

Hiram Township Trustees

Hiram Township Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

June 18, 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 will be recorded to facilitate the written minutes. The tape will be preserved until the minutes are approved.

Steve Pancost motioned to approve the May 21, 2019 minutes. Debra Blake seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Jack AYE, Debra AYE, Steve AYE.

Fiscal Officer:

Diane Rodhe provided an update on the audit.

Public Comment:

Mrs. Umbaugh was pleased that two Trustees came to her property with an Engineer to investigate the cause of water problems. She has dug an eight-foot ditch and cleaned the existing drain. They also discovered that there are two drainage pipes. The neighbors are planning to install French drains. Mrs. Umbaugh would like to see the township address the drainage in the future when the weather is better. Ohio Drainage Laws and Ohio Water Bulletins were provided to the Trustees.

Dan Brokos questioned the Trustees about the development of the property because he does not see any activity towards park development. Debra Blake explained that the buildings are coming first in order to protect the equipment. Steve Pancost explained the CEAC as having the funds and resources to continue planning for the park. Diane Rodhe mentioned the upcoming education day that CEAC is planning with the NOPEC Grant money.

Mrs. Umbaugh mentioned the twenty-year plan for the young people and the moving of the current Townhall. Since it has been five years since the property was purchased, she is wondering why we are planning for buildings and would like to see the Trustees stay within the spirit of the original agreement. Mrs. Umbaugh also inquired about the digging that is taking place currently. Debra Blake will investigate and report to Mrs. Umbaugh. Steve Pancost explained that moving the Townhall depends on grant money and so far, there is not any. Mrs. Umbaugh said that if the Townhall is moved and a new garage is connected, then the spirit of the agreement would be in conflict.

Fire Report:

Chief Byers provided the Fire Report. The average response time in May was five minutes and 12 seconds. Hiram Fire provided aid to Auburn Township in the recent search for a plane crash victim. The Auburn Township Chief called to thank Hiram for the support.

Jack Groselle reported that Councilman David Smith is working with Sue Skrovan to review the accounting for Fire and EMS. Jack is suggesting that Township Trustees and Village Council members meet to discuss the financial reporting and contributions. Chief Byers is currently working with Village Clerk, Sue Skrovan as well. Jack Groselle stated that the Village needs to address the issue as we move toward the purchase of a replacement engine. Chief Byers said that the Village has approved the numbers for a down payment on the engine with a plan to finance the balance. Everyone agrees that the Township will contribute their share toward the engine.

Chief Byers explained that EMS financials including the Township and Village contributions are run through a designated fund. The Fire financials including the Township contract payments and the Village contributions are processed through the General Fund. This has made the reporting difficult to interpret.

Old Business:

Debra Blake reported on the visit to Mrs. Umbaugh's property to learn about the drainage problem.

Debra Blake thanked Mr. Masters for his 45 years of service to the veterans of the township with his annual work to place flags on the veteran gravesites. Mr. Masters also thanked the township for getting the job done this year and going forward.

The Village of Hiram Water Tower Grant was approved.

New Business:

Debra Blake motioned the approval for two portable toilets for delivery to Hiram Rapids and to the State Route 82 property. Jack Groselle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Jack AYE, Debra AYE, Steve AYE.

Marty Miller requested driveway culvert pipe and it has been installed.

Debra Blake motioned to complete the OTARMA renewal application for 2019 - 2020. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Jack AYE, Debra AYE, Steve AYE.

Jack reported on the appointment of Diane Grendell to the Ohio House of Representatives as a replacement for LaTourrette. Geauga County had made a recommendation for a different candidate and the Republican Party was never notified of the open position.

Jack Groselle mentioned the OTARMA appraisal for replacement cost.

Jack Groselle reported on the District Library activity on June 27, 2019.

Zoning:

Rich Gano responded to a report on Alpha Road about wood that is free for re-purposing.

A letter has been mailed to Dan Ellenberger regarding abandoned vehicle in the field.

There was an Agricultural Exempt building permit issued on Alpha Road.

A civil complaint has been signed and notarized for Mr. Levi Byler on Wheeler Road.

Road Report:

Tom Matota reported that everything is moving along fine with no issues.

