

Hiram Township Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 21, 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

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 10/24/23 meeting. Mr. Pancost motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

Fiscal Officer:

- Received disbursements from NOPEC for Building Generator, Flag Pole lighting in Rapids Cemetery and Road Crew air compressor restoration/replacement. The disbursements were returned to the funds they originated from.
- Review Solar & Wind farm prohibitive resolution 2023-020 due to the County Commissioners responding back to the Township that the wording in Resolution 2023-020 was not correct. Mr. Gano explained some additional details related to the Zoning of such things and what some of the other Townships in the area are doing. Ms. Blake motioned the following: Prohibit operation of any large or commercial Solar and Wind farms within Hiram Township that are 50 Megawatts or greater. Mr. Groselle seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. **Resolution 2023-020.2**

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Mr. Pancost is working with Todd Peetz at Regional Planning regarding possible grant money available via Gail Pavliga (Ohio House Representative) for Parks improvements. The Township is asking for \$250,000 in grant money to build a slightly less than a mile trail and two pavilions on the Township property that would be available to the residents of the Township.

The Trustees discussed the growing of marijuana within the Township. After some deliberation, Mr. Groselle motioned the following: Prohibit adult use cannabis operators and medical marijuana cultivators, processors and retail

dispensaries within the unincorporated area of Hiram Township, Ohio. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. **Resolution 2023-035**

Mr. Groselle received a call from a resident of Rolling Meadows regarding being allowed to sight his gun. Mr. Groselle told the resident that is perfectly acceptable within the Township.

Road:

The new salt spreader is being mounted onto the Township truck. The Air Compressor parts to repair the Road Department's compressor has been received and is in process of being repaired. Mr. Matota is ready for winter as the salt bin is fully stocked and ready for inclement weather.

The Board asked Mr. Matota to mount a dry erase board on the back wall of the Meeting Room. The Board reminded Mr. Hankinson to make sure that some money be added in the 2024 appropriations to cover the eventual install of a city water line to the Township Facility to replace the rusty well water the Facility currently has. Mr. Pancost suggested that the Board bid the project out to do the water line install.

The Board also mentioned that OPERS will be around 18% contribution rate in 2024 so to plan for that.

Zoning:

Asbury Rd – Addition, many calls also from real estate/title agencies. Questions about a possible subdivision at the farm on Rt 305 that was recently sold. The Ground Guys did 3 mowings on the property on Winchell Rd, the Township was billed for that. The cost will be passed onto the owner as a lien on the property.

Police:

October 2023: No report sent

Fire:

October 2023: 21 runs for the Township, average response time is 6:23

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 7:33pm

11-21-23 Meeting Payments and Receipts

Warrant	Payee	Description	Expenses	Received
12138	Gee-Ville Auto Parts Corp		\$29.64	
12139	Mantua Hardware Lawn and Garden		\$25.45	
12140	Gledhill Road Machinery		\$6,601.43	
12141	Centerra Co-Op		\$957.22	
12142	Medical Mutual of Ohio		\$4,108.41	
12143	Village of Hiram		\$355.59	
12144	Charles Harris & Associates		\$5,632.00	
12145	Cross Truck Equipment		\$240.45	
12146	Cuyahoga Landmark		\$702.22	
12147	Ohio CAT		\$11.47	
12148	Cuyahoga Asphalt Materials		\$155.53	
12149	Marboro Supply		\$777.20	
12150	Cerni Motor Sales		\$1,433.20	
12151	Allied Corporation		\$238.69	
12152	George L . Firtik		\$56.12	
12153	Ohio Edison		\$753.57	
12154	Hiram Fire Association		\$140.00	
12155	Mantua Auto Parts		\$55.00	
electronic	Wages		\$13,059.27	
electronic	Windstream		\$100.92	
electronic	Middlefield Bank	VISA Purchases	\$1,738.79	
electronic	ODJFS		\$330.06	
electronic	Bureau of Workers Compensation		\$326.00	
electronic	The Grounds Guys or Twinsburg		\$660.80	
electronic	United Site Services		\$141.13	
electronic	Middlefield Bank	ACH Service Fees	\$25.00	
electronic	Middlefield Bank	Interest		\$1,444.61
electronic	County Auditor	2nd Half Real Estate Taxes		\$398,810.05
electronic	County Auditor	2nd Half Manufactured Homes		\$93.95
electronic	C&B Recycling	Scrap Metal Recycling		\$65.20
electronic	Zoning Permits			\$1,350.00