Neal Machinery, Inc.	Parts	57.74
8444	Garrettsville Hardware	Parts	37.55
8445	API	Parts	27.66
8446	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phones	57.85
8447	Morton Salt	90740 Safe-T-Salt	1247.68
8448	Western Reserve Farm Co-op	Fuel	1379.04
8449	Industrials Connections, Inc.	Parts	32.00
8450	TarpcO	Parts	45.00
8451	TL Service Center	Parts	10.51
8452	Ohio Edison	4 bills	707.16
8453	Karen F. Demian	Record Retention	836.48
8454	Dominion East Ohio Gas	2 bills	71.74
8442	Dale Johnson	Road work	1339.12
8432	Ohio Department of Taxation	Refund overpayment	246.66
8430	Hiram Fire Association	donation	60.00
8431	OTARMA Service Center	Insurance payment annual	15818.00
electronic	October Wages	wages	4295.99
electronic	Wages	10/13-10/26/13	4530.18
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$30,800.36</b>

Kathy adjourned the meeting at 8:21 PM.