

Hiram Township Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM, Hiram Township Complex

Present: Trustees; Chairman Jack Groselle, Steve Pancost, and Debra Blake. Fiscal Officer Eric Hankinson. Zoning Inspector Rich Gano. Road Supervisor Tom Matota. Public; Hiram Fire Chief Bill Byers, Stacey Turner, Andrea Brossler, Craig Smith, Mary Umbaugh, representative from Geauga Highway.

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Reading of the Minutes:

Read minutes from 5/17/22 meeting

Fiscal Officer:

- Spectrum for new building – Initial agreement signed; Waiting on Construction Team to arrange for site visit
- Otarma Coverage for October 2022
- Called ARIS again about Port-a-pot for Rapids baseball field. Miller & Company is who we used in the past.
- Chip & Seal Bids submitted for review

Public Comment:

Andres Brossler, a resident of the township over on Winchell Rd, addressed the Trustees about the following: terrible crumbling pavement on the stretch of road near her home (that section of Winchell is a County Road and not maintained by the Township), when calling 911 her call was bounced around a lot by the call center not knowing who to send to her address, and that there are no high speed Internet Providers servicing her address.- Fire Chief Bill Byers addressed the 911 concern, and the Trustees suggested that Ms. Brossler reach out to the County Commissioners to push the County Engineers to inspect the roadway near her home. Mr. Hankinson suggested that Ms. Brossler reach out to Starlink again to get on their waiting list for when they would service that area from the sky.

Mary Umbaugh, neighbor next door to the new Township Complex, addressed the Trustees regarding rain runoff killing some of her trees. Mr. Matota and the Trustees responded to Ms. Umbaugh about changes done to control the drainage. However, some areas could not be entered due to the soil being too soft and not dry enough to get an excavator or backhoe in to dig to dig a drainage trench further to better control the runoff. Mr. Matota then explained to Ms. Umbaugh what the current drainage is for the Township property and his plans for the drainage trench once the ground dries up more.

Old Business:

Mr. Pancost emailed Mike Collins at the Portage County Engineers to request a Speed Study for Udall Rd. Mr. Pancost was unsure if the study has been done or not. Mr. Hankinson then asked Mr. Matota if he heard anything about the

Cadek Right of Way Survey from the County Engineers. Mr. Matota stated he recently spoke to them and the Engineers are in the process of getting a new surveyor to carry out those kinds of requests. Mr. Groselle stated that he spoke to Brant Jessel, and Brant was able to contact Google and was told by Google that the map issue would be resolved.

Mr. Pancost mentioned that the Township's Open House held on June 19th at the new Complex was a great success. He and the other Trustees commended the Hiram Village Fire Department (and especially Fire Chief Bill Byers) on the job he did bringing equipment and the University Hospitals Helicopter to the Open House. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. The Trustees also commended Mr. Matota and the Road crew on their work interacting with the public displaying the various equipment the Township uses to service the roads. Mr. Groselle then motioned to reimburse Trustee Debra Blake for her expenses for food, drinks and advertising of the Open House. Mr. Pancost seconded the Motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. This will become **Resolution 2022-015**.

Mr. Groselle asked Mr. Hankinson if the Township has received any money from the traffic tickets issued within the Township. Mr. Hankinson was unaware so Mr. Groselle asked Ms. Blake to check with the Police Department on how we did that in the past.

The tax lien that appeared during the sale of the old Township Hall has been rectified with the State of Ohio. The money was returned to the Township.

Mr. Groselle asked Mr. Matota if any of the other Townships would be interested in the Hot Pot (asphalt trailer). Mr. Matota stated no other Townships were interested so he would not suggest purchasing it.

New Business:

Mr. Groselle opened the bids for Chip & Seal in the Township provided by vendors. The following bids were provided: H Luli Construction \$200,847.10, Ronyak Paving \$264,655.00 and Geauga Highway \$257,642.85. Mr. Groselle motioned to turn the bids in for secondary review to the Portage County Engineers. Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. This will become **Resolution 2022-013**.

Mr. Groselle introduced Craig Smith as a possible candidate for an open position on the Zoning Board or Board of Zoning appeals. Mr. Smith spoke to the Trustees about his background and interest in the positions.

Mr. Groselle motioned that is all members (assigned and alternates) show up to either a Zoning or Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, that they all are paid for their time. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. This will become **Resolution 2022-014**.

At the end of the meeting, Mr. Groselle motioned to go into Executive Session. Ms. Blake seconded the Motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

Upon wanting to exit the Executive Session, Ms. Blake motioned to exit the Executive Session. Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

Road:

Lots of downed trees needed to be cleaned up. Other than that, waiting on results of the Chip & Seal bids.

Zoning:

Mr. Gano provided the payments for a few permits issued in the Township. Mr. Gano then told the Trustees that he noticed a storage container (semi trailer) on a property located on Udall Rd. The owner told Mr. Gano that the trailer was there in 2016. Mr. Gano told the owner if he can prove that, then he would be grandfathered in but the satellite maps on the County Auditor web site were from 2017 and the trailer was not visible in the photos. Mr. Gano also spoke about the owner of the former Wolff Blueberries wanting to construct a tree house.

Fire Report:

Chief Byers provided copies of the current fire report and reviewed it. He also updated the trustees regarding his efforts to clean around the base of the SR 82 Siren to allow access for the technicians to service the siren.

Police Report:

May 2022 had 1,109 miles over 100 hours of patrol time from the Hiram Village Police.

06-17-22 Meeting Payments and Receipts

Warrant	Payee	Description	Expenses
11795	Allied Corporation Inc		\$386.33
11796	Cuyahoga Landmark		\$1,023.12
11797	Mars Electric Co		\$33
11798	Ohio Township Association		\$264.00
11799	Thomas Matota		\$311.96
11816	Mantua Auto Parts		\$852.00
11817	Verizon Wireless		\$162.24
11818	Gee-Ville Auto Parts Corp		\$64.61
11819	Hartville Hardware		\$0.79
11820	Harrison Machine & Plastic Corp		\$108.35
11821	Superior Dental Care		\$274.24
11822	Village of Hiram		\$2,991.36
11823	Municipal Signs & Sales		\$368.00
11824	Stamm Contracting Company, INC.		\$19.30
11825	Portage County Treasurer		\$27.66
11826	Advance Auto Parts		\$23.07
11827	Charles Auto Family		\$9.72
11828	Industrial Connections, INC.		\$12.18
11829	Mantua Lawn and Garden		\$162.72
11830	DJM Sales		\$581.80
11831	Ohio Edison		\$548.85
11832	Dominion East Ohio		\$48.38
11833	Carter Lumber		\$141.11
electronic	Wages		\$14,696.95
electronic	Fed Tax Payee		\$5,112.54
electronic	State Tax Payee		\$551.84
electronic	JAG District Income Tax Payee		\$158.56
electronic	Windstream		\$57.37
electronic	UHC Premium Billing		\$18,914.22
electronic	Middlefield Bank		\$40.00
electronic	OPERS		\$9,183.45
electronic	Treasurer of State (UAN Fees)		\$876.00
			\$58,005.67

