

Hiram Village Council Meeting

Rosser Municipal Building
11617 Garfield Road, Hiram, Ohio 44234

September 12, 2023

The following Members of Council were present: Mr. Szell, Mrs. Greenwood, Mr. Hemphill arrived at 7:06 pm, Mr. McCreight, Mr. Smith and Mr. Spencer. The following were also present: Mayor Lou Bertrand, Village Solicitor Tom Reitz, Fiscal Officer Susan Skrovan-DeYoung, Police Chief Brian Gregory, Fire Chief Bill Byers, Asst. Fire Chief Jason Groselle, Village Administrator James McGee and Asst. Village Administrator Steve Schuller.

The following persons were present: Steve Pancost; Hiram Township Trustee, Mike Greenwood, Madison Palm; Hiram College student, Keith Holmes, Sean Fabish and Trevor; a representative from Targeting Solutions.

Mayor Bertrand called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Mayor asked that all cell phones be silenced. There was a moment of silence with a noted remembrance to September 11, 2001 followed by the pledge to the flag.

Mayor asked for a motion to approve the regular minutes of August 8, 2023. A motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Szell. The result of the voice vote was 5-0 in favor.

Mayor asked for a motion to approve the proposed agenda as presented. A motion to approve the agenda as submitted was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Szell. The result of the voice vote was 5-0 in favor.

GUEST AND PUBLIC COMMENT (First part of public comments is a verbatim transcript attached as a separate document)

Mr. Michael Greenwood asked Council if they wanted a change of pace? Mr. Greenwood wanted to address the recent joint meeting held with the Beautification Commission and Parks & Recreation Committee of which he is a member of each. He passed out a handout to everyone. Basically, he wants to talk about strategies to maintain the Hiram tree canopy, which has been diminished due to old trees at the end of their life span or of diseased trees. Practically all of these trees are located on private property. They have discussed planting somewhat larger trees, six or seven feet tall and a couple inches in diameter, within the tree lawns. Beautification budget is estimated at \$5,000. Planting ten of these size trees would cost approximately \$7,000. We need to encourage private landowners to plant trees. The Mayor had suggested perhaps getting people to donate for the planting of trees and set up a program to do this. They want to send out a two-part survey; one part to ask for interest in donating to plant trees, the second part would be to find out if people are interested in using a proposed dog park. Michael is hoping that Council approves the sending out of a survey. Chris Szell asked Michael if he wanted to include in the survey, residents interested in having trees planted on their tree lawn? Michael said that is the idea; he added that we could set up a program to match funds donated. More discussion. Chris Szell said he would recommend we, the Council, move forward with that survey, Chris McCreight agreed.

A motion to approve a survey going out to Village residents regarding new trees and a possible dog park at Reign Hadsell Park was made by Mr. Szell and seconded by Mr. Hemphill. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

Trevor from Targeting Solutions Ltd., was here to present his program to utilize traffic cameras. He works with the police department to identify trouble spots and identify the tools that are necessary to meet the community's goal for overall safety! They constantly monitor the legislature in Columbus for changes that affect traffic camera programs in the State of Ohio to keep them compliant. They provide training to the police personnel and their staff on the program. The Mayor asked what the fee structure would be. Trevor said 60/40; the Village would get the 60%. Solicitor Tom Reitz asked if the Village buys the equipment. Trevor said no, it is their equipment and is provided as part of the 40%. Solicitor Reitz asked if anyone has challenged their legislation? Trevor said not yet. Tom asked if their Fiscal Officer has had any difficulty with their audits for the revenue and the accounting that is worked through your organization for which the Village is responsible to report? Trevor said they have had five straight audits, no citations or nothing even mentioned in their management letter!

