

Hiram Township Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 19, 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; Chris Craycroft from Portage Parks District, Mark Russell, Hiram 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:

Mr. Hankinson read the minutes from 08/15/23 meeting. Some corrections were noted. Ms. Blake motioned to accept the minutes with corrections. Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

Fiscal Officer:

- Meeting minutes and Announcements were updated on the web site since the previous meeting.

Public Comment:

The Portage Parks District addressed the Trustees and Public regarding their upcoming combined levy for ½ Mil replacement and ½ Mil addition as well as speaking to some of the new planned projects happening within the District which include the former Carlton Farm on Rt. 82. Information was made available to the Public regarding the plans as well as a program guide.

Mark Russell of Russell-Ellerhorst Insurance reviewed with the Trustees their yearly OTARMA renewal information. The Board reviewed the information. Ms. Blake motioned to accept the coverage plan and renewal premium. Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

Old Business:

Mr. Groselle asked Mr. Hankinson to put an announcement on the Township web site regarding the Kimble Rate Increase on January 1, 2024.

Mr. Groselle also asked Mr. Hankinson to put an announcement on the Township web site, and post in the newspaper, that the October 2024 Trustees Meeting will be moved to October 24 at 7:00pm.

Mr. Pancost received an email asking if someone from the Trustees can speak about the Road and Fire levies for the Township at the Women Voters of Kent meeting.

Mr. Pancost attended the Zoning Seminar put on by the Portage County Prosecutors office.

New Business:

Mr. Groselle commented to the other Board Members to think about possibly approving an additional \$50,000 from the General Fund to be put into the Road & Bridge fund to do cover the increased costs of road chip & seal.

Mr. Groselle received another call regarding dog noise. The Township does not have a noise ordinance nor the means to enforce one.

Road:

Mr. Matota noted a couple of trees down from the recent storm. The Road Crew cleaned them up.

Mr. Matota addressed the Trustees regarding the need to service or replace the air compressor used by the Road Crew for their maintenance needs. Replacing the air compressor pump would cost around \$1,500 and the motor servicing would be between \$300 - \$500. Ms. Blake motioned for Mr. Matota to move forward with getting the air compressor pump replace and the motor serviced. Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

Zoning:

Some more permits issued. 6830 Allyn Rd (addition), 6979 Village Way (new home), 11961 Alpha Rd (agriculture), 11254 Rolling Meadows (new home), 6891 Norton Rd. (new home).

Letter out to Rebecca Turner of Washburn Rd regarding noise. Neighbor called the Sherriff regarding the noise. A letter was sent to a Udall Rd resident regarding trash. Mr. Gano is still working with some Amish residents regarding their request to build a school. Mr. Gano also sent a letter regarding vegetation abatement in our Zoning to a resident on Winchell Rd. Mr. Gano also has reported a street light out to Ohio Edison.

Police:

August 2023: 22 traffic stops, 6 citations were issued.

Fire:

Augusts 2023: 42 runs for the Township, average response time is 5:45. Chief Byers will have a Finance and Safety meeting in October and report back to the Township on the results of that meeting.

At 7:52pm Ms. Blake motioned to Pay the Bills. Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

Executive Session:

On this 19th day of September 2023, Trustee Jack Groselle moved to convene an Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 G-1 for the purpose of considering the following matters:

To consider employment or compensation of a public employee or official.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Pancost. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

At 8:02pm Ms. Blake motioned to exit the Executive Session. Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

Ms. Blake motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.
Meeting ended at 8:03pm

09-19-23 Meeting Payments and Receipts

Warrant	Payee	Description	Expenses	Received
12095	Quick Service Welding & Machine		\$66.55	
12096	Charter Communications		\$175.94	
12097	Hiram Police Department		\$3,566.24	
12098	Village of Hiram		\$211.04	
12099	Industrial Connections, Inc		\$12.05	
12100	Powerplan (Murphy)		\$32.36	
12101	Gee-Ville Auto Parts		\$18.68	
12102	Medical Mutual of Ohio		\$4,246.41	
12103	Preston Ford		\$1,710.93	
12104	Municipal Signs & Sales, Inc.		\$120.00	
12105	Botnick Tractor Sales, Inc.		\$101.46	
12106	Centerra Co-op		\$1,860.13	
12107	Mars Electric Co.		\$167.55	
12108	Carter Lumber		\$17.59	
12109	Mantua Hardware Lawn & Garden		\$46.79	
12110	George L Firtik		\$123.89	
12111	Hiram RCCA		\$560.00	
12112	Ohio Edison		\$855.07	
electronic	Wages		\$20,611.24	
electronic	Windstream		\$100.92	
electronic	Middlefield Bank		\$142.56	
electronic	United Site Services		\$141.13	
electronic	Middlefield Bank	ACH Service Fees	\$25.00	
electronic	Middlefield Bank	Interest		\$1,661.65