

Hiram Township Trustees

Hiram Township Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2019 at 7:00 PM, Hiram Township Townhall

Present: Chairman Jack Groselle, Debra Blake, and Steve Pancost

Jack Groselle opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Steve Pancost motioned to approve the April 23, 2019 minutes. Debra Blake seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Debra AYE, Steve AYE.

Fiscal Officer:

Diane Rodhe presented the following items:

Ohio EPA Fleet Emissions Filing is complete.

One Title Search Request was received and passed on to Portage County.

The final Portage County bid price for the 2018-2019 Salt Price is \$69.66.

The Lafarge credit application was completed.

OPERS sent a bulletin and several Large Earnings requests were addressed.

Doll Lumber is donating mulch to each township and they are offering mulch at a reduced rate.

OTARMA contacted us and requested several reports as well as making a few recommendations. Job descriptions are available from the OTARMA website and the township road crew needs to have record of annual safety training. Discussion followed with Chief Bill Byers regarding the requirements of training. Road Safety was suggested as the best topic. Tom Matota will contact Chief Byers for scheduling.

The NOPEC Resolution needs to be completed with Trustees and filed on the NOPEC website.

Public Comment:

Charles Ramer attended to discuss our NOPEC Grants. All grant money can be used for Capital Improvements that are energy related. The 2018, 2019, and the 2020 grant can be escrowed and used in the future.

Resolution 2019-32: Debra Blake motioned to accept the 2019 NOPEC NEC Grant. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Debra AYE, Steve AYE.

Mrs. Mary Umbaugh attended along with several neighbors. She presented her concerns and presented photos of water flowing across her property. The water problem is getting worse every year and she does not see that the problem is being addressed. Mrs. Umbaugh believes the water is coming from the adjacent helipad on the township property. Several neighbors stated the same concern with water on their property that they also believe to be the result of the helipad construction on the township property. Chief Byers offered that the helipad is purposely sloped toward the township driveway to prevent water from pooling. The neighbors from 6268 State Route 82 and 6278 State Route 82 described the water problem as getting worse every year despite the installation of french drains. A video of the running water was offered but the Trustees felt that the photos were sufficient. Debra Blake offered to follow through with Mrs. Umbaugh and make contact with the appropriate county organizations.

Fire Report: Chief Byers presented the monthly Fire Report with an average response time of 5:48. The Fire Department used the Monsanto grant funds to purchase hand held thermal imager units.

The resolution to purchase a 2018 replacement for Engine #3 at \$230,000 was passed by Village Council. The plan is to purchase the replacement with Capital Funds of \$100,000.00 plus the trade value of the 1988 engine. Chief Byers suggested that the Village should finance and send an invoice to the township. Jack Groselle stated that the Village needs to resolve the contract amount due to the Fire Department from previous years. Chief Byers offered that expenses have increased and all line items are black and white from the General Fund Fire and the EMS Levy Fund.

Chief Byers formally requested down payment funds as the Chief and as a taxpayer. Chief Byers suggested that the engine is not safe to operate and is putting residents at risk while the finance discussions between the Village and the Township continue. He feels that this is not the time to resolve the questions about contract contributions. Jack Groselle stated that the contributions need to be resolved. Chief Byers is still looking to manage 100% of all levy funds from the township.

Jack Groselle offered to contact the Mayor and Village Council. Chief Byers suggested that the Trustees are responsible for letting the conversations lag and not getting resolution. Jack stated again that he would follow up on the conversations. Chief Byers concluded that the Township

Trustees are not willing to fund the purchase. Jack Groselle disagreed and stated again that yes, the township supports the purchase but the Village contributions need to be resolved. Jack suggested that we might be moving toward having an auditor review the contributions per the contract and have both the Village and the Township pay the cost of an audit.

Chief Byers continued to suggest that the township is holding back his ability to provide safety while discussions take place.

Debra Blake motioned to fund the engine with \$102,000 if the Village contributes \$68000.00 aside from the Fire Capital Budget. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Debra AYE, Steve AYE.

According to Chief Byers, the purchase of the truck will be delayed while he operates a truck that should not be in service. Steve Pancost stated that safety would not be impeded.

Old Business:

Resolution 2019-33: Steve Pancost motioned to Accept the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission for 2019. Debra Blake seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Debra AYE, Steve AYE.

Resolution 2019-34: Debra Blake motioned to Accept the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission for 2020. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Debra AYE, Steve AYE.

Steve Pancost received another complaint about the abandoned vehicle on Udall Rd. Jack Groselle offered to follow up with the property owners.

Debra Blake reported that a mosquito trap would be installed in the Rapids area.

Debra Blake also reported on the Udall/305 and the Wheeler/305 intersections as being cleaned up with improved visibility.

New Business:

Debra Blake reported that Mr. Masters is not able to place flags on Veteran graves at the cemetery for Memorial Day. Debra offered to place the sixty flags in the Hiram Rapids Cemetery. The road crew has done a nice job of taking care of the cemetery and both Debra and Tom Matota will continue with the placement of flags for Hiram Rapids and Anchor-More cemeteries.