Council and Police Chief spoke about court fees, who pays for them and how it is set up depending on the courts. Most of the time the motorist pays the fee. It is a civil citation, not a criminal one. Chris Szell asked if there were any other fees they collect. The credit card fee is passed onto the motorist, that's it. They cover the cost of advertising by postcard, the cost of the signs and safeguarding that you only receive one ticket per 7-day span. They can also do a speed study or follow what ODOT has determined already through their studies. The Mayor suggested further discussion be done at the next Finance & Safety meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

****Police Chief Brian Gregory provided their monthly report.*** Chief Gregory apologized for inviting Mr. Fabish and the Chief apologized to Madison Palm for Mr. Fabish touching her inappropriately.

There were 209 offense reports for the month of August with 44 traffic stops resulting in 23 citations.

Our Police Department was a successful recipient of the ODNR Step Outside grant! Those funds have been received.

Hiram College school year has begun. There is a parking problem; the college removed parking spaces to install a pickle ball court.

The liquor permit application for Hiram College has been amended to include more areas; it has not been approved yet.

The Plum Ridge house that was vacant for 22 years and then sold; cleanup has begun!

Chief Gregory brought up Halloween, October 31st; this year it falls on a Tuesday which happens to be the same night as our Finance & Safety meeting.

A Motion to move the October Finance & Safety meeting to October 24th beginning at 6:00 pm was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Szell. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

A Motion to hold Trick or Treat on October 31st from 5 – 7 pm was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Hemphill. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

****Fire Chief Bill Byers provided their monthly report.***

Chief Byers announced his department was again successful in receiving a grant for \$2,975.04. There is legislation before Council tonight to amend the appropriations and to advance funds from the General Fund until this grant comes in. It is a reimbursing grant.

The assistant Fire Chief Jason Groselle has compiled a spreadsheet which they will present to Finance showing the amounts calculated for bonuses to fire personnel using the Ohio Ambulance Transportation grant of \$20,000 received.

A Motion to donate \$300.00 to the Fire Department's Halloween party was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Szell. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

Village Administrator James McGee provided their monthly report.

James reported on the 40 volunteers from the Latter-Day Saints who came out last Saturday for Patriot's Day (9/11) and worked on the hike & bike trail, the cemetery and our parks. They accomplished a lot including painting the fence and benches along the trail and clearing brush and debris as well as cleaning some headstones at Fairview Cemetery.

We have an EPA violation and now must notify all our water customers! It is a failure to correct significant deficiencies to our sanitary services; our well housings must be upgraded by filling in the well pits and have the electric service moved which we have already been working on. We also need to update our backflow prevention plan. We have to send it out every three months! The Mayor wants us to file an appeal on these violations! Council discussed the details.

The EPA composting facility; apparently after speaking with the EPA representative, we are exempt! If we are less than 2,500 square feet, we would be exempt. Steve was asked by Solicitor Reitz to send an email to the EPA to confirm this. James said they will communicate to the residents their plans to pick up brush probably once a month and schedule to pick up leaves.

The water tower is being built; it should be done by the end of October.

Mayor's Sept. 12, 2023 Report to Council

Planning and Zoning:

The Commission met on Tuesday, September 5th to consider the following:

- 11846 Plum Ridge (owner: Suna Umi LLC, 5843 Main St., Peninsula, OH 44264. This property was recently sold after a Sheriff's sale for \$100,000 to new owners that have not yet been identified.
- 11485 Garfield (owner: Global Development Solutions) Parcel # 22-028-00-00-020-000. Legal Action has been taken – still no corrections to property, owner has been delaying action since May of 2022. Schedules have been submitted from GDS to Zoning Inspector and Village Solicitor, but GDS keeps extending deadline without Village permission.
- 6894 Wakefield (owner: Hanlon, Leonard T.) Parcel # 22-028-10-00-006-000. Legal action has been taken – some work is noticeable from the road, but still no permits pulled.
- 11563 Garfield (owner: Brown, Ruby A.) Parcel # 22-028-10-00-016-000. Not seeing any improvements – additional action required.

