

Hiram Township

Regular Meeting June 1, 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 May 18th 2010 meeting which were approved as read.

Mr. Brewer, Fiscal Officer reported that the audit of 2008 and 2009 continues. Health insurance for the road crew comes up August 1, 2010 and our insurance representative Mr. Mark Hollinger is preparing a rate quote for our coverage. The loan for the fire truck is at the County Prosecutors office for approval. Mr. Brewer asked the Board to allow the road crew to trim some dead tree branches from the Hiram Church parking lot area with the bucket truck the next time the crew is out cutting as a community service. The Board agreed to have this project done by the road crew.

Chairman Schulda recognized Mr. Jack Groselle. Mr. Groselle asked for a finished copy of the fire contract, he will receive one when it is ready and approved.

Chairman Schulda recognized Ms. Sandy Wagner. Ms. Wagner complimented the Board on the Hiram Rapids Cemetery's condition, it's never looked better. Ms Wagner requested a light timer for the flag pole be replaced. She also asked for a section of the fence at the cemetery painted. Ms. Wagner noticed a trash truck was leaving debris on the road during pick up last week. A culvert near her property may be in need of cleaning. A letter to the County Engineer will be sent to see if this problem can be fixed.

Old Business – Ms. Schulda thanked the Village of Hiram for inviting Board members to participate in the Memorial Day activities. An OTARMA representative will visit the Board on July 20, 2010 to advise on loss management. Ms. Schulda asked the Board to go over the employment contract to update said document. Ms. Schulda is looking at the Comprehensive Plan to update it as well. She asked Mr. Groselle for his input at a later date as he was very active in the documents creation.

Ms. Schulda contacted R&R Sanitation about trash pickup on Cheryl Drive. Residents have been asked to bring containers to the end of the Drive for pickup during winter weather. That has now changed; containers will be picked up at the curb.

The fire contract was discussed. Mr. Bosma wanted to discuss some items in the contract further. Mr. Bosma said what's the hurry? Lets discuss the contract here at the table. Ms. Schulda explained how the contract process has gone forward so far. Ms. Schulda said the fire contract is a good one and needs no further discussion. Mr. Pancost said this is a good contract and we are going to do this now in good faith because it's right for the community to get it done.

Ms. Schulda made a motion to accept the new fire contract. Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. VOICE VOTE: Ms. Schulda AYE, Mr. Pancost AYE, Mr. Bosma NAY. The motion has passed.

Resolution 2010-14 to accept a new fire contract with the Hiram Fire Department has passed.

Ms. Schulda said a bridge across a ditch on Abbott Road is still there and being used by 4 wheeled vehicles.

New Business – Ms. Schulda said Mr. Steiner , Director of Portage Solid Waste has been working on a recycling agreement. The agreement is to run for five years.

Mr. Pancost made a motion to accept to recycling agreement with Portage solid Waste Management to run for five years. Mr. Bosma seconded the motion. Voice Vote: AYES ALL.

Resolution # 2010-15 to accept a five year recycling agreement with Portage County Solid Waste Management has passed.

Mr. Pancost made a motion to ask for bids for the trash pickup contract to run for two years beginning July 2011. Mr. Bosma seconded the motion. Voice Vote: AYES ALL.

Resolution # 2010-16 to ask for bids for trash pickup starting July of 2011 and to run for two years has passed.

Ms. Schulda received a request from Mr. Briggs of the Hiram Board of Zoning Appeals to change the rates charged for an appeal to better reflect the actual cost of an appeal to the Township. Presently the cost is \$200 for a variance and \$400 for a conditional. Mr. Bosma asked if a raise in the rates would still allow residents to comply with the zoning rules? Mr. Pancost made a motion to change the rates from \$200 to \$250 for a variance and from \$ 400 for a conditional to \$ 500. Mr. Bosma seconded the motion. Voice Vote: AYES ALL.

Resolution # 2010-17 to set the rates for Board of Zoning Appeals at \$250 for a variance and \$500 for a conditional has passed.

Chairman Schulda opened quotes from Geauga Door, Door Works, and WRH Insulation. These quotes will be used as informational data in a NOPEC grant application.

Zoning Report – Ms.Schulda received a complaint from a resident related to a junk car citation issued by Mr. Garey. The resident suspects it was issued to the wrong address. Mr. Garey used Google to secure the address. Mr. Garey said that Mr. Dye, a SR 82 resident is still thinking about a solution to a concern related to out buildings on his property. Mr. Moore is working to comply with an order to clean up his residence within 90 days.

Mr. Bosma asked about action to be taken related to the Essel property. Mr. Garey said the County Prosecutors office advised him to do nothing. The Prosecutor will file against Mr. Essel for operation of a private business in a residential zone. It appears Mr. Essel operates a flight club from his home and uses the airstrip on the Moore farm for commercial uses.

Ms. Schulda said a zoning meeting is set for June 23, at 7:30 P.M. to look into sections of the zoning code that pertains to accessory buildings

Road Report – Mr. Matota said road preparations are going on now for chip and seal work. The old chip box is being fitted for our use and all the stone for chip and seal work is in. Chip and seal work will begin in July.

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

| Bills June 1, 2010 | | |
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| 6526 salary | Schulda | 848.85 |
| 6527 salary | Pancost | 848.85 |
| 6528 salary | Bosma | 500.00 |
| 6529 salary | Brewer | 900.00 |
| 6530 salary | Garey | 610.00 |
| 6531 fed tax | Middlefield Bank | 3050.00 |
| 6532 state tax | Treasurer Ohio | 831.00 |
| 6533 street lights | Ohio Edison | 295.25 |
| 6534 top soil | Maple Valley | 140.00 |
| 6535 parts | TL Service | 6.62 |
| 6536 parts | Quick Service | 245.00 |
| 6537 life ins. | Anthem | 297.15 |
| 6538 health ins. | Anthem | 4408.07 |
| 6539 planning | PC RPC | 120.00 |
| 6540 phones | Windstream | 197.84 |
| 6541 tools | API | 104.88 |
| 6542 postage | Hiram PO | 88.00 |
| 6543 septic clean | Silica Septic | 125.00 |
| 6544 wages | Matota | 1528.48 |

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| 6545 | wages | Firtik | 1159.54 |
| 6546 | wages | Roosa | 1085.32 |
| 6547 | wages | Bello | 1105.32 |
| 6548 | repairs | Rodenbacher Tractor | 252.00 |
| 6549 | cement | Stamms Contracting | 172.00 |
| 6550 | long dist phones | Sprint | 37.41 |

Total \$18,967.52

Chairman Schulda called for an executive session to discuss legal issues and land purchases at 8:36 P.M.

The Board returned from executive session at 9:14 P.M., No action was taken. Mr. Bosma made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Pancost seconded the motion, the meeting was adjourned.