



THE HIRAM TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES

Welcome to the township's first newsletter, a new effort to keep residents informed on news, updates and issues affecting the community. The Hiram Township Trustees are committed to providing timely, accurate information on matters of local importance.

Future editions will include updates on zoning, community events and other township topics of interest.

Fire and EMS services remain a top priority. The trustees continue working toward the best possible solution for the community and will provide updates as additional information becomes available.



SHALERSVILLE DATA CENTER

As discussions surrounding large-scale development continue across the region, data centers have quickly become one of the community's most talked-about topics. In Shalersville, proposed commercial development along State Route 44 near the Ohio Turnpike has placed the township at the center of growing public interest and conversation.

That interest is expected to be reflected at Shalersville's upcoming trustee meeting, where officials anticipate a turnout of approximately 400 to 600 attendees eager to learn more and share their perspectives on the proposed developments.



DO YOU KNOW HIRAM?

Hiram Township was established in 1817, making it over 200 years old.



FIRE & EMS

On Feb. 27, Mayor Ann Haynam and Council President Chris Szell closed the Hiram Fire and EMS Department. The police department was also directed to position cruisers in front of the station’s garage doors, preventing the removal of equipment or personnel in the event of an emergency call.

The Hiram Township Trustees responded by voting to renegotiate the existing contract. Issuing a notice to terminate the agreement was required under its terms and allows the township to explore other service options.

The trustees remain focused on maintaining the highest level of public safety for the community. Officials believe relocating the department to a township facility will help support that goal, providing improved space for training, operations, and recovery after calls, along with room for future growth.

The township is not seeking additional funding and remains committed to responsible fiscal planning amid rising costs and stagnant income growth. To support that effort, outside legal counsel has been retained. Through the process, the township continues to recognize and value its first responders, expressing appreciation for their dedication and commitment, particularly during the community’s most challenging moments.



ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Bid packages for the township’s chip-and-seal program have been issued and will be opened at the regular meeting at 7 p.m. May 19.

Each year, the township treats approximately half of its roads through a rotating chip-and-seal program to extend pavement life. Roads scheduled for treatment this year include Winchell, Norton, Udall, Wheeler and Rolling Meadows.

Road responsibility is identified by signage. “TH” indicates township-maintained roads, and “CH” indicates county-maintained roads. Some roads are jointly maintained depending on location.

This past winter was among the coldest and snowiest in recent memory. Through careful planning, the township maintained an adequate salt supply and did not experience shortages. Participation in the state salt bid program provides competitive pricing and priority delivery, and the new facility has improved winter storage capacity.

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Regular trustees meeting, 7 p.m. May 19
Memorial Day, May 25



HIRAM TOWNSHIP NUMBERS

Roads: 330-977-4040

Zoning: 330-569-8857

Fire/EMS Emergency: 911

Fire Non-Emergency: 330-569-9826

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