- **Properties that may have chickens which need to be addressed under the following violation:**

Hiram Zoning Code Section 1113.21 Agricultural Uses. The following regulations apply to agricultural uses:

- (b) Outdoor pens or shelters for above animals shall conform to setback requirements of district in which it is located;
- (e) Animals other than those in subsection (a) hereof may only be kept on a lot over five (5) acres in size. Such animals may not be kept or sheltered, fed, watered, any closer than (50) feet from any lot line, and (100) feet from any inhabited dwelling.

Light Plant Property:

As reported, the "Old Light Plant" property is to be advertised for bids and sold. The ingress and egress easement to and from the College property to access Wakefield – SR 305 is being signed and notarized for recording purposes.

Because of the retirement of our learned Village Solicitor, Hiram Village will be retaining a new Village Solicitor:

This position has been advertised with the local legal news and a Committee consisting of Council President, Police Chief, Fiscal Officer and Mayor will meet on Tuesday, September 19th to consider the five (5) applicants.

A Motion to direct the Village Solicitor to bring a minor misdemeanor in court against GDS was made by Mr. Szell and seconded by Mr. Spencer. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

Submitted by:

Mayor Lou Bertrand

**The Fiscal Officer Report: Susan Skrovan-DeYoung presented the monthly financial reports for August.*

The following reports were provided to Council for this meeting:

The August Bank Reconciliation balanced with the UAN with no adjusting factors, has been posted to the UAN and is now available for signing by Council & Mayor.

Cash Summary by Fund as of August 31, 2023 was provided last Friday by email & in their packets.

List of bills as of September 8, 2023 was provided to Council last Friday by email & in their packets.

Council Regular meeting minutes of August 8, 2023 was provided to Council yesterday by email & in their packets.

UAN Municipal Income Tax receipts YTD report was provided to Council Today & in their packets.

Comparison of Budgeted & Appropriated YTD report was provided to Council last Friday by email & in their packets.

Chris Szell had asked Susan for some figures on legal costs for recent zoning issues. Susan provided Council with a simple spreadsheet showing our additional legal costs for court and for any zoning nuisances over three years.

Susan said she received a bill for the bi-annual audit for the Hiram ESID; she has not heard directly from the auditor yet but felt the audit was complete.

Chris Szell asked Susan to have the Middlefield Bank representative come to our next Finance & Safety meeting. STAR Ohio's interest rate is currently at 5.48%; we are at 4.65% through September. It has been at 5.0% with STAR Ohio since April. The Mayor said we were only getting .85% earlier this year!

A motion to approve the Fiscal Officer's report for August as submitted was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Hemphill. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

The bill's list was reviewed. A motion to approve the bill's list as submitted was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Szell. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

Chairman Chris Szell met with Susan and with Steve last week about our General Fund and a projection to the current spending! Steve had a spreadsheet on the screen for Council to review. Steve said we are in line to be over budget by \$22,599.00 due to several unforeseen expenditures. The Mayor felt Chris was suggesting we need to do something about our revenue stream. Chris said we need to do traffic cameras, parking permits and possibly a tax increase next year. Chris does not see Hiram College coming through with a contract. We will see what cutting the tax credit will do for us in April of next year. We cannot only rely on that. Steve said Brian is a little over budget, however, most of that was due to the officer payout. Paul said if we do not do something; we are not going to have a police department! Paul said we need to go into the legislation and pass the parking permits. Give it to the Street Department and the Police Department and let them figure out a way to implement it! Not micro-manage everything in this Village and let our Department Heads do their jobs! Let's give them the tools they need to succeed! If Brian wants a camera system and he thinks that will work for him, then let's give it to him! If he thinks it is going to become a burden and cause more of a detriment, let's listen to him. Council discussed the traffic camera system, Windham and Peninsula and what they went through and what worked and what did not work. The Mayor felt we should decide at the September 26th Finance & Safety meeting on a contractor for traffic cameras. Solicitor Reitz asked to be notified the next day of their decision.