Fishing with a Cop will be held at Camp Asbury.

Jack Groselle mentioned LTAP as a resource for safety training. He also presented the County Engineers Report.

Diane Rodhe advised that the 2017-2018 Audit started this week.

Diane reminded the Trustees that the EMS 3.0 Levy renewal or replacement needs to be on the November ballot.

Jack Groselle provided the formula for the Gas Tax.

Zoning:

Rich Gano reported that he issued several permits in the township.

The Portage County Assistant Prosecutor is still planning to write a letter and he needs Rich to stop in and sign the charges against Mr. Byler who has now paid for a commercial advertisement for baked good prepared in the home, which is not permitted.

Rich has followed up on the shipping container and it will be removed as soon as the construction project is complete.

Road Report:

Tom Matota reported on the tire pick up. They filled 1.5 dumpsters. Jim Steiner came to observe and he turned several people away due to non-compliant loads.

The boom mower is down and has required repairs of approximately \$1500.00.

The new flag arrived and the crew is working to have the cemetery look nice for Memorial Day.

Tom Matota suggested that the Trustees assess our Townhall building for potential maintenance concerns.

Debra Blake motioned to go into Executive Session at 8:05 PM to discuss contracts. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Debra AYE, Steve AYE.

Debra Blake motioned to come out of Executive Session at 8:13 PM. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Debra AYE, Steve AYE.

No action was taken.

Debra Blake motioned to pay the bills at 8:14 PM. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken. Jack AYE, Debra AYE, Steve AYE.

05/21/2019 Meeting Payments and Receipts

Warrant	Payee	Description	Paid	Received
electronic	Wages	Wages	4653.86	
electronic	Wages	Wages	3284.28	
electronic	Salary	Salary	4566.64	
electronic	OPERS	WH April	3396.76	
electronic	IRS	WH April	1396.58	
electronic	State of Ohio	WH April	231.53	
electronic	State of Ohio	WH April School District Tax	138.11	
electronic	Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield	Healthcare June	4398.50	
electronic	Frontier	DSL	48.98	
10780	Village of Hiram	Water Bill Garage	15.11	
10781	Ohio Edison	Electric 402, 180, 821, 936, 162, 910, 149	637.52	
10782	Dominion East Ohio	Natural Gas, Townhall & Garage	130.00	
10783	Verizon Wireless	Zoning & Road Supervisor	83.90	
10784	Village of Hiram	2nd Quarter Fire 85% of Levy	26747.80	
		2nd Quarter EMS 90% of Levy	42538.50	
10785	Hiram Police Dept.	Township Patrol	2030.65	
10786	Village of Hiram	Fuel	243.92	
10787	Josh Johnston	Website Maintenance and Hosting	450.00	
10788	The Record Courier	Public Notice(s)	18.70	
10789	HC Reimbursement	HC Reimbursement	50.00	
10790	HC Reimbursement	HC Reimbursement	87.89	
10791	Ohio CAT	Supplies	20.68	
10792	Cope Farm Equipment	Supplies	143.43	
10793	Kepich Ford	Repairs	16.95	
10794	Quick Service Weld	Repairs	91.30	
10795	Gee-ville Auto Parts	Supplies	272.23	
10796	Mantua Auto Parts	Supplies	98.69	
10797	Momar	Repairs	620.69	
10798	Municipal Sign	Safety Signs	192.00	
10799	DJM Sales	Supplies	19.08	
10880	Industrial Connections	Supplies	49.92	
10801	Mantua Hardware Lawn & Garden	Supplies	55.48	
10802	Centerra Co-op	Fuel	948.65	
10803	Airgas USA	Supplies	87.85	
10804	Allied Corporation Inc	Materials	251.49	
10805	Lafarge Great Lakes	#8 Blast Furnace Slag	27852.96	
10806	Janet Pancost	BZA Meeting & Mileage	69.60	
10807	Gary Bott	BZA Meeting & Mileage	69.00	
10808	Tom Franek	BZA Meeting & Mileage	69.60	
10749	Village of Hiram	Fuel	164.38	
	Portage County Auditor	Local Government - March		2,038.59
	Middlefield Bank	Interest March		919.16
	Portage County Auditor	2019 April License Tax		712.90
		2019 April Permissive Tax		889.04
		2019 April Gasoline Excise Tax		6,599.47
	Zoning Fee - Divincenzp	Permit - Arbor		50.00
	Zoning Fee - Bunner	Permit - Garage		50.00
	Zoning Fee - Byler	Permit - Deck		50.00
	Zoning Fee - Roberts	Mylar Signing		25.00
	Ohio Edinburg Auction	2011 Ford F-150 Pick Up Truck		3,175.00
	Jill Fankhauser, Clerk of Courts	Township Patrol Tickets		43.00
	Middlefield Bank	Interest		1,330.82
	NOPEC	Community Education Grant to CEAC		1,000.00
	Portage County Auditor	2019 May License Tax		354.03
		2019 May Local Government HB		518.54
		2019 May Local Government		3,413.08