

Hiram Township

Hiram Township Trustees Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Hiram Township Hall

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

Chairman Kathy 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.

Jack Groselle motioned to approve the March 15, 2016 minutes. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Kathy AYE, Steve AYE, Jack AYE.

**Fiscal Officer:**

Diane Rodhe presented the following items:

The Auditor of State Training in March was very educational. One of the sessions was "Crisis Communication" and Diane approached the Trustees with the idea hiring Tom Speaks to present the same information to an audience of elected officials from surrounding villages and townships. The Trustees agreed that it was a good idea and suggested that Diane get prices from The Impact Group before moving forward.

Brian Collins hire date will be April 5, 2016.

The local tax quarterly reports and documentation are ready for the Village of Hiram.

Medical Mutual sent a letter regarding changes in the prescription coverage. A copy of the letter was provided to Tom Matota for the employees.

The Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources has been received from the Portage County Auditor.

**Resolution 2016-24** Jack Groselle motioned to accept the Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources date stamped March 29, 2016 from Janet Esposito and the Portage County Budget Commission. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Kathy AYE, Steve AYE, Jack AYE.

**Resolution 2016-25** Jack Groselle motioned to advertise our Bid Notice for 1200 Tons of #8 Air Cooled Blast Furnace Slag to meet ODOT specifications. Bids will be opened at the May 3, 2016 Regularly Scheduled Trustee Meeting. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Kathy AYE, Steve AYE, Jack AYE.

**Public Comment:**

Tim Kasper let everyone know that he is pleased with the progress of the CEAC committee since their formation in 2014. He thanked the Trustees for their support. The CEAC has submitted a grant request

from the Hiram Community Trust in the amount of \$1500.00. The CEAC received \$750.00 from the Trust in 2014 and they were denied \$6000.00 in 2015. The application will be decided on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Tom Franek has received an estimate of approximately \$20,000.00 for the materials and construction of a community pavilion. The committee is looking for the Trustees to provide 25% (\$5000.00) in matching funds for the upcoming pavilion project.

The CEAC is inviting the community to a Bio Blitz on the new township property on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The Blitz project is being coordinated by Dan Brokos. The committee is planning an early morning Bird Count, a mid-day Plant and Animal Count, and an evening session for an Amphibian Count. Refreshments will be served. Prior to the event, there will be an informational meeting on the evening of April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM during the CEAC Regular Meeting. The meeting will be held at the new property and Tim encouraged the Trustees to attend both the meeting and the Bio Blitz.

The CEAC is seeking approval for the letter that has been prepared for adjoining property owners to advise them of the interest in creating a walking trail that connects the new township property with other parks in the area.

Tim communicated on behalf of others that there is a concern about moving the Town Hall to the new property. The Trustees responded to the concerns with a reminder that the intent is to use grant money to pay for the expense of moving the building.

Tim Kasper and the CEAC committee were thanked for doing a great job.

#### **Fire Report:**

Officer Banes reported no major incidents or breakdowns in the Fire Department. The Fire Department has hired two new employees and all is going well.

#### **Old Business:**

Jack Groselle shared that anyone who overpaid for recycling will be refunded by the county.

Kathy Schulda asked about the "No Hunting" signs. Tom Matota has ordered them.

Kathy Schulda reported on the revenue from traffic tickets that are issued in the township. Clerk of Courts, Jill Fankhauser will be working to get resolution for the township.

Kathy Schulda asked Rich Gano if he had any information on the Wheeler Rd and State Route 305 survey. Rich has not heard anything from ODOT.

Kathy Schulda has asked an attorney and an accountant about HB 5 and both told her that the township meeting attendees should not have to pay local taxes.

Kathy Schulda reported that a meeting is being scheduled regarding the RUMA on Allyn Rd. The Trustees, Portage County Commissioner's, City of Akron Water, and the representatives from the Injection Well will discuss the idea of creating access to the Injection Well from State Route 82.

Jack Groselle asked Rich Gano if he checked out the Headwaters Trail properties for zoning violations. Rich did not see any violations but he has been noticing shipping containers being used for outdoor storage in the township.

