

Hiram Township Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2025 at 7:00 PM, Hiram Township Complex

Present: Trustees; Chairman Jack Groselle, Steve Pancost and Debra Blake. Fiscal Officer Eric Hankinson. Road Supervisor Tom Matota. Public; Hiram Fire Chief Bill Byers, Hiram Councilman Chris Szell

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Reading of the Minutes:

Mr. Hankinson read the minutes from the January 21, 2025 meeting. Mr. Pancost motioned to accept the minutes. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

Fiscal Officer:

- Road & Bridge 3mil REPLACEMENT levy on May 6th 2025 Ballot sent to PC Board of Elections. Confirmation was returned so it will be on the ballot.

Public Comment:

Chris Szell briefly spoke to the Board. Mr. Groselle motioned to pay the Village of Hiram for the entire year of 2025 for Police coverage. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. **Resolution 2025-002**

Mr. Szell also mentioned that Ann O'Connell (aka "Squirrel Lady") has passed away and will have a Memorial coming up.

Old Business:

Mr. Hankinson mentioned that the Natural Gas connection application was sent to Enbridge. Enbridge confirmed that connection to the SR 82 Facility is planned once they start upgrading the gas lines on SR 82.

New Business:

Mr. Pancost mentioned that Regional Planning has hired an additional employee. They will be reviewing the Township's Zoning Code and providing feedback.

Road:

All of the season's road salt has been ordered.

Mr. Matota provided a breakdown of the Road Maintenance schedule for Chip & Seal. The Schedule was broken down into 1/2 and 1/3 groups. Ms. Blake had commented that possible with thirds there could be additional fees related to transport of materials. Mr. Pancost asked if companies could bid on both 1/2 and 1/3 for this year. Mr. Matota said that was possible.

Mr. Matota asked the Board, if a mailbox is clipped by the snowplow, how do they want to handle the situation. After some discussion, the Board decided to cover up to \$200 of the replacement.

Mr. Matota noted that Derek Lohr, resident at 11936 Alpha Rd, has a road apron that needs repaired due to draining water onto the roadway. The water causes a lot of ice to build up onto the Roadway. The resident installed the road apron themselves after moving in. Mr. Matota has spoken to the resident a few times already. The Board decided to send a certified letter to the resident that the repair needs to be done by July 15th 2025. Mr. Matota will put a number together of what it would cost for the Township to do the repair instead of the resident.

Zoning:

None

Police:

January 2025: 100 patrol hours, 9 traffic stops, 2 citations issued

Fire:

January 2025: 25 runs for the Township. Average response time was 5:24. Department is busy. A bit short staffed from sickness.

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 7:51pm

02-18-25 Meeting Payments and Receipts

Warrant	Payee	Description	Expenses	Received
12399	Superior Aerial and Equipment		\$1,456.76	
12400	Hiram RCCA		\$105.00	
12401	Thomas Matota		\$1,335.13	
12402	Medical Mutual		\$81.03	
12403	Portage County Treasurer		\$55.05	
12404	Cleveland Plumbing Supply		\$506.55	
12405	Charter Communications		\$139.98	
12406	Mantua Hardware		\$129.87	
12407	Centerra Co-op		\$1,919.39	
12408	Powerplan		\$505.24	
12409	Gee-Ville Auto Parts		\$9.99	
12410	Mantua Auto Parts		\$23.96	
12411	Portman Electric		\$325.00	
12412	PhoebeDog Technical Services		\$450.00	
12413	Cuyahoga Landmark		\$2,848.47	
12414	Thomas Matota		\$356.72	
12415	Ohio Edison		\$314.84	
electronic	Wages		\$12,199.14	
electronic	Windstream		\$113.85	
electronic	United Site Services		\$128.49	
electronic	Middlefield Bank	ACH Service Fees	\$25.00	
electronic	Middlefield Bank	Interest		\$1,803.19