

Hiram Township Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2024 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; Rick & Tammy McKenzie, Portage County Treasurer John Kennedy, Hiram Village Fire Chief Bill Byers

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

Reading of the Minutes:

Minutes from the May 21, 2024 meeting were read. Mr. Hankinson noted a few wording corrections while reading the minutes. Mr. Pancost motioned to accept the minutes with corrections. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

Fiscal Officer:

- Brett Bencze never responded about Levy Resolutions before going on leave, so I forwarded onto Chris Meduri
- Sent Chris Meduri the resolution for Rich's Administrative Search warrant request

Public Comment:

Rick & Tammy McKenzie are residents on Wrenwood Drive. They attended the meeting to ask about what can be done to their street regarding water drainage around the Cul-de-sac. They noted that the Township Road crew cleaned up the area and filled in holes that were found. The residents wanted additional drainage. Mr. Matota explained to the residents how the water flows given the construction of the street as it has no piping under or next to the roadway. The street was supposed to drain towards the main street. Mr. Matota then explained to the Trustees as to what has been done to date to help address drainage issues. Mr. Matota has one more area to cut out and refill with asphalt to change the slope of the remaining area to help facilitate more drainage. The street wasn't designed to support an additional catch basin for water runoff and would require the street to be dug up in order to install additional catch basins and piping to drain the basins.

Old Business:

Mr. Pancost talked to Mike Collins at the County Engineers Office. The County Engineers visited Mumford Rd and erected 2 signs, by Rt 88 and the County line, for Amish Buggies (share the road) and once the Amish School is built on Mumford, the County Engineers will return and erect School Zone signs as well.

Mr. Pancost motioned to accept the Melway Paving Chip & Seal bid provided at the previous meeting. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. **Resolution 2024-012**

Mr. Groselle has received a lot of phone calls about the upcoming Mary Umbaugh BZA Variance meeting that will be held on July 3rd, 2024 at 7:00pm.

New Business:

Mr. Pancost received calls about Kimble not picking up garbage on Cadek. Mr. Pancost called Kimble about the lack of pickup. Kimble claims that the overhead wires are “too low” yet nothing has changed in all this time. The overhead wires are roughly 12ft off the ground and should be about 14.5ft off the ground. The low lines are now temporarily tied to the higher lines until they can be moved higher up the poles.

Mr. Kennedy addressed the Trustees, providing contact information for the Treasurers Office. He talked about a new loan program available called “Portage Grow Link” and it is 1-3% below market rate for interest rates. Individual Home Owners can get up to \$25,000 for a loan, Family Farms up to \$50,000, and Small Businesses up to \$250,000 for a loan. The loans are facilitated through Hometown Bank and Portage Community Bank.

Road:

Going well. Doing some asphalt patchwork on various Township roads. Mr. Matota met with a rep from Ohio Edison to get a rough quote on electrical service to the buildings further back on the Township Facility Property. If the Township dug the ditch it would be a little over \$5,000 for just a transformer and hookup to the main transformer. An electrician would still be needed to install a panel inside of the building, and also an additional meter would need to be installed which would be an extra \$70 per month charge for the Township. Mr. Matota also asked the rep about how do we figure out what street lights are under which Ohio Edison account numbers. The rep offered to help provide the detailed information. Lastly, the Boom Mower Tractor will need the rear tires replaced as well. Mantua NAPA will replace those tires once they are ordered.

Zoning:

Rich has been very busy with permits. The one gentleman from 6567 Winchell Rd. sent me a permit with \$100 check for his agricultural dwelling with no drawings and he did not sign the permit. Rich has heard nothing more from the other “house” on Winchell Rd. Rich will send violations and lead with the search warrant that the Trustees motioned a resolution for. Most of the roads Rich traveled had no infractions. A few had some small items that he will be addressing as well as follow up with Jim Dye and his property.

Police:

May 2024: 100 patrol hours, 13 traffic stops, 3 citations issued

Fire:

May 2024: 38 runs for the Township, average response time is 5:37.

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

Mr. Groselle adjourned the meeting. Meeting ended at 7:50pm

06-18-24 Meeting Payments and Receipts

Warrant	Payee	Description	Expenses	Received
12257	Centerra Co-op		\$906.38	
12258	Mantua Hardare Lawn & Garden		\$77.53	
12259	Industrial Connections, Inc		\$37.04	
12260	Gee-Ville Auto Parts		\$35.93	
12261	Hartville Hardware		\$279.00	
12262	Village of Hiram		\$253.14	
12263	Village of Hiram		\$76,620.03	
12264	Cleveland Plumbing Supply		\$47.51	
12265	Gledhill Road Machinery		\$151.02	
12266	Airgas USA, LLC		\$43.88	
12267	Charter Communications		\$4.02	
12268	Gannet Ohio LocalIQ		\$205.25	
12269	Ray's Repair		\$14.95	
12270	UH Occupational Health		\$32.00	
12271	Middlefield Farm and Garden		\$31.62	
12272	Medical Mutual of Ohio		\$81.00	
12273	Business Radion Licensing		\$115.00	
12274	Portage County Treasurer		\$27.96	
12275	Ohio Edison		\$1,055.65	
12276	Allied Corporation Inc		\$520.84	
12277	Cuyahoga Asphalt Materials		\$532.18	
electronic	Wages		\$15,907.40	
electronic	Windstream		\$106.92	
electronic	United Site Services		\$141.13	
electronic	Middlefield Bank	ACH Service Fees	\$25.00	
electronic	Middlefield Bank	Interest		\$1,539.71