Steve Pancost attended the Portage County Health Department Meeting. They are pleased with the revenue that will be generated from the tax levy. They have hired two new people.

**New Business:**

Steve Pancost asked if we are hosting a tire collection day. Tires will be accepted on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Hiram Village Hall.

Kathy Schulda asked if we should plan for a porta-john at the new property. After discussion, it was decided that we should have one placed there from May to October just like we do for the Rapids Cemetery.

Kathy Schulda mentioned that the signs for Village Gate are looking pretty shabby and the information on the signs is no longer correct.

Kathy Schulda and Tom Matota met with Ohio Edison to determine the cost of installing 200 amp service on the new property. Edison would charge approximately \$4500.00 – \$5000.00 to include the transformer, the line, and coming across State Route 82. The township could dig and cover the trench. There would be a charge of \$38.00 per month regardless of whether or not we use electricity. The estimated cost would be paid before the work is done. There was further discussion regarding placement of a pavilion and the cost of running electric service to it. It was decided to postpone the installation of electric service at this time.

**Zoning Report:**

Rich Gano reported one permit for an accessory building. Rich drove the Headwater Trail and did not see any violations. Rich also provided updates on the broken pool fence which is planned for repair and the Dye property which has had no improvement. Rich will be contacting Attorney Chris Meduri to send Mr. Dye a letter. Rich was contacted by a reporter regarding the Shaughnessy property. The reporter inquired about the barking dogs and the target shooting. Rich explained that the property owners are within the law.

**Road Report:**

Tom Matota reported that he has received one application for part time help since our ads were published.

Brian Collins will begin his employment on April 5, 2016 at a rate of \$18.00 per hour.

Jack Groselle motioned to pay the bills at 8:04 PM. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Kathy AYE, Steve AYE, Jack AYE.

Warrant	Payee	Description	Paid	Received
electronic	Wages	Wages	\$3,213.95	
electronic	Salary	Salary	\$4,382.92	
electronic	Frontier	DSL	\$39.99	
electronic	IRS	Withholding	\$1,871.13	
electronic	Ohio Dept of Taxation	Withholding	\$347.48	
electronic	Ohio Public Employee Retirement	Retirement Contributions	\$3,335.55	
electronic	Village of Hiram RITA	Quarterly Withholding Local Tax	\$58.28	
9551	Ohio Edison	electric	\$379.96	
9552	Village of Hiram	Water	\$12.74	
9553	Dominion	Gas	\$121.00	
9554	Windstream	Garage Phone	\$62.40	
9555	void		\$0.00	
9556	void		\$0.00	
9557	Verizon	Zoning & Road Supervisor	\$202.17	
9558	Western Reserve Co-op	Fuel	\$848.71	
9559	The Weekly Villager	Public Notice Advertising	\$12.40	
9560	Dix Communications	Public Notice Advertising	241.03	
9561	Diane Rodhe	Training Expense	171.72	
9562	Airgas	Supplies	78.83	
9563	Kepich Ford	Repairs	572.08	
9564	TL Service Center	Repairs	18.12	
9565	Gee-ville Auto	Repairs	179.50	
9566	TarpcO, Inc	Repairs	64.00	
9567	East Manufacturing	Repairs	9.04	
9568	Municipal Signs	Supplies	28.00	
9569	Powerplan	Repairs	197.37	
9570	Kathy Schulda	Pre-employment testing	72.00	
9571	Kellie Durr	Zoning Meeting	75.00	
9572	Healthcare Reimbursement		4.06	
9573	Healthcare Reimbursement		88.68	
9574	Healthcare Reimbursement		288.13	
	Portage County Auditor	First Half Real Estate Settlement 2015		381,727.39
	Portage County Auditor	First Half Manufactured Homes 2016		4,152.22
	Portage County Auditor	Local Government HB64		518.50
		Local Government		1,869.63
	Portage County Auditor	IRP Excess License Tax		243.60
		Gasoline Excise Tax		4,587.11