

Hiram Township

Regular Meeting January 19, 2010

Present: Ms. Schulda, Mr. Pancost.

Excused: Mr. Bosma

Chairman Schulda opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the reading of the end of the year meeting and the reading of the January 5, 2010 regular meeting which were approved as read.

Chairman Schulda recognized Mr. Richard Masters, a resident representative of the Hiram Historical Society. Mr. Masters returned a bicentennial poster for display at the Township Hall. He will continue to work on future items of historical interest to the Township Board.

Chairman Schulda recognized Mrs. Janet Bosma. Mrs. Bosma asked to have the port-a-jon returned to the cemetery for use of residents. Mrs. Bosma stated several reasons for the use of the facility beyond funerals. The Board said it would look into replacing the port-a-jon during the warmer months if residents requested it. The item was removed due to cost and perceived lack of use.

Hiram fire Chief Gary Bott handed out the safety forces annual report. Assistant chief Bill Byers went over the report and responded to questions from the Board.

Old Business – Mr. Pancost has examined the listing of Hiram Township personnel. The propose alternates to the Zoning Boards will be contacted to see if they will serve another one year term. Mr. Pancost then made a motion to have Mr. Bill Byers Assistant fire chief serve as fire prevention officer for the Township. Ms. Schulda seconded the motion. VOICE VOTE; AYES ALL.

Resolution#2010-02 to have Mr. Bill Byers serves as fire prevention officer for Hiram Township has passed.

New Business – Mr. Pancost, the Township representative to the Portage County Planning Commission said there are several training sessions coming up for the new members of the Commission that he will be attending.

Mr. Pancost asked what would happen if a member of the Board could not serve out the elected term of office. The process of selecting a new Board member was discussed.

Ms. Schulda asked about access to the website being developed. What happens if the developer moves? How can we update information on the site? Mr. Hankinson, website developer will attend the next meeting to respond to this inquiry.

Ms. Schulda received letters covering the following topics.

Mr. Schrader, legal adviser to the Board, sent information about public records access policy. Currently, Township records policy states that all requests will be honored at a cost of \$.05 per page, the first page being free of charge.

A letter from the Portage County Prosecutors office stated recent position reassignments in that office. Ms. Denise Smith will be the legal contact for the Townships in the future.

Regional Planning stated that the Township has 2.5 hours carryover from last year. Each year Hiram Township has thirty hours of work allotted to them for work done in its name by the agency.

Zoning Report – Mr. Garey reports that a church within the Township has asked if it could build a house on the church property currently consisting of seven acres. This is currently enough land to allow this item to go forward.

Ms. Schulda asked if a property on SR 700 has been contacted about junk cars, or cars for sale on its property. Are they running a car lot, are the cars all for sale? Does this violate zoning? Mr. Garey said that at this time no violations are apparent but he will continue to monitor the situation.

Ms. Schulda asked if a Mr. Garey checked on a house in the Hiram Rapids area as a multifamily dwelling. Mr. Garey said the Board ruled that this building was a multifamily unit. Ms. Schulda asked Mr. Garey if he has read the zoning book she had given him earlier, Mr. Garey said he has looked at it but has not completed it yet.

Roads Report – Mr. Matota reported that the gutters on the garage were damaged by recent ice buildup. He has an estimate to have the gutters reinstalled for less than \$1000.00. The Board asked him to have the gutters reinstalled.

Issues related to towing vehicles parked illegally on Township roads were discussed.

Mr. Pancost made a motion to accept the 2010 permanent budget and appropriations as submitted by the fiscal officer. Ms. Schulda seconded the motion. VOICE VOTE: AYES ALL.

Resolution# 2010-03 to accept the permanent budget and appropriations as submitted by the fiscal officer has passed.

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

Bills

6000 electric	Ohio Edison	112.08
6001 street lights	Ohio Edison	44.72

6002	water	Hiram Village	72.60
6003	long dist. Phones	Sprint	36.79
6004	copier	Crosby-Mook	117.50
6005	ad	Weekly Villager	29.05
6006	supplies	Garrettsville Hardware	74.06
6007	fuels	Western Reserve	1415.42
6008	parts	Cross Truck	13.16
6009	UAN	Treasurer Ohio	645.00
6010	parts	Gledhill Truck	58.20
6011	name plates	Douglas Brewer	17.40
6012	cell phone minutes	Matota	100.00
6013	parts	GeeVille Auto	168.82
6014	supplies	Carter Lumber	8.08
6015	tires	Kauffman Ravenna Tire	993.78
6016	dental-vision	Ohio Insurance Services	4237.04
6017	parts	Wise Chevy	147.03
6018	nat. gas	Dominion	526.00
6019	W-2 prep	Escott Co.	75.00
6020	tape recorder	Douglas Brewer	513.85
6021	parts	Kepich Ford	357.53
6022	retirement	OPERS	1904.24
6023	retirement	OPERS	2665.91
6024	state tax annual	Treasurer Ohio	40.21

Total \$ 14,373.47

