

Hiram Township

Regular Meeting March 2, 2010

Present: Ms. Schulda, Mr. Bosma, Mr. Pancost.

Chairman Schulda opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the reading of the minutes of the February 16, 2010 meeting which were approved as read.

Chairman Schulda recognized Mr. Rich Hawksley, candidate for State Representative from the 16<sup>th</sup> district. Mr. Hawksley passed out fliers and explained why he is running for office, asking for support from those in attendance.

Chairman Schulda recognized Mr. Jack Groselle. Mr. Groselle asked for an update on the Townships attempt to purchase land. Ms. Schulda responded to his questions. No land has been purchased at this time. Future attempts to acquire land will be done by the Townships attorney on direction from the Board.

Chairman Schulda recognized Mr. Pinter, an Asbury Road resident. Mr. Pinter was there to ask for an update on his earlier questions about an airstrip operated on the Moore family farm. Ms. Schulda responded that she and the zoning inspector, Mr. Garey did an onsite visit to the Moore farm and would continue to investigate the items Mr. Pinter has questioned in the past. Ms. Schulda will notify the Pinters in the future of any progress related to their concerns.

Hiram fire chief Gary Bott gave a safety forces report, noting little activity since the last meeting. Assistant fire chief Bill Byers responded to questions relating to why transport to Warren Hospitals has been infrequent lately. Ms Schulda has met with fire department personnel to work on a new safety forces contract. She recommended that the Township pay the Village 90% of the levy amount for fire protection instead of a set dollar amount. Mr. Pancost made a motion to pay the Village of Hiram 90% of the fire levy amount each year. Ms. Schulda seconded the motion. VOICE VOTE: Ms. Schulda AYE, Mr. Pancost, AYE, Mr. Bosma NAY.

**Resolution # 2010-05 to set the amount to be paid for fire safety at 90% of the funds generated by the fire levy has passed.**

Ms. Schulda also said another change to the contract will be the ability to renew the contract by giving a 30 day notice to both parties.

Old Business – Mr. Pancost hired a firm, Diamond Title Co. to do a title search of the Church in the Rapids. The result shows that the Township owns the building and has since 1902. An agreement will now be possible with the Hiram Rapids Cemetery Church Association for the buildings use and the insurance of the property.

Ms. Schulda shared information about a bike and hike trail to be planned to connect the Hiram Biostation to the main campus. Many questions need to be answered related to this project being planned by Hiram College personnel.

Ms. Schulda contacted Mr. Bill Steiner, Portage Solid Waste Management Director related to a new recycling contract. Mr. Steiner will be working on the contract and will share it with the Board soon.

The trash hauling contract with R&R Sanitation was discussed. This contract can be renewed for one more year. Mr. Pancost made a motion to continue the current contract for one more year with R&R Sanitation. Mr. Bosma seconded the motion. VOICE VOTE: AYES ALL.

**Resolution #2010-06 to renew the trash hauling contract for one more year with R&R Sanitation has passed.**

Chairman Schulda recognized Mr. Eric Hankinson, website developer for the Township. Mr. Hankinson said the new site developed will be up and running by April 1, 2010. The site will need some photographs that will be taken when weather permits.

New Business – Mr. Bosma said the Portage County Health Advisory Council will meet soon. Mr. Pancost was interested in attending this meeting and possibly Ms. Schulda.

Mr. Pancost said Mr. Terry Kulka notified him that a trash truck from J&J Sanitation was sited in the Township doing a pickup in violation of the current contract. Mr. Pancost notified Mr. Steiner of Portage Solid Waste Management who will notify J&J to cease this activity.

Ms. Schulda received a grant request from NOPEC for energy saving projects. The grant deadline is one year from this date.

Zoning Report – Mr. Garey said a zoning meeting was held on February 24, 2010. The zoning Board will look at several items in need of clarification in the zoning book. The next meeting will be held on March 31, 2010.

Road Report - Mr. Matota reports that he will attend a workshop this week on herbicides. The rear gutters on the garage have come down again due to ice. Replacement will be done later this spring after the ice problems are over. A road improvement plan for a section of Udall Road will be done this year. The project was explained to the property owner and he is fine with the planned improvements. Another tree removal project on Schustritch Road is being planned. Mr. Matota said that bids need to be advertised soon for chip and seal work. Mr. Matota responded to questions about chip and seal verses black top paving. The Township can chip and seal ten miles of roadway for the price of one mile of black top. The present budget will allow for chip and seal projects only. It was requested that loose stone signs be purchased and used on the sections of chip and seal work done this summer. The Board agreed to advertise for bids for road liquid and stone to do chip and seal work this year.

Mr. Pancost made a motion to pay the bills and adjourn. Mr. Bosma seconded the motion, the following bills were paid.

Bills for March 2, 2010

6088	wages	Matota	2629.36
6089	wages	Firtik	1536.89
6090	wages	Roosa	1616.41
6091	wages	Bello	1125.04
6092	street lights	Ohio Edison	296.32
6093	salt	Morton	5121.79
6094	welding	Farmers Welding	50.00
6095	life ins.	Anthem	297.15
6096	health ins.	Anthem	4408.07
6097	salary	Bosma	500.00
6098	salary	Schulda	848.85
6099	salary	Pancost	848.85
6100	salary	Brewer	900.00
6101	salary	Garey	610.00
6102	fed tax	Middlefield Bank	3238.00
6103	state tax	Treasurer Ohio	754.00
6104	legal fee	Al Schrader	2212.50
6105	office supplies	Donna Maynard	21.38
6106	office supplies	Staples	31.98
6107	sewer fee	P C Health Dept.	275.00
6108	supplies	Industrial Connections	20.27
6109	phones	Windstream	192.52
6110	ink	Office Depot	51.93

6112 parts

Applied Tech

28.69

Total \$ 29,553.72