Tom also reported the excavator as needing eight new tires, which will cost approximately \$4000.00 to replace. He suggested that we think about replacing the machine with a mini-excavator on rubber tracks. Debra Blake requested that Tom get an estimate on selling the old machine as well as two quotes for a replacement.

Tom Matota requested a resolution for the purchase of RS2 Liquid for Chip and Seal.

Resolution 2019-35: Debra Blake motioned to accept the JASA pre-bid through the county road department at 2.00 per gallon. Jack Groselle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Jack AYE, Debra AYE, Steve AYE.

Resolution 2019-36: Debra Blake motioned to purchase up to 30,000 Gallons of RS2 Liquid from JASA. Jack Groselle seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Jack AYE, Debra AYE, Steve AYE.

Debra Blake motioned to pay the bills at 7:44 PM.

Debra Blake motioned to move into Executive Session at 7:45 PM for Zoning and Roads discussion. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Jack AYE, Debra AYE, Steve AYE.

Debra Blake motioned to come out of Executive Session at 8:05 PM. Steve Pancost seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Jack AYE, Debra AYE, Steve AYE.

No action was taken.

06/18/2019 Meeting Payments and Receipts				
Warrant	Payee	Description	Paid	Received
electronic	Wages	Wages	4701.76	
electronic	Wages	Wages	5176.20	
electronic	Salary	Salary	4566.64	
electronic	OPERS	WH May	4387.52	
electronic	IRS	WH May	1658.24	
electronic	State of Ohio	WH May	285.05	
electronic	State of Ohio	WH May School District Tax	144.87	
electronic	Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield	Healthcare June	4398.50	
electronic	Frontier	DSL	48.98	
10809	Village of Hiram	Water Bill Garage	15.11	
10810	Ohio Edison	Electric 402, 180, 821, 936, 162, 910, 729	383.56	
10811	Verizon Wireless	Zoning & Road Supervisor	82.59	
10812	Dominion East Ohio	Natural Gas, Townhall & Garage	130.00	
10813	Village of Hiram	Fuel	138.87	
10814	Centerra Co-op	Fuel	787.64	
10815	Middlefield Bank	VISA	20.57	
10816	Lafarge	#8 Road Slag	4336.47	
10817	Hiram Police Department	Township Patrol	2040.55	
10818	HC Reimbursement	HC Reimbursement	299.92	
10819	Marie Louise Stehli, CPA	Accounting	103.50	
10820	Treasurer of State	UAN Quarterly Fees	782.50	
10821	Portage County Township Assoc	Membership Dues	184.00	
10822	Industrial Connections	Supplies	77.28	
10823	The Weekly Villager	Public Notice	20.00	
10824	Ohio CAT	Repairs	269.48	
10825	Middlefield Farm & Garden	Repairs	109.24	
10826	Emmet Equipment Company	Repairs	93.51	
10827	Geo Shack	Equipment	118.00	
10828	Mantua Hardware Lawn & Garden	Supplies	98.40	
10829	Miner's Tractor	Repairs	38.00	
10830	Charles Auto Family	Repairs	49.34	
10831	Gee-Ville Auto Parts	Repairs	86.91	
10832	Mars Electric	Repairs	380.94	
10833	Mantua Auto Parts	Repairs	188.86	
10834	Silica Septic Service	Pump tank	185.00	
10835	Cuyahoga Asphalt Materials	Materials	287.10	
10836	Powerplan	Repairs	71.08	
10837	Southeastern	Repairs	1917.52	
	Culvert Replacement	Bryant		200
	Zoning Fee - Mascheck	Permit - New Home		100.00
	Zoning Fee - Mascheck/Sommer	Permit - Mylar Signing		25.00
	HC Premium	HC Premium		37.50
	Middlefield Bank	Interest May		1,284.76
	Portage County Auditor	2019 May License Tax		664.64
		2019 May Permissive Tax		859.50
		2019 May Gasoline Excise Tax		7,568.39
	Culvert Replacement	Ashtabula Hardwood		150.00
	State of Ohio	Property Rollback Tax		31,879.02
	Portage County Auditor	2019 May Local Government HB		518.54
		2019 May Local Government		3,018.02