Steve said the hair salon owner asked about the possible sale of the building she leases. Steve said a restricted appraisal is \$1,000 and a non-restricted is \$1,800. We do not have an appraisal on that building. We would probably have to allow an easement for the parking lot for her to use. The Mayor said it is a capital asset that does not cost us much to maintain; she pays the taxes, the rent and insurance. Steve said it has cost us some over the last several years. Beth Greenwood would like to see a cost analysis over the last five years on the Hiram Salon & Spa for Finance & Safety.

HIRAM TOWNSHIP REPORT

No Township report tonight.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCES

2022-20: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 351.17 OF THE VILLAGE OF HIRAM CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH PARKING PERMIT PROVISIONS. TABLED ON 2nd READING. Paul Spencer moved to remove it from the table. Chris Szell was not ready to remove it at this time. Chris McCreight would like to discuss another idea at some point. Paul Spencer wants to give the tool to our departments and let them do something with it. Beth Greenwood does not feel this would be cost effective; we will not cover our expenses!

2023-14: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND (1000) BY \$3,984.00 AND THE REVENUE AND PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS IN THE CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL TRAINING SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (2272) BY \$3,984.00 AND \$7,968.00 RESPECTIVELY AND AUTHORIZING AN ADVANCE FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Spencer. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor. A motion to approve as an emergency was made by Mr. Szell and seconded by Mr. Smith. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

2023-15: AN ORDINANCE GIVING CONSENT OF THE VILLAGE OF HIRAM FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REMOVE SNOW AND ICE AND USE SNOW AND ICE CONTROL MATERIAL ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE THE VILLAGE CORPORATE LIMITS. 1st READING. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Szell. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor. A motion to approve on 1st reading was made by Mr. Szell and seconded by Mr. Smith. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

2023-16: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND (1000) BY \$2,975.04 AND THE REVENUE AND PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS IN THE STATE EMS GRANT FUND (2062) BY \$2,975.04 AND \$5,950.08 RESPECTIVELY AND AUTHORIZING AN ADVANCE FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STATE EMS GRANT FUND (2062) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Spencer. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor. A motion to approve as an emergency was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Szell. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

2023-17: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 505 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF HIRAM REGARDING NUISANCES. 1st READING. Paul Spencer thought this was already in our codified; he would like to suspend the rules and get this into our codified! People are feeding feral cats and also raccoons! The Mayor was concerned with people feeding squirrels, like his neighbor, and this being penal! Chris Szell asked about fowls and about chickens? Paul Spencer said chickens are not permitted currently in our codified ordinances if they are on less than 5-acres. Solicitor Tom Reitz said this should be revised. Chris McCreight asked if this could be amended by Council? Yes. More discussion.

2023-18: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS IN SEVERAL FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Szell and seconded by Mr. Smith. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor. A motion to approve as an emergency was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Szell. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

RESOLUTIONS

2023-15: A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION 2021-20 WHICH AUTHORIZED MUTUAL AID CONTRACTS TO OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS. 3rd READING. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Szell and seconded by Mr. Smith. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

2023-18: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND SUBSEQUENT ACCEPTANCE OF ODNR GRANT FUNDS BY THE VILLAGE OF HIRAM AND RATIFYING PAST ACTIONS WHICH ARE NOW AUTHORIZED BY THIS RESOLUTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Szell. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor. A motion to approve as an emergency was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Szell. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

2023-19: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND SUBSEQUENT ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS BY THE VILLAGE OF HIRAM AND RATIFYING PAST ACTIONS WHICH ARE NOW AUTHORIZED BY THIS RESOLUTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Smith. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor. A motion to approve as an emergency was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mrs. Greenwood. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

2023-20: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND SUBSEQUENT ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS BY THE VILLAGE OF HIRAM FROM THE HIRAM COMMUNITY TRUST FOR FENCING TO ESTABLISH A DESIGNATED DOG PARK WITHIN THE VILLAGE'S EXISTING PARK SYSTEM AND RATIFYING PAST ACTIONS WHICH ARE NOW AUTHORIZED BY THIS RESOLUTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Hemphill and seconded by Mrs. Greenwood. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor. A motion to approve as an emergency was made by Mrs. Greenwood and seconded by Mr. Szell. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

2023-21: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Szell. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor. A motion to approve as an emergency was made by Mr. Szell and seconded by Mr. Hemphill. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Chris McCreight brought up the parking situation; can the Village stripe the parking areas? James said he has paint in the garage. Striping will be brought up for discussion at Finance.

