

# Hiram Township Trustees

## Special Meeting Minutes

December 30, 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; Gary Burden, ???

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 November 18, 2025. Some corrections were noted. Mr. Pancost motioned to accept the minutes with corrections. Mr. Groselle seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

### **Fiscal Officer:**

- None

### **Public Comment:**

Neighbor of 7426 Norton Rd, that has repeatedly been visited for potential zoning violations, came to voice his concerns about the state of the property. He noted a large camper is stored out front of the house. The owner has 3 horses and 12 goats on 2.5 acres. The owner brings manure from the animals up to the very front of the front yard at the ditch. The owner was told by the Ohio EPA that the manure has be moved further back into the yard to not leach into the ditch. She has not done so. Various stories were related by the neighbor. The owner also appears to purposely antagonize her neighbors. The neighbors have concerns about the animals. The neighbor noted that the property owner uses two different names: Ashley Gurner and Ashley Kay? According to Portage County Auditor, the owner of the 7426 Norton Rd property is Frank & Deborah Novak. Mr. Gano received a clean bill of health regarding the manure from the Portage County Health Department. Nothing was found within the manure that would pose a specific health risk.

### **Old Business:**

The Board is still waiting on more info about the Pioneer Trail and Limeridge Jake Brake signage.

Mr. Groselle noted that the Property Tax news from the State of Ohio is disheartening. There is a possibility that legislation will pass that could put the power to change Township levy millage by the County Commissioners.

### **New Business:**

Mr. Pancost attended a Regional Planning meeting where Shalersville presented a talk about Cryptocurrency, AI Data Centers, and more regarding managing new construction of such facilities through the Shalersville BZA. Shalersville is concerned about electricity costs, and water requirements for such facilities.

**Road:**

Tom and Ken are staying on top of everything regarding the road snow plowing and general equipment maintenance.

**Zoning:**

The issues with the two Amish outbuildings being used as residences on Winchell Rd is still in progress. A letter was sent to another home on Winchell regarding trash and other junk in the yard that needs to be removed and a caved-in structure on the property.

**Police:**

November 2025: 101 patrol hours, 14 traffic stops, 7 citations issued

**Fire:**

November 2025: 33 Runs, Average Response Time 4:41

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 7:45pm.

**12-30-25 Meeting Payments and Receipts**

<b>Warrant</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Received</b>
12554	Hiram Fire Association		\$300.00	
12555	OTARMA Service Center		\$19,689.00	
12556	Morton Salt		\$4,307.53	
12557	Cuyahoga Landmark		\$570.03	
12558	Catalyst Life Services		\$463.70	
12559	Eco-Maxx		\$225.00	
12560	Ohio CAT		\$25.74	
12561	Cuyahoga Asphalt Materials		\$313.20	
12562	Chad Murdock		\$187.50	
12563	MARS Electric Co		\$177.25	
12564	Service 1		\$90.00	
12565	Centerra Co-Op		\$1,000.53	
12566	Sarchione Chevrolet		\$92.50	
12567	Gee-Ville Auto Parts		\$649.89	
12568	Cleveland Plumbing Supply		\$104.21	
12569	Stamm Contracting Company		\$40.30	
12570	Mantua Hardware Lawn & Garden		\$78.93	
12571	Charter Communications		\$140.00	
12572	Portage County Regional Planning		\$2,289.50	
12573	Village of Hiram		\$91,450.00	
12574	Village of Hiram		\$260.30	
12575	Thomas Matota		\$1,352.03	
12576	Ohio Edison		\$1,100.58	
electronic	Payroll		\$26,785.50	
electronic	Windstream		\$120.85	
electronic	United Site Services		\$128.49	
electronic	Middlefield Bank	ACH Service Fees	\$25.00	
electronic	Middlefield Bank	Interest		\$1,719.03