

Hiram Township

Regular Meeting February 2, 2010

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

Chairman Schulda opened the meeting with the reading of the minutes of the January 19, 2010 meeting which were approved as read.

Chairman Schulda recognized Mr. Hamner, Freedom Township Trustee. Mr. Hamner asked if the Board is still interested in joining Freedom Township in an Issue 1 grant application for improvements on Hankee Road. The Board asked to delay this decision until the new members inspected the road and the needed improvements. The Board will respond at the next meeting to this request.

Chairman Schulda recognized Mr. Joe Leonard, Nelson Township Trustee. Mr. Leonard is here to observe the meeting.

Chairman Schulda recognized Hiram Fire Chief Gary Bott. Chief Bott said January was a busy month for the safety forces, responding to 38 calls. Chief Bott asked the Board to name someone to the Ohio Firefighters Benevolent Fund. Mr. Bosma will represent the Board on the item. Chief Bott has assigned Assistant fire chiefs Kozac and Byers to negotiate a new safety forces contract between the Township and the Village of Hiram. The contract expires this year. Ms Schulda volunteered to work on this item representing the Board. Other fire contract items were discussed related to the comments made by the Hiram Mayor who feels a fire district should be created.

Old Business – Ms. Schulda recognized Mr. Eric Hankinson, website developer. Mr. Hankinson responded to questions the Board had about the website. The site itself will be up and running by March 2010. Mr. Hankinson will contact Mr. Roger Cram to shut down the old website at the appropriate time.

Ms. Schulda has been contacting neighboring government bodies to see what the cost of police protection would be for the Township. This item will be discussed when all the quotes for police protection are in.

Mr. Pancost has contacted three people to serve as zoning alternates and they have all agreed to serve another one year term. Mr. Bosma made a motion to nominate Ms. Sherri Keefe and Mr. Clyde Faust as alternates to the zoning board and Mr. Tom Franek to the Board of zoning appeals. Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. VOICE VOTE: AYES ALL

Resolution #2010-03 appoints Ms Sherri Keefe and Mr. Clyde Faust to the Zoning Board and Mr. Tom Franek to the Board of Zoning Appeals as alternates for the year 2010 has passed.

New Business – Ms. Schulda asked when the current trash contract expires. The contract will expire on the last day of June. Ms. Schulda will contact Mr. Bill Steiner, Solid Waste Management manager to begin to explore options for a new contract.

Mr. Bosma reported a complaint about a barking dog. Mr. Garey said that he could follow up on this item if the Board had a barking dog policy in force. Mr. Garey explained how a barking dog policy would work. No action was taken.

Zoning Report – Mr. Garey said that a job description for the zoning inspector was in the zoning book. Mr. Garey also asked the Board to consider the rates for zoning appeals as the present rate does not cover the cost to the Township. This item will be considered later, perhaps at the end of the year.

Roads Report – Mr. Matota said the gutters on the garage were replaced at a cost of \$973.00. Mr. Matota asked the Board if he should hire a tree removal company to do work on Udall Road to clear trees and stumps. Mr. Pancost asked to examine this area first. Mr. Matota will get an updated quote from a tree removal company as to the cost of this project. Mr. Matota said work on the chip box hitches needs to be done. Tires for the excavator will be purchased soon.

Ms. Schulda contacted a local towing company about towing and storing towed vehicles but they were not interested but suggested another towing company who may be interested.

Mr. Matota said there is a tree growing in the road right of way in the Rolling Meadows development. A resident has been contacted to see if he wanted to move the tree but he has not done so as of this date. The Board said that a letter will be prepared stating that the tree will be removed by the Township roads crew if it was not removed by April 15, 2010 by the resident. Mr. Matota will give the letter to the resident prior to removal by his crew.

Mail – A road weight reduction notice from the County Commissioners was received.

Ms. Schulda discussed a Dominion Gas rate increase.

Legal Report – Mr. Schrader discussed items of interest with the Board on the following items:

Annexation

Emanate Domain

Public Records

Sunshine Laws

Rapids Church liability

Regional Comprehensive Plan

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

6038 wages	Matota	1702.03
6039 wages	Firtik	1228.86
6040 wages	Roosa	1095.32

6041	wages	Bello	1115.32
6042	salary	Bosma	500.00
6043	salary	Pancost	848.85
6044	salary	Schulda	848.85
6045	salary	Brewer	900.00
6046	salary	Garey	610.00
6047	fed tax	Middlefield Bank	3337.00
6048	state tax	Treasurer Ohio	764.00
6049	legal	Al Schrader	1890.00
6050	str. lights	Ohio Edison	295.49
6051	phones	Windstream	196.76
6052	postage	Jason Garey	26.40
6053	dental ins	Anthem	297.15
6054	health ins.	Anthem	4408.07
6055	salt	Morton	4306.19
6056	tools	Reese Tool	26.88
6057	supplies	Hanley Products	84.50
6058	welding gas	Airgas	68.76
6059	copier	Crosby-Mook	68.00
6060	supplies	Quick Service	36.80
6061	parts	Eastwood Sharpening	25.00
6062	gutters	ProFlo Gutters	973.00
6063	parts	Power Plan	280.60
6064	ad	Weekly Villager	10.50
6065	taxes	Treasurer PC	12.36

Total \$ 25,947.69