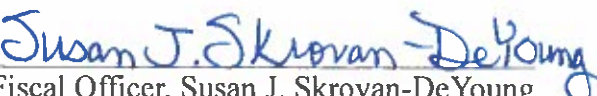
A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Hemphill and seconded by Mr. Szell. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm.

These minutes are pending approval by Council.



Mayor Lou Bertrand

ATTEST:


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Audio/Video Transcription of Public Comment of Mr. Sean Fabich

BG – Chief Brian Gregory
SF – Sean Fabich
LB – Mayor Louis Bertrand
CH – Officer Charles Hoskin
TR – Hiram Solicitor Tom Reitz
CS – Hiram Council President Chris Szell
CM – Hiram Council Chris McCreight
MP – Madison Palm

SF: My name is Sean Fabich I live in the Dreisbach house over at 11785 Dean Street. And it's been an interesting bumpy two months in Hiram. I'm a graduate of the college class of 19... *(Does not finish the year)* Is there a college representative here today? Nobody from Hiram?

MP: Here with student council.

SF: You're going to appreciate this. I'm going to go from the top down. You are inaccessible. *(Pointing at Mayor Bertrand)* I left messages here for you. *(Municipal Building)* You never return calls, I contacted your law firm, no calls were returned. Your house is gated with a gate code. When the students leave Hiram, there are maybe 300 residents in this village. We cannot access you in any way, shape, or form. Huge problem. Huge problem. I am here to probably do something unpopular to request a vote of no confidence in the mayor.

Mayor Bertrand: How long have you lived here?

SF: I have lived here for two months. I am an active college alumnus, Ok. So..., I have an active methamphetamine lab next to me. On Dean Street. Chief Gregory has stirred it. His individual in right hand. Specifically Chief Yoder have targeted me... I see smiles here. I don't know. I'm seeing smiles here. I don't know why I'm seeing smiles here from you Chief I have received anonymous messages from the police, lying emails from no one who has identified who is sending these messages. There is a lot of stuff going on here Chief that has not taken care of what is going on next to me... Seriously, house with young kids from Mantua, *(Not from Mantua, military, and respected businesswoman)*

ring cameras, all over, black out curtains, a German shepherd in the yard. I Walk around this village and I don't see anything like that, at all. Chief Gregory, on video said, call Portage County Drug Task Force, we don't have anything to do with it.. really.

BG: That's not what I said.

SF: Yes you did say that.

BG: No I did not. I said, that there is not a drug house there.

SF: Yes there is. Yes there is... So Mayor Bertrand, the first question. Why are you so inaccessible.

LB: I don't think I'm inaccessible, I come here in the morning. You can come over to the village hall. You've never done that.

(Interrupted by Mr. Fabich)

SF: Calls don't get returned. You cannot knock on your door in a village of 300 people. *(Mr. Fabich, looking down to Councilman Frank Hemphill)* Hello Mr. Hemphill you may remember me, Sean Fabich graduate of Hiram College 19... You have been around forever. And I'm glad you walked in for this next part. *(Referring to Mayor Bertrand)* You were inaccessible. Secondly, Mr. Hemphill, you've heard what's going on this weekend at the Campus? *(Looking at Madison)* Have you? OK there's a couple different versions and wait for Chief Gregory to get some clarity. I saw young black men being targeted with tickets for apparently jaywalking. Ran into someone higher up at the college who mentioned it talking to this college person today, and they said yeah, we have been hearing things, something is going on. And what I saw, I stood up to the officer, what was the officer Sunday afternoon?

