

# Hiram Township Trustees

## Regular Meeting Minutes

July 19, 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; Mark Swartout, Hiram Village Fire Chief Bill Byers

This meeting is being recorded to facilitate the written minutes. The tape will be preserved until the minutes are approved.

### Reading of the Minutes:

Read minutes from 6/21/22 meeting

### Fiscal Officer:

- Spectrum for new building – Construction completion is scheduled for 8/17/22

### Public Comment:

Mr. Groselle recognized Mr. Max Swartout from The Portager. Mr. Swartout explained that he was a documenter for The Portager as an effort to provide more visibility to local Township meetings.

Ms. Blake then updated the rest of the Board regarding possible income from traffic tickets issued within the Township by the Hiram Village Police. Ms. Blake stated that her conversation with Susan Skrovan, Hiram Village Fiscal Officer, uncovered that there are no specific payments pre-determined with the Village of Hiram. Susan thought that it would be through the State of Ohio. Mr. Byers mentioned that it would depend on how the traffic tickets were written could determine where the money would go, and what, if any, money could be left on the table that could possibly go to the Township. Ms. Blake will follow up with the Hiram Village Police Chief.

### Old Business:

Mr. Matota spoke to the Trustees regarding the acceptance of the Road Bids provided at the previous meeting. Mr. Groselle motioned to accept the Chip & Seal Bid from H. Luli Construction. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. This will become **Resolution 2022-016**.

Mr. Groselle asked Mr. Matota for an update on the Township Complex property drainage. He mentioned that the drainage extension has worked out quite well. Ms. Umbaugh was shown the changes as well.

Mr. Groselle mentioned that Craig Smith, Township resident from Alpha Road who attended the previous meeting, is interested in being an alternate on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Groselle motioned to appoint Mr. Smith as an alternate for The Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Blake seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. This will become **Resolution 2022-017**.

### **New Business:**

Mr. Pancost mentioned that there is a Broadband survey being taken by Portage County EMA and is open until July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Mr. Groselle mentioned that there is an upcoming meeting regarding Local Government Formula (monetary distribution). Everyone is ready and participants plan to stay the same as previous. The meeting will be held on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Mr. Groselle mentioned that Shari Keefe expressed interest in being an alternate on the Zoning Board. Mr. Pancost motioned to appoint Shari as an alternate on the Zoning Board. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. This will become **Resolution 2022-018**.

The website was updated to reflect that Kimble handles the recycling for the Township and that Don Prall is no longer a member of the Zoning Board.

Mr. Groselle received a call about trash not being picked up. He placed a few phone calls to Kimble to report the issue.

NEOBIGGS (Eagle Scout group) wants to do a project on the Pochedly Cemetery property. The State of Ohio requires maintenance of the outcome of the Eagle Scout project. Unfortunately, a representative from NEOBIGGS was not present at the meeting.

At the end of the meeting, Mr. Groselle motioned to go into Executive Session regarding Personnel. 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. No action was taken.

### **Road:**

Mr. Matota reported that the equipment taken to the Edinburg Auction was sold. There was also cleanup around the Rt. 82 siren as the stump was removed, and Mr. Matota suggested that some gravel be put down for a drive up to the siren and keep the foliage under control.

Mr. Groselle asked if Mr. Matota if he has had any luck getting any applicants for a part-time. Mr. Matota stated that he has been unable to find anyone interested in the position.

### **Zoning:**

A new home building permit on Udall Rd (Cummings) was issued. No more news on the Blueberry Farm treehouse. The storage container on Udall was moved to the next lot over. Mr. Gano will follow up with the owner. The camper and area on Winchell is still being cleaned up (progress being made). Mr. Gano has been receiving calls regarding questions about lot splits for new construction.

### **Police:**

For the month of June 2022, 100 patrol hours, 16 traffic stops, 1 citation issued and 916 miles driven on patrol.

### **Fire:**

Service was done on the Rt. 82 siren and the other two sirens in the Township were inspected. Squad 2 still waiting on parts. Squad 1 blew a turbo and required replacement. The Fire Department has lost a few members due to moving out of State and the department is having a hard time still trying to find new members to join.

**07-19-22 Meeting Payments and Receipts**

<b>Warrant</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
11836	Powerplan (Murphy)		\$158.72
11837	Verizon Wireless		\$166.74
11838	Arms Trucking Co, Inc.		\$512
11839	Mantua Hardware Lawn and Garden		\$201.84
11840	Mantua Auto Parts		\$440.00
11841	Middlefield Farm and Garden		\$50.54
11842	Centerra Co-op		\$2,085.33
11843	Preston		\$52.50
11844	Stanware Metal Products, Inc		\$93.55
11845	Industrial Connections, Inc.		\$87.41
11846	Superior Dental Care		\$137.12
11847	Copley Ohio Newspapers, Inc		\$193.00
11848	Mars Electric Co		\$34.12
11849	Debra Blake		\$615.24
11851	Village of Hiram		\$72,557.23
11852	Village of Hiram		\$7,174.50
11853	Village of Hiram		\$2,311.80
11854	Ohio Edison		\$1,017.92
electronic	Windstream		\$82.12
electronic	Wages		\$13,192.01