

Hiram Township Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2024 at 7:00 PM, Hiram Township Complex

Present: Trustees; Chairman Jack Groselle, Steve Pancost and Debra Blake. Fiscal Officer Eric Hankinson. Zoning Inspector Rich Gano. Road Supervisor Tom Matota. Public; None

This meeting is being recorded to facilitate the written minutes. The recording will be preserved until the minutes are approved.

Reading of the Minutes:

Minutes from the June 18, 2024 meeting were read. A few corrections were noted. Mr. Pancost motioned to accept the minutes with corrections. Ms. Blake seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

Fiscal Officer:

- Chris Meduri responded with corrected Levy wording. The Trustees will need to meet July 30th after the County Auditor returns updated Certificates of Estimated Property Tax Revenue for both REPLACEMENT levies.
 - Ms. Blake motioned for the necessity of the 3 mil EMS REPLACEMENT levy to be placed on the November 5, 2024 ballot. Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.
Resolution 2024-09.2
 - Ms. Blake motioned for the necessity of the 3 mil Road & Bridge REPLACEMENT levy to be placed on the November 5, 2024 ballot. Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.
Resolution 2024-010.2
- Chris Meduri sent questions about updated wording for Resolution 2023-020.2 (Solar & Wind Farms). Mr. Groselle motioned to update the wording of *Resolution 2023-020.2* to reflect new wording as follows: "Prohibit operation of Economically significant wind farms, Large wind farms, and Large solar facilities within Hiram Township that are 50 Megawatts or greater." Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. **Resolution 2024-013**

Public Comment:

None

Old Business:

Mr. Groselle asked Mr. Matota what the status of the Wrenwood Drive changes were at. Mr. Matota said that those are still slated to be done, but he hasn't been able to get to them yet.

Mr. Groselle suggested to Mr. Matota the possibility of putting solar panels and batteries for the rear buildings at the Township Complex. Mr. Pancost mentioned it would be nice to have electricity down in that area for future trails and pavilion(s) back in that area. Mr. Pancost and Mr. Hankinson suggested to Mr. Matota two different contractors in the area that provide solar installation.

The Trustees received the OTARMA request for nominations of Township representatives. Ms. Blake motioned to make Mr. Groselle the primary representative, and Mr. Pancost the secondary representative. Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes. **Resolution 2024-017**

New Business:

Mr. Pancost received a copy of the audit for Portage County Regional Planning. He also received a copy of a notice about new training required of all public employees regarding fraud.

Mr. Groselle received a call about a Norton Rd resident with 2.5 acres that has too many animals on the property. The Township does not have any specific zoning regarding this. Mr. Gano reached out to the Humane Society so they can inspect the property if they wish to.

Road:

New rear tires arrived and were installed on the Boom Mower tractor. Nothing else to report. Melway Paving is anticipated to complete the Chip & Seal sometime in August.

Zoning:

Up to about 32 permits so far. The Umbaugh property for sale, which had a BZA meeting for Variance, has a second building that CAN NOT be listed by a realtor as a second living residence, only an agricultural building per the decision of the Township BZA.

The two families on Winchell living in their agricultural buildings are still under a search warrant. The Portage County Health Department has sent a letter to the residents regarding their septic systems on the property.

Police:

June 2024: No report sent

Fire:

June 2024: No report sent

Ms. Blake motioned to pay the bills, Mr. Pancost seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote on the Motion: All Ayes.

Mr. Groselle adjourned the meeting. Meeting ended at 7:36pm

07-16-24 Meeting Payments and Receipts

Warrant	Payee	Description	Expenses	Received
12265	Gledhill Road Machinery	VOIDED CHECK		\$151.02
12278	Ohio Edison		\$54.24	
12279	Mantua Auto Parts		\$607.85	
12280	Charter Communications		\$63.02	
12281	McMaster-Carr		\$84.32	
12282	Gledhill Road Machinery		\$75.51	
12283	Russell Standard Corp		\$67.80	
12284	Mantua Hardware Lawn & Garden		\$42.16	
12285	Centerra Co-op		\$1,888.11	
12286	Carter Lumber		\$133.37	
12287	Stanwade Metal Products		\$22.00	
12288	Thomas Matota		\$2,886.53	
12289	Eric Hankinson		\$315.00	
electronic	Industrial Connections		\$127.95	
electronic	Wages		\$19,418.88	
electronic	Windstream		\$106.92	
electronic	United Site Services		\$141.13	
electronic	Middlefield Bank	ACH Service Fees	\$25.00	
electronic	Middlefield Bank	Interest		\$1,789.07