BG: He'll be here in a second to talk to you, Officer Hoskin.

SF: Hoskin, who ignored me when I knocked on his cruiser.

BG: He was talking to me on the phone at the time.

(Interrupted by Mr. Fabich)

SF: And then, I called for help, and somebody from EMS said, oh you have a criminal record in Columbus, Ohio and now you're here. Service based upon people looking up your past? There's a lot of dirt here, a lot. *("Caution Alert", due to past violent tendencies towards Law Enforcement)* So Mr. Hemphill, so Mr. Hemphill, I saw the black man being targeted, I told him to stay away from them, stay away. I saw it, I know what I saw. It is disgraceful, absolutely disgraceful, so I want to go back up the ladder.

(Mr. Fabich never gave Chief Gregory an opportunity to talk)

SF: You have a fourth term mayor. You're in the public, in the press, the village is in financial trouble and you running for a fifth term. *(Looking down at Madison)* I would love for you as a college representative, the Senate to hear about this village. *(Hiram College Student Senate attended meeting in previous school year with ex-president David Haney, and heard village financial issues)* The future of the village and his plan of the village makes sense and will connect. This has been business as usual, with council in this village. Anybody you talk to in this village who doesn't attend these meetings. They're quite unhappy, and there is a gentleman that I can show video of him, ignoring me on Sunday. He was pulling over the black man. So, for what it's worth, there is huge trouble here. Yeah, I would like a vote of no confidence with the mayor however that is done. It may be a removal of him from the office.... We're all disappointed here guys. There is lotta new people moving here to this village with the College house sales. The village is financially struggling, the village is struggling with other issues based on race, what I saw. The governments not working at all, and I have been targeted by government when they send EMS to my house... Mr. Hemphill, you're old enough to remember the times when people use police against minorities, use police against women, against black men it's starting here again. disturbing culture, and what you have here and what I experience in two months is a polite society, and everyone going, don't bring that back, don't bring that back. Don't confront people, see people see. So, the last thing I will aim this towards... Chief Gregory, because this will come up on the agenda, and this is disturbing from the chief and it flies in a face of something that is coming up on the agenda... There was a car parked in front of my house for 10 days, ten days. *(Sunday September 10th, Officer Yoder contacted Campus Safety for student's phone number. The student did not answer his phone. Only one parking ticket on a village street. Three or more to tow)* Thank God for Candace Painley. Thank God for Campus Safety Force, who finally connected with the police who wouldn't do anything about it. I received this anonymous email from Hiram Police, Village, Hiram, Hiram Police Department back, I'll show you. No signature, no accountability. No nothing. *(email response to Mr. Fabish)* **Good afternoon, I have spoken to Hiram College Campus Safety regarding the vehicle that has been parked in front of your house. The Hiram College student will be moving it this afternoon. This is why Hiram Village has the no parking Ordinance weekdays 2a-5a, so that vehicles cannot be parked for long periods of time. Unfortunately, due to budgetary cuts within the police department, I may not have officers on the road during the prohibitive hours to ticket vehicles. You are more than welcome to attend a council meeting to voice your displeasure regarding officers not ticketing during this time period. The students of Hiram College have had parking spots taken away due to the new pickleball court that was recently built. The Tennis court parking lots remaining 35 spots will be opening back up this week. This should alleviate some of their parking issues** *(email attached)* There have been no parking issues at the college. *(Numerous student complaints to both police and Campus Safety regarding the parking)* This is one car, one car. What you see when you walk your dog early... Is come out and see the randomness of tickets that are on peoples' cars. Not every car has a ticket. Now I have it all emphasized. Now then, there is a gentleman here tonight from the parking company that says a solution to part of your budget problem, or to start using..... ticketing. *(The company is, Targeting Solutions. Representative for Speed Cameras, not Parking Permits, Parking Permits was tabled several months ago)* You have the police chief. This is from the

chief, I don't know who