

Hiram Township Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 24, 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; Betsy Simon

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 09/19/23 meeting. The Board noted a few small corrections. Mr. Pancost motioned to approve the minutes with corrections. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

Fiscal Officer:

- Will apply for the OTARMA MORE grant with help from Mr. Matota
- Submitted to the NOPEC Energized Community grant for Facility Generator, Flag Pole lighting in Rapids Cemetery and the repair of the Road Crew air compressor including replacing the compressor pump as reimbursements

Public Comment:

Betsy Simon wanted to voice her appreciation to the Trustees and Road Crew regarding an issue with cleanout of the ditch in front of her daughter's property within the Township on Hankee Rd.

Old Business:

Mr. Groselle asked Mr. Matota if the County Engineer (William) has contacted him regarding the bridge on Hankee Rd. Mr. Matota has not heard from him.

Mr. Hankinson asked the Board and Mr. Matota if anyone has heard any news about the Thrasher Rd. Speed Study. No news has been received by anyone.

New Business:

Portage County Recycling now has a Recycling Center which allows residents to recycle materials, tires and computer equipment at the Center.

A resident emailed Mr. Pancost regarding their driveway on Alpha Rd (near the top of the hill, west of the top). The resident has issues trying to exit her driveway due to traffic coming around the corner and being blind to the oncoming traffic.

Mr. Pancost motioned to donate \$140 to the Hiram Fire Association for use at their Halloween event. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. **Resolution 2023-033.**

Mr. Groselle asked the Board if everyone is available to move the next Trustees meeting to Tuesday December 26th at 7:00pm. The Board agreed to move the meeting to December 26, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Road:

Things going smoothly. Mr. Matota is very thankful for the Asphalt Hot Box trailer. It has been very helpful in road repair within the Township. Snow Plows are ready to go also. No news regarding the ODOT Grant for Road Signage.

Zoning:

Mr. Gano met with Brett Bencze to look over Mr. Mihelick's (of Winchell Rd) vehicle and trailer registrations, most are historical plates but still under question is a camper. Mr. Bencze was going to reach out to him. Mr. Gano also stopped and spoke with Paul Hueter about the trailer.

The trash stacked on Udall has disappeared after a certified letter was refused to be signed for.

Still working with Amish for possible school on Mumford (variance) had to send them back to the drawing board

Many roads traveled, watching one property starting to accumulate tires.

Lastly, grass has not been cut on that parcel on Winchell after I emailed them (bank) warning of our vegetation abatement. The neighbor, Mike May is still in great contact with me about abatement. Mr. Gano requested a resolution to handle the vegetation abatement and bill the land owner via ORC 505.87.

Ms. Blake motioned to allow Rich Gano, the Township Zoning Inspector, to hire a company to handle vegetation abatement of the property at 5752 Winchell Rd to then add as an lien onto the property with the County Auditor per ORC 505.87. Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. **Resolution 2023-034.**

Police:

September 2023: 14 Traffic Stops, 4 citations issued.

Fire:

September 2023: 27 runs for the Township, average response time is 4:54

Mr. Pancost motioned to pay the bills, Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

Mr. Groselle adjourned the meeting. Meeting ended at 8:12pm.

10-24-23 Meeting Payments and Receipts

Warrant	Payee	Description	Expenses	Received
12113	Charter Communications		\$157.97	
12114	The Weekly Villager		\$22.50	
12115	Village of Hiram		\$72,557.23	
12116	Hiram Police Dept.		\$7,232.56	
12117	Ohio Edison		\$1,098.86	
12118	Industrial Connections, Inc		\$26.77	
12119	Berger Electric Motor Repair		\$345.00	
12120	Preston Ford		\$542.40	
12121	Mantua Hardware Lawn and Garden		\$78.56	
12122	TL Service Center		\$258.24	
12123	Municipal Signs & Sales		\$60.00	
12124	Hartville Hardware		\$101.59	
12125	Centerra Co-Op		\$733.70	
12126	Medical Mutual of Ohio		\$8,372.82	
12127	Middlefield Farm & Garden		\$318.15	
12128	Gee-Ville Auto Parts Corp		\$78.92	
12129	Powerplan (Murphy Equip)		\$46.90	
12130	George L . Firtik		\$580.68	
12131	Thomas Matota		\$1,613.32	
12132	Thomas Matota		\$64.42	
12133	CDC - Mars Electric Co		\$23.28	
12134	OTARMA Service Center		\$16,046.00	
12135	Cuyahoga Asphalt Materials		\$367.70	
12136	John Jonston		\$900.00	
12137	OnGuard Fence Co		\$1,085.00	
electronic	Treasurer of State		\$876.00	
electronic	Wages		\$13,677.61	
electronic	Windstream		\$100.92	
electronic	Middlefield Bank	VISA Purchases	\$301.46	
electronic	United Site Services		\$141.13	
electronic	Middlefield Bank	ACH Service Fees	\$25.00	
electronic	Middlefield Bank	Interest		