

Hiram Township

Regular Meeting January 5, 2010

Present: Ms. Schulda, Mr. Pancost

Excused: Mr. Bosma

Mr. Brewer opened the meeting asking for nominations for Board Chairman and Vice Chairman for the year 2010. Mr. Pancost nominated Ms. Schulda for Chairman. Voice Vote: AYES ALL. Ms Schulda nominated Mr. Pancost for Vice Chairman. Voice Vote: AYES ALL.

Mr. Brewer asked the Board to waive the reading of the end of the year meeting until the next regular meeting on January 19.

Chairman Schulda recognized Mr. Eric Hankinson who updated the Board on the development of a web site for the Township that he is developing. Mr. Hankinson hopes to have the web site up and running by February.

Chairman Schulda recognized Mr. Gary Bott, Hiram Fire Chief. Chief Bott said the safety forces have little to report, just some EMS runs and a chimney fire since the last meeting.

Zoning Report: Mr. Garey asked the Board to look at the liability connected with the Hiram Rapids Church building. The Board discussed the matter and will ask legal council to draw up a new agreement with the Hiram Rapids Cemetery and Church Association who would be required to have proper liability insurance on the building. Mr. Paul Paulinich will be contacted to make him aware of the development of a new agreement in the works.

Mr. Garey said that there were only 12 building permits issued during the 2009 year. Mr. Pancost asked if the term dates of the zoning members was correct. The dates of terms will be examined and corrections made by the next meeting. Ms. Schulda said that two months of zoning meeting minutes were not available yet. She wants them completed and available as soon as possible.

New Business – Mr. Brewer, Fiscal Officer, passed out to the Board members a copy of the temporary budget. Mr. Pancost made a motion to accept the temporary budget as submitted by the Fiscal Officer. Ms. Schulda seconded the motion. VOICE VOTE : AYES ALL.

Resolution #10-1 to accept the temporary budget as submitted by the Fiscal Officer has passed.

Mr. Pancost will represent the Township at Portage Planning Commission meeting with Mr. John Genovesi as alternate.

Ms. Schulda asked about a billing for a port-a-potty located at the Riverside Cemetery. Ms Schulda feels that the cost of having that item there is excessive. Mr. Pancost asked how many funerals were held there last year? Mr. Matota said no funerals were held during 2009. Mr. Pancost agreed with Ms. Schulda to have the item removed due to the cost and lack of need. The supplier will be contacted for the removal of this item.

Roads Report – Mr. Matota reports that the equipment used for snow removal is holding up well and response to the recent snow storm was effective. Mr. Matota noted that a resident on Rolling Meadows Road has been parking a vehicle on the road in violation of Township no parking rules. A letter was sent to this resident several years ago but he continues to park on the street. Mr. Matota was directed to send another letter to the person with assurances by the Board that consequences will be followed up on if this parking continues.

The Board called for an executive session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. The Board returned from the session at 9:04 p.m.

Ms. Schulda asked the fiscal officer to write a letter to Mr. Doug Kehres, legal counsel, to stop all actions representing the Board.

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

Bills		
5990 salary	Bosma	508.85
5991 salary	Groselle	800.00
5992 salary	Kulka	848.85
5993 hall cleaning	Jim Brewer	90.00
5994 salary	Doug Brewer	900.00
5995 salary	Jason Garey	610.00
5996 Fed Tax	Middlefield Bank	2868.00
5997 State tax	Treasurer Ohio	715.00
Total \$ 7,340.70		

