

Hiram Township

Regular Hiram Township Trustees Meeting Minutes for

November 19, 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 November 5, 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: Mark Finamore will be at our December 3, 2013 meeting at 8:00 PM to talk about an ongoing legal issue. Please have questions ready for Mr. Finamore.

The Board of Zoning Appeals and the Zoning Board will continue its meeting concerning the Comprehensive Plan and updating the plan. Todd Peetz, Portage County Planning Commission, will be leading the review.

Have found the other issues in the budget and will be changing it and have it ready soon. Marie Stehli from UAN continues to be a big help in getting this done. She is also helping to correct the code numbers.

You all have copy of the Solid Waste Recycling plan. We can review it at our next meeting.

UAN was not much help with the questions about not being able to open some of the older disks. I will take them to the UAN yearend meeting December 12, 2013 and ask them to open them.

I talked with Tim McMillin from the Ohio Edison East. He has assured me that the rates we have are the best possible for our street lights.

Old: Jack motioned to have Chris Merduri pursue the legal action against the Koscher properties per the 2007 CV 00813, the 2002 CV 1317 judgement entries and any other legal actions Chris deems necessary. Steve seconded the motion. After some discussion, a roll call vote was taken: Kathy AYE, Steve AYE and Jack AYE. The motion was approved. Stan will talk to Chris to get this moving.

Kathy had talked to an owner of property on St. Rt. 82 concerning the purchase of the land. After some discussion and a walk about on the land, the owner has decided not to offer any land up for sale at this time.

As of June 1, 2014, Hiram Village will start using RITA (Regional Income Tax Agency) to collect any taxes they feel due to the Village of Hiram. They have also rewritten part of the Village tax code again. They

defined a day as the whole or any part of the period occurring within any 24 hour period beginning at midnight and ending before midnight of the next subsequent date.

New: NOPEC (Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council) has saved people in our area over \$80,000.00.

Hiram College will start building ten homes on the annexed property next spring. They will continue until 200 homes are finished with 24 homes being assisted living homes. The Portage County Port Authority of Ravenna is providing the financing.

The Stormwater Task Force will be looking into water issues in sub-divisions approved after March 10, 2003. They will provide funding to correct any issues with drainage and retention ponds. The Portage County Health Department has asked the Portage County Engineer's Office for information that has been gathered concerning any possible runoff or illicit discharges. No reply has come yet.

Steve went to the Portage County Regional Planning Meeting and it was decided that they send a letter to the people at Camp Ravenna (the old arsenal during the Second World War and now a National Guard training facility) in support of any missile defense being placed at this location.

Steve also went to the local Beatification meeting in Hiram. They talked about helping to put a baseball field at the old school location and possibly adding parks to our area. More discussion to follow.

Zoning: Rich has issued 2 Agricultural and one zoning certificate and has given the Moore's the needed paperwork for a non-conforming use permit. More discussion continued on the Seneff's property

Fire Report: The October report was presented showing 31 total runs, 7 for the township with an average response time of 3 minutes 23 seconds. And St. Rt. 82/700 just south of Hiram Village is now open.

Road Report: Tom was able to purchase tires for the pick-up truck and for the dump truck. He has also talked with a trapper about getting beaver out of the area of Asbury Road. He will start very soon. Tom said that the steel wheel roller and the 595 excavator are in need of some work. He is hoping to keep the expense under \$1,100.00. He pointed out that the railing on the front of the Townhall is in need of repair. Jack will talk to Rich Strainer about fixing it. Tom also asked about the income tax issue with the Village of Hiram. After some discussion, it was decided to not take any action at this time until we meet with Mr. Finamore

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

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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
eletronic	October Wages	wages	4295.99
eletronic	Wages	10/13-10/26/13	4530.18
TOTAL			\$30,800.36

Kathy adjourned the meeting at 8:07 PM.