

Hiram Township

Hiram Township Trustees Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Hiram Township Hall

Present: Chairman Jack Groselle, Kathy Schulda and Steve Pancost

Chairman Jack Groselle 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.

Resolution 2015-93 Steve Pancost motioned to approve the September 1, 2015 minutes with corrections. Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

Fiscal Officer:

Fund Status Report provided to Trustees.

Public Comment:

Mark Russell attended the meeting to discuss the renewal of the insurance policy. Mark reminded the Trustees to have inventory current with attachments listed separately. The Trustees will consider the addition of coverage for Village of Hiram Police Protection and the potential cost savings if the deductibles are raised. The Trustees inquired about the amount of bond coverage for the elected officials. Mark will send the information.

Old Business:

Resolution 2015-94 Kathy Schulda motioned to proceed with ordering a Smart phone with a data plan for Rich Gano, Zoning Inspector. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

Steve Pancost ordered a sign for the new property. The cost will be \$241.69.

Steve Pancost mentioned Tom Franek using a chain saw while working at the new property. After more discussion, Kathy Schulda is going to talk to Mark Russell at Ellerhorst Insurance regarding OTARMA policy.

Steve Pancost reported that the new hand pump has been installed at the Riverside Cemetery.

Kathy Schulda reported that Chief Samec has not been able to provide an update on the traffic ticket revenue.

Kathy Schulda contacted ODNR and they told her that an attendee is not required to be onsite while trucks are being received for dumping.

Kathy Schulda received an email from Mrs. Lamanna regarding the barking dogs on the Shaughnessy property. Kathy responded by email and informed Mrs. Lamanna about the 85 decibel or above nuisance law. Steve Pancost reported that Regional Planning mentioned Randolph Township having used a service to measure the decibels of noise in the township.

Kathy Schulda reported on NIMS. It is a requirement for all elected officials to complete the certification.

Kathy Schulda reported on the Village Gate Siren. Per the Trustees request, Attorney Chris Meduri has sent a letter to Mike Maschek and Ed Wurm requesting a response regarding payment per the Memo of Understanding.

Kathy Schulda reported that the Ohio State Patrol has been stopping trucks on Hiram Township roads. Drivers received a warning to have permits before 1:00 PM or they will be ticketed. Mickey Marozzi, Portage County Engineer stopped the OSP Officer by presenting a bond that allows the overweight trucks to move on township roads until January 12, 2016 with the exception of the RUMA requirement which states no trucks during school bus hours. Per Attorney Chris Meduri, OSP can resume citations beginning January 13, 2016.

Kathy Schulda reported on the Parks Board. Mr. Doug McGee has asked the Township Trustees to support the Parks Board Hike and Bike Trail. The Trustees are not planning to spend any money supporting the trail.

Kathy Schulda received a resident complaint about trash cans not being taken back to house after being emptied. When she went to check it out, the cans were in the ditch. Kathy asked the road crew to please get them out of the ditch for the resident. The resident will need to ensure that the cans do not lie in the ditch in the future.

Kathy Schulda reported on Portage County Volunteer Day which was last Tuesday. Volunteers came out to the new property to assist Tim Kasper.

Resolution 2015-95 Kathy Schulda motioned to limit our spending for asphalt grindings to \$10,000.00. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

Jack Groselle reported that Jim Zella quoted a Land Development Plan at 50% of his cost not to exceed \$1200.00. Jim met with Todd Peetz, Tim Kasper, and Tom Franek. Todd Peetz will assist with putting the plan together for grant application.

Resolution 2015-96 Steve Pancost motioned to employ Jim Zella to create the Land Development Plan not to exceed \$1200.00. Kathy Schulda seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE.

Jack Groselle inquired about whether or not Tom Matota met with Roger Monroe regarding the posting of "No Trespassing" signs.

Tom Matota provided dimensions for the Townhall to Kathy Schulda for Stein Construction.

OTARMA said that the Trustees are responsible to pay \$2198.33 to PERSO for representing the township in the Pinter Lawsuit. In the future, the Trustees can opt to use the County Prosecutor for representation. It needs to be noted that a letter of notification was sent out advising the Trustees of the option to have the County Prosecutor represent them but the Trustees were not made aware of this choice.

New Business:

Kathy Schulda asked why trees were taken down on the new property. After discussion, it was decided that they were part of the original plan for tree removal. Jack Groselle will follow up with Tom Matota.

Jack Groselle and Steve Pancost will both call ODOT on behalf of Candice Learn. The ditch needs to be cleared on both sides of the State Route 700.

Fire Report: Officer Banes provided information on the NIMS Certification.

Zoning Report:

Rich Gano had three permit requests.

- a. Porch roof
- b. Ag permit
- c. Carport from variance meeting

Rich Gano talked to Regional Planning about boundaries and junk motor vehicles.

Kevin Lamb has not completed his work in a timely manner so Rich has asked Chris Meduri to send him an “out of compliance” letter.

Road Report:

Tom Matota was not in attendance.

Kristen Ristav in Hidden Hills had her mailbox knocked down the by road crew when bees were disturbed during some ditch mowing. The mailbox was repaired the next morning and Jack followed up with the homeowner.

Kathy Schulda mentioned the overtime hours and suggested that the Trustees talk to Tom Matota about why the hours are not distributed more evenly. Jack Groselle will follow up with the road crew.

Resolution 2015-97 Kathy Schulda motioned to pay the bills. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Kathy AYE, Steve AYE. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Warrant	Payee	Description	Paid	Received
electronic	Wages	Wages	\$5,243.55	
9330	Village of Hiram	Water	\$11.80	
9331	Ohio Edison	936, 180, 402, 162, 910,	\$218.79	

9332	Village of Hiram	Fuel	\$93.17	
9333	Village of Hiram	3rd Quarter Fire	\$26,747.80	
		3rd Quarter EMS	\$42,538.50	
9334	Mantua Hardware	Supplies	\$56.88	
9335	Western Reserve Farm	Fuel	\$1,441.07	
9336	Sarchione	Repairs	\$437.83	
9337	Oscar Brugmann Sand & Gravel	Materials	\$239.52	
9338	Carter Lumber	Supplies	\$232.99	
9339	Treasurer of State	4th Quarter UAN Fees	\$762.50	
9340	Gee-ville Auto Parts	Repairs	\$39.47	
9341	void	void		
9342	OTARMA	Insurance for Utility Building	\$15.00	
9343	Mikes Electric	Supplies	\$88.00	
9344	Dix Communications	Advertising	\$12.70	
9345	Quick Service Welding	Repairs	\$147.10	
9346	Healthcare	Healthcare Reimbursement	\$14.48	