

Hiram Township Trustees

Regular Meeting Agenda

May 16, 2023 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; None

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Reading of the Minutes:

Minutes from the 04/11/2023 meeting to be read. Ms. Blake motioned to accept the minutes. Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

Fiscal Officer:

- Board reviews submitted Chip & Seal bids. The following bids were submitted:
 - Geauga Highway Company \$196,687.80
 - Specialized Construction Inc. \$258,105.75
 - Ronyak Paving \$233,235.25
 - Melway Paving \$219,967.25

Ms. Blake motioned to submit bids to Portage County Engineers. Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. **Resolution 2023-16**

- Received NOPEC Community Event Grant for July 4th Fireworks & Halloween. Check will be made out to the Hiram Fire Association for \$1,000 at the net meeting to transfer the grant money.
- Submitting Generator invoices and Rapids Cemetery Flag Pole invoices for NOPEC Energized Community Grant. Also check 2022 MARS Electric invoice for the Flag Pole lights... around \$800 or so.
- Fire 2 mil levy as REPLACEMENT. Ms. Blake motioned to put the Fire 2 mil levy onto the November 2023 Ballot as a REPLACEMENT. Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. **Resolution 2023-17**
- Road & Bridge 2 mil levy as REPLACEMENT. Ms. Blake motioned to put the Road & Bridge 2 mil levy onto the November 2023 Ballot as a REPLACEMENT. Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. **Resolution 2023-18**

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

Mr. Groselle asked Mr. Matota if he was able to get any information regarding an 8" water line to a hydrant out front of the Township Complex. Mr. Matota said he spoke to CT Consulting and their recommendation was to NOT install an 8"

line as the water would not be used frequently enough to prevent the water from becoming contaminated and requiring periodic flushing and the Complex would be considered the end of the watershed.

Mr. Pancost then asked Mr. Matota about the ODOT Road Sign grant. Mr. Matota informed the Board of the requirements of what can and can not be requested regarding the types of signs and their usage. A curve evaluation will be also performed by the County Engineers on Alpha, Winchell and Asbury Roads.

Mr. Groselle discussed the email received by the Portage County Prosecutor regarding the court case by Brian Ames against Hiram Township. The Prosecutor suggested that the Board pay \$500 & court fees instead of going to court. Mr. Pancost motioned to pay the \$500 and court fees to settle the case. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. **Resolution 2023-19**

New Business:

The new maps of the Township finally arrived. The Board asked Mr. Matota to hang them on the walls of the Board Room in the Township Facility.

Mr. Pancost attended the Portage County Regional Planning event at NEOMED back in April. Very good information was presented to the public.

Ms. Blake coordinated with the Veterans Commission of Portage County to receive flags to be put out at the various cemeteries within the next few days.

Mr. Pancost asked The Board if they would also like a dry erase board for usage by the Board. The Board agreed that a dry erase board would be useful for long term planning purposes. Ms. Blake motioned to purchase a dry erase board. Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

The Board then discussed allowing or not allowing Solar Farms within the Township per an email from the County Commissioners. Mr. Pancost motioned to NOT allow Solar Farms within the Township. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. **Resolution 2023-20**

Mr. Groselle asked Mr. Gano if there has been any further information to share about the various letters sent to Township residents by Mr. Gano regarding Zoning violations. Mr. Gano provided updates as to junk removal status.

Road:

Roads are looking good. Mr. Matota is still waiting for the license plates for the new Asphalt Hotbox trailer. Mr. Matota asked The Board if they would like to do something about the well water issue at the Township Complex. Mr. Matota asked a few other contractors and was told the quoted water line install cost from Mays Plumbing “is in the ballpark” of what the other contractors would charge. Mr. Matota was told that simply drilling a new well would not actually solve the water problem. An estimated cost of around \$45,000 it would cost to run city water from the water tower to the Township’s main building and cap the existing well.

Zoning:

6128 Allyn had a concern regarding an easement with their neighbor. Mr. Gano responded to the resident with some information. Phone calls regarding building permit questions. The house, for sale next to the Township Facility, has a 2nd residence listed by the Realtor selling the property. The Board requested that Mr. Gano follow up with the Realtor. 3 permits were issued.

Police:

April 2023: 100 Patrol hours, 1191 miles driven, 13 traffic stops and 2 citations issued.

Fire:

April 2023: 24 runs for the Township, average response time is 4:50.

Mr. Pancost motioned to Pay the Bills, Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. Meeting ended at 7:54pm

05-16-23 Meeting Payments and Receipts

Warrant	Payee	Description	Expenses	Received
12016	Village of Hiram		\$396.24	
12017	Hiram Police Department		\$10,750.82	
12018	Troyer's Repair		\$116.44	
12019	Cuyahoga Landmark		\$684.71	
12020	Cross Truck Equipment		\$117.78	
12021	Mars Electric Co		\$216.74	
12022	Centerra Co-op		\$973.34	
12023	Medical Mutual of Ohio		\$10,938.17	
12024	Copley Ohio Newspapers		\$25.00	
12025	Powerplan (Murphy Equipment)		\$93.09	
12026	Mantua Hardware Lawn & Garden		\$120.53	
12027	Carter Lumber		\$44.97	
12028	Portage County RPC		\$160.00	
12029	Gee-Ville Auto Parts		\$16.98	
12030	Ohio Edison		\$685.06	
12031	George Firtik		\$328.00	
12032	Richard Gano		\$96.06	
electronic	Wages		\$10,814.17	
electronic	Windstream		\$100.92	
electronic	Ohio BWC		\$325.20	
electronic	Treasurer of State		\$876.00	
electronic	United Site Services		\$141.13	
electronic	Middlefield Bank	ACH Service Fees	\$25.00	
electronic	Middlefield Bank	Interest		\$1,642.92
electronic	NOPEC Community Event Grant			\$1,000.00
electronic	Portage County Auditor			\$15,267.96
electronic	Portage County Clerk of Courts			\$31.50
electronic	Zoning Fees			\$50.00