

Hiram Township
Regular Meeting February 16, 2010

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

Excused: Mr. Garey

Chairman Schulda opened the meeting with the reading of the minutes of the February 2, 2010 minutes. Two minor changes to these minutes were made then approved as read.

Mr. Brewer said that an audit for the years 2008 and 2009 will be conducted by Harris and Associates beginning March 22, 2010.

Chairman Schulda recognized a resident from the Hiram Rapids area who asked if the deed for the Hiram Rapids Church has been found yet. No deed is in the position of the Board at this time. Questions as to the ownership of the church building were raised. Mr. Pancost will contact a Title company to have the deed searched. Ownership must be established for insurance purposes and to allow for an agreement to be entered into with the Hiram Rapids Church and Cemetery Association.

Chairman Schulda recognized Mr. Bill Pinter of 11055 Asbury Road. Mr. Pinter related some concerns about aircraft using an airfield located on the Moore farm.

Does the current use of the airfield act as a violation of the Farmland Conservation agreement?

Is the airfield being used by another person to conduct a business?

Is an agriculture building used for a commercial business use?

Are the planes stored on the property titled to the farm owners?

Is the airfield a valid airfield since it was not operated for a long time?

This situation will be investigated by the zoning inspector and a Board member. The County Prosecutor will be asked to look into these concerns as well to see if the complaints are within the jurisdiction of the Township.

Old Business – Mr. Pancost conducted an onsite inspection of the area of Hankee Road that is under consideration for an Issue 1 Grant application with Freedom Township and found that the Road is well maintained and not in need of consideration within the grant application. Mr. Bosma agreed that Hiram Township will NOT partner with Freedom Township on the Issue 1 Grant for Hankee Road at this time. Mr. Pancost conducted another onsite inspection of a section of Udall Road. Mr. Pancost said that a section of this highway needs to have trees removed, stumps removed and the road widened as per recommended by the road supervisor, Mr. Matota. Mr. Matota will stake out the needed improvements and get quotes from tree removal companies when appropriate.

Ms. Schulda has met with fire department personnel to work on a new contract between the Township and the Village of Hiram. The present contract expires at the end of this year.

Chairman Schulda recognized Mr. Gary Bott, Hiram Fire Chief. Chief Bott said there have been several small fire incidents lately that have had little damage due to great response time by the department.

New Business – Ms. Schulda has been informed that a hike and bike type of trail is being planned to connect the Hiram College Biostation with the main campus.

Mr. Pancost made a motion to hire a title company to do a title search of the Hiram Rapids Church. Mr. Bosma seconded the motion. VOICE VOTE: AYES ALL

Resolution # 2010-04 to hire a title company to search for the ownership of the Hiram Rapids Church has passed.

Zoning Report- None, Mr. Garey was excused.

Roads Report – Mr. Matota said a truck repair is being done now, leaving the department with only one truck to plow the roads now. Ms. Schulda received an application to enter into a co-op with ODOT for the purchase of road salt for the year 2011. It will be filled out and filed with ODOT.

Mr. Pancost called for an executive session at 8:04 P.M. to discuss annexation issues.

The Board returned from executive session at 8:54 P.M., no action was taken.

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

Bills 2-16-2010			
6066	wages	Matota	1702.04
6067	wages	Firtik	1243.17
6068	wages	Roosa	1115.04
6069	wages	Bello	1115.32
6070	supplies	Garrettsville Hdwr.	38.62
6071	electric	Ohio Edison	118.60
6072	sirens	Ohio Edison	42.27
6073	fuels	Western Reserve	3107.12
6074	water	Hiram Village	49.66
6075	parts	Cross Truck	88.74
6076	parts	GeeVille Auto	13.56
6077	stone	Brugmann Sand	158.37
6078	lg dist	Sprint	36.98
6079	retirement	OPERS	2407.72
6080	retirement	OPERS	3370.78
6081	taxes	PC Treasurer	12.36
6082	tires	Ravenna Tire	2313.00
6083	parts	Advance Auto	38.60
6084	water	Hiram Village	11.47
6085	nat gas	Dominion	526.00
6086	parts	TL Service	177.96
6087	parts	Lawson Products	120.77

Total \$17,866.49