

Hiram Township Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 20, 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; Troy Rhodes (Ohio Edison/First Energy Rep), Hiram Fire Chief Bill Byers

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Reading of the Minutes:

Minutes from the July 16, 2024 were read. Some corrections were noted. Mr. Pancost motioned to accept the minutes with corrections. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

Minutes from the July 30, 2024 meetings were read. Mr. Pancost motioned to accept the minutes. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

Fiscal Officer:

- Fund 2194: EMS Supplemental Budget Appropriation (additional \$44,000 to cover 4th Quarter 2024 EMS Invoice). Ms. Blake motioned for the Supplemental Budget Appropriation. Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. **Resolution 2024-018**
- Fund 2191: R&B Supplemental Budget Appropriation (2nd Half taxes amount). Ms. Blake motioned for the Supplemental Budget Appropriation. Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. **Resolution 2024-019**

Public Comment:

Troy Rhodes introduced himself to the Trustees. He is the Township Rep for Ohio Edison/First Energy. He provided information to the Trustees regarding which lights are on which accounts. Also, he talked to the Trustees about possibility of LED streetlight upgrades. He agreed to provide pricing to the Trustees regarding upgrading all streetlights within the Township to LED to increase bulb life, and lower electrical costs. The Trustees discussed that they would like the pricing as the Township would consider replacing all lights with LED as the Township has a grant from NOPEC that will cover most, if not all, of the cost of the lighting upgrade. Mr. Pancost motioned to use the NOPEC grant money to replace all of the Township Streetlights. Mr. Groselle seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

Resolution 2024-020

Old Business:

Mr. Pancost mentioned that Township Employees (including Elected Officials) must take a new Fraud Training class online from the State of Ohio.

The SR 82 siren was last serviced in July 2024, however it now has an issue as reported by Mr. Byers.

Residents on SR 82 have reported significant speeding on the roadway. Mr. Groselle emailed the Hiram Police Chief regarding spending some more time on SR 82 to control traffic speeds.

New Business:

Mr. Groselle reported a cord going across Wheeler Rd.

Road:

Mr. Matota reported the tire replacement on the Boom Mower has been completed. A deer hit the side of the F-150 truck. The truck was taken to Preston Ford to repair the damage. A lot of tree damage in the Township from last storm.

Zoning:

39 permits issued to date. Village Gate will be the next permit. No return call about animals on Norton Rd. from the Humane Society. Coming up to 60 days for Winchell Rd ag buildings regarding Septic System plans. Traveled roads, noted a location on Norton with a truck (wheels off of it).

Police:

July 2024: 100 patrol hours, 10 traffic stops, 4 citations issued

Fire:

July 2024: 25 runs for the Township, average response time is 5:27. Received a quote for financing a new Engine. Provided Fire Safety Education to kids at Safety Town.

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 8:14pm

08-20-24 Meeting Payments and Receipts

Warrant	Payee	Description	Expenses	Received
12290	Southeastern Equipment		\$430.17	
12291	Allied Corporation		\$813.96	
12292	Cuyahoga Asphalt Materials		\$364.56	
12293	Mesabi Tools		\$63.65	
12294	Village of Hiram		\$356.34	
12295	Gannet Publishing		\$81.25	
12296	Marlboro Supply		\$4.00	
12297	Mantua Hardware Lawn & Garden		\$78.70	
12298	Medical Mutual of Ohio		\$81.00	
12299	Preston Ford		\$255.24	
12300	Stamm Contracting		\$83.10	
12301	Ohio Dept. of Agriculture		\$35.00	
12302	Middlefield Farm & Garden		\$325.40	
12303	Industrial Connections		\$20.43	
12304	Centerra Co-op		\$92.78	
12305	Powerplan / Murphy Equip		\$9.48	
12306	Ohio Edison		\$1,072.50	
12307	Mantua Auto Parts		\$3,181.47	
12308	Charter Communications		\$255.94	
electronic	Wages		\$16,035.37	
electronic	Windstream		\$106.92	
electronic	United Site Services		\$141.13	
electronic	Middlefield Bank	ACH Service Fees	\$25.00	
electronic	Middlefield Bank	Interest		\$1,769.92