

Hiram Township

Regular Hiram Township Trustees Meeting Minutes for

February 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Hiram Township Hall

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

Chairman Pancost 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 February 4, 2014 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.

About twenty people were in attendance and spoke for over forty-five minutes voicing concerns about the oil and gas well activity and the amount of truck traffic it is bringing to the community. This is hard on our roads and increases the possibilities of more highway accidents. They also voice concern about the injection wells, pipelines and water wells and the possibility of the water wells being contaminated. The time that trucks can go to the injection well was mentioned. They said that they can only go to the well Monday thru Saturday from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Some trucks come outside these hours. It was also mentioned that local zoning and EPA could be used to control the trucks and other issues.

Kathy said that she would contact the Portage County Engineer's Office. The Trustees thanked them for coming.

**Fiscal Officer:** Stan asked for a vote on the comprehensive plan and was told that it needed to be advertised before any vote could be taken. It will be advertised and a public hearing will be March 4, 2014 at 6:45 PM at the Hiram Township Hall.

Mark Finamore has been contacted and said he will be ready to pursue the legal issues soon.

Sally Kandel from the Portage County Parks District will present a presentation about the park levy that is on the ballot in May.

Hiram Village has asked for copies of W-2 forms under the open records rules. They will be mailed to them soon.

Chris Merduri will write a MOU for the siren to be paid one lot at a time from the Village Gate allotment as they are sold. \$900.00 will be paid when the MOU is signed for the three homes already built.

The Hiram Community Trust information is now on our web site.

Tom Caldwell, CEO of the Middlefield Bank, will be contacted by Stan to talk about the Middlefield Bank Property on Rapids/Thrasher Road.

**New:** Steve talked about the Township Association Dinner. People were upset with Hiram Township and Hiram Village over a new plan needing to be written for the Solid Waste District and the cost involved with it.

The Village is receiving grant money for fixing sidewalks.

Mayor Lou Bertrand, Council President Tom Wadkins, Gary Bott and Fire Chief Bill Byers were also present and opened discussion about plans for the fire department and financial support for it. Staffing, levy, water shuttle, dry hydrants, equipment and other issues were discussed. The Village and Township officials agreed that new funding would be asked for from the tax payers in the communities this fall. They also agreed to run a joint campaign.

**Road Report:** Tom has ordered signs that will qualify for the MORE grant money. He has also arranged a purchase of salt from Hiram Village that should be enough to finish the season out.

Jack motioned to pay the bills. Kathy seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

18-Feb-14			
8570	Morton Salt	5 bills	2911.98
8577	Industrial Connections	supplies	45.15
8578	Mantua Hardware	supplies	34.97
8579	LTAP Ohio DOT	Drainage training	120.00
8580	Village of Hiram	Fuel	56.22
8581	Stanwade Metal	Repair Kit	25.05
8582	Carter Lumber	supplies	107.04
8583	Dominion	2 bills	437.00
8584	Tom Matota	supplies & records	50.50
8585	Stan Carlisle	conference & supplies	345.61
8586	Portage County HAZ-MAT	2013 support	506.31
electronic	Wages	2/2-2/15/14	5342.05
8576	Record Publishing Co.	Legal ad 1/31/14	9.75
8569	Ohio Edison	4 bills	183.17
8571	Airgas Great Lakes	supplies	41.22
8573	Kepich Ford	F-150	530.54
8572	Verizon	cell phones	57.99
8574	Gee-ville Auto	Parts	165.60
8575	Marie Louise Stehli, CPA	1 1/2 hours	33.00
	TOTAL		10496.84

Jack motioned to go into executive session per ORC section 121.22(G)(1) to consider employee actions. Kathy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Steve AYE, Kathy AYE and Jack AYE. The Executive session started at 8:40 PM.

Jack motioned to come out of executive session. Kathy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Steve AYE, Kathy AYE and Jack AYE. The Board can back into regular session at 8:45 PM.

Jack motioned to give each road crew employee a twenty (20) cent per hour raise. Kathy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Steve AYE, Kathy AYE and Jack AYE. The motion to give each road crew employee a twenty (20) cent per hour raise was approved and will go into place March 2, 2014.

Steve adjourned the meeting at 8:51 PM.