

Hiram Township Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM, Hiram Township Complex

Present: Trustees; Chairman Jack Groselle, Steve Pancost, and Debra Blake. Fiscal Officer Eric Hankinson. Road Supervisor Tom Matota. Public; Alicia Svonavec, Rudy Zimmerman

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

Reading of the Minutes:

Minutes from the 9/20/22 meeting were read. Some corrections were noted. Mr. Pancost motioned to accept the minutes with corrections. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

Minutes from the 10/25/2022 meeting were read. Mr. Pancost motioned to accept the minutes. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

Fiscal Officer:

- None

Public Comment:

Alicia Svonavec and Rudy Zimmerman, from the Hiram RCCA, attended the meeting regarding the Rapids Cemetery flag pole and illuminating it. The flag pole is currently not illuminated due to electricity cost concerns of the RCCA. Mr. Groselle asked Mrs. Svonavec if the RCCA insures the Church as the Township already insures the building under OTARMA. Mr. Groselle asked Mrs. Svonavec how much would the RCCA save if they did not carry insurance. Mrs. Svonavec said she did not know what their insurance premium was but would look into it. Mrs. Svonavec asked the Trustees for a copy of the OTARMA policy which Mr. Hankinson will provide to her. She will then give that to the RCCA Treasurer in order to compare with their insurance policy to see if it makes sense to drop their policy.

Old Business:

Ms. Blake asked Mrs. Svonavec when their Christmas event will be. Mrs. Svonavec stated that there is no event planned. Ms. Blake clarified that the reason she asked is that the Port-a-Pot at the Rapids Church is usually picked up after the Christmas event. Mr. Matota also looked into updated LED lighting for the Flag Pole and it would cost roughly \$800 or so for new LED lights and an exterior timer to keep usage down.

New Business:

No new business.

Road:

Nothing new to report. Just a few trees fallen during recent high winds on Thrasher and Alpha Rds. Mr. Matota looked at an Asphalt Hot Box being sold on Facebook Marketplace and determined that it would not fit the needs of the Township.

Zoning:

None.

Police:

October 2022: 96.5 Patrol hours, 1071 miles driven, 14 traffic stops and 6 citations issued.

Fire:

October 2022: 34 runs for the Township, average response time is 4:46. The Village Fire Department is still struggling for staffing.

Mr. Pancost motioned to pay the bills. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. The meeting ended at 7:55pm.

11-15-22 Meeting Payments and Receipts

Warrant	Payee	Description	Expenses
11908	Portage County Health District		\$275.00
11909	Preston		\$668.35
11910	Copley Ohio Newspapers		\$17.50
11911	Dominion East Ohio		\$246.32
11912	Superior Dental Care		\$137.12
11913	Mantua Hardware Lawn and Garden		\$26.70
11914	Centerra Co-op		\$1,304.55
11915	Mars Electric Co.		\$105.44
11916	Mantua Auto Parts		\$35.00
11917	Thomas Matota		\$1,398.19
11918	Ohio Edison		\$892.15
electronic	Wages		\$10,028.59
electronic	UHC Premium Billing		\$5,226.12