

# Hiram Township Trustees

## Regular Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2025 at 7:00 PM, Hiram Township Complex

**Present:** Trustees; Chairman Jack Groselle, and Steve Pancost. Fiscal Officer Eric Hankinson. Zoning Inspector Rich Gano. Road Supervisor Tom Matota. Public; Hiram Village Fire Chief Bill Byers, Jim Ober

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

### Reading of the Minutes:

Mr. Hankinson read the minutes from the December 17, 2024 meeting. Mr. Pancost motioned to accept the minutes. Mr. Groselle seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

Mr. Hankinson read the minutes from the December 30, 2024 meeting. Mr. Pancost motioned to accept the minutes. Mr. Groselle seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

### Fiscal Officer:

- Resolution to Proceed with Road & Bridge 3mil REPLACEMENT levy on May 6<sup>th</sup> 2025 Ballot. Mr. Pancost motioned to Proceed with the REPLACEMENT levy. Mr. Groselle seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. **Resolution 2025-001**
- Trustees Minutes were caught up on the Township website.

### Public Comment:

None

### Old Business:

Mr. Pancost submitted the Parks Survey to the Portage County Parks District.

### New Business:

Mr. Pancost motioned to increase the monthly salary of the Zoning Inspector, Rich Gano by 3% to \$1,000. Mr. Groselle seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

### Road:

Everything going well. Mr. Matota will reach out to Superior Aerial to submit their invoice for repair of the boom truck for the Township to be paid. Good on salt for the roads.

### Zoning:

Mr. Pancost asked Mr. Gano if anything was further received regarding the Amish barns on Winchell used as residences. Mr. Gano reached out to the Portage County Health Department, no further news there as they are engaged with the County Prosecutor. Joe Bodnar at the County Building Department has resigned his post unbeknownst to most everyone. Right now, the Township is in a holding pattern as it gathers further information on the matter.

Mr. Gano mentioned to Mr. Hankinson that there will be a BZA Variance application coming soon for an In-law Suite on Allyn Rd. There is an issue with trash at a home on Norton. Potential BZA variance for a flag lot from a resident on 30 acres on Asbury.

Mr. Ober addressed Mr. Gano about wanting to put a home on 3 different lots he owned. Mr. Ober spoke to various individuals at the Portage County Building Department. Mr. Gano will follow up further with Mr. Ober regarding the situation.

**Police:**

December 2024: 102 patrol hours, 20 traffic stops, 5 citations issued

**Fire:**

December 2024: 28 runs for the Township, average response time is 4:59. Mr. Byers working on the yearly report.

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

Mr. Groselle adjourned the meeting. Meeting ended at 7:40pm

**01-21-25 Meeting Payments and Receipts**

<b>Warrant</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Received</b>
<b>12387</b>	<b>Centerra Co-Op</b>		<b>\$2,246.07</b>	
<b>12388</b>	<b>Medical Mutual of Ohio</b>		<b>\$81.00</b>	
<b>12389</b>	<b>Mantua Auto Parts</b>		<b>\$37.93</b>	
<b>12390</b>	<b>Mantua Hardware Lawn &amp; Garden</b>		<b>\$107.33</b>	
<b>12391</b>	<b>Airgas USA LLC</b>		<b>\$216.50</b>	
<b>12392</b>	<b>Municipal Signs &amp; Sales, Inc.</b>		<b>\$70.00</b>	
<b>12393</b>	<b>TL Service Center</b>		<b>\$16.06</b>	
<b>12394</b>	<b>Ohio Township Association</b>		<b>\$264.00</b>	
<b>12395</b>	<b>Ohio Edison</b>		<b>\$963.82</b>	
<b>12396</b>	<b>Cuyahoga Landmark</b>		<b>\$653.29</b>	
<b>12397</b>	<b>F&amp;S Automotive</b>		<b>\$630.00</b>	
<b>12398</b>	<b>Charter Communications</b>		<b>\$139.98</b>	
<b>electronic</b>	<b>Wages</b>		<b>\$19,582.68</b>	
<b>electronic</b>	<b>Windstream</b>		<b>\$106.92</b>	
<b>electronic</b>	<b>United Site Services</b>		<b>\$128.49</b>	
<b>electronic</b>	<b>Middlefield Bank</b>	<b>ACH Service Fees</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	