

Hiram Township Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 15, 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; None

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 Meeting Minutes from the June 17, 2025 meeting. Mr. Pancost motioned to accept the minutes with corrections. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

Fiscal Officer:

- Notifications to Residents regarding BZA Meetings – Ms. Blake motioned that only adjacent property owners will receive a certified mail letter notifying them of a neighbor filing an Application for Variance. Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. **Resolution 2025-007**
- FY 2026 Proposed Budget Review – The Trustees reviewed the Proposed FY 2026 Budget to be sent to the County Auditor. Mr. Pancost motioned to accept the Proposed Budget. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. **Resolution 2025-008**

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

Ms. Blake will follow up with the new Hiram Village Police Chief on what areas the Township Trustees would like the Police to patrol to make sure expectations are known.

Mr. Pancost submitted some information to the Portage County Parks regarding the plans for a park on the Township Facility premises.

New Business:

Ms. Blake received a call from resident on Hankee Rd. regarding Freedom Township potentially passing legislation about multi-family homes. Two other residents complained that the Blueberry Farm on Hankee & Rt 700 has a lot of equipment. It is considered a farm, so nothing can be done.

Mr. Groselle noted that Mr. Matota checked on a few residents on Udall Rd. and Alpha Rd correcting the edge of their driveways where they meet the roadway.

Road:

Everything going well. Equipment is in good shape and on track for winter. George Firtik is retiring on July 25, 2025. Mr. Matota noted that an option for a replacement employee would be someone who starts working maintenance only, with training on the job including CDL training and licensure. The new employee would require a standard Ohio drivers license and clean driving record as part of the application process. Possibilities of candidates from Maplewood students and evening Adult Continuing Education.

Zoning:

Mr. Gano, who was unable to attend, provided an update via email. Wilfong 6335 Allyn Accessory Building permit, Eaton 12901 Udall Accessory Building permit, Anderson 7690 SR 82 Accessory Building permit, Taylor 5836 Ober Ln Accessory Building permit. Mr. Gano has contacted Chris Meduri at the County Prosecutors Office again regarding the Amish dwellings on Winchell Rd. Mr. Meduri will follow up with the County Health Department.

Police:

June 2025: No report provided

Fire:

June 2025: 25 Runs for the Township, Avg Response Time is 5:03

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 7:45pm

07-15-25 Meeting Payments and Receipts

Warrant	Payee	Description	Expenses	Received
12476	Powerplan (Murphy Equip)		\$270.45	
12477	Charter Communications		\$280.00	
12478	Medical Mutual of Ohio		\$81.03	
12479	Blasiman Fire Equipment Inc		\$743.14	
12480	Arms Trucking Inc		\$910.32	
12481	Mantua Hardware Lawn & Garden		\$42.94	
12482	Centerra Co-Op		\$613.87	
12483	Carter Lumber		\$179.39	
12484	Mantua Auto Parts		\$29.00	
12485	Quick Service Welding & Machine		\$38.00	
12486	Ray's Repair		\$51.95	
12487	Industrial Connections		\$98.84	
12488	Cuyahoga Asphalt Materials		\$236.70	
12489	Thomas Matota		\$80.85	
12490	Thomas Matota		\$1,593.22	
12491	Ohio Edison		\$697.36	
electronic	Wages			
electronic	Windstream		\$113.85	
electronic	United Site Services		\$128.49	
electronic	Middlefield Bank	ACH Service Fees	\$25.00	
electronic	Middlefield Bank	Interest		\$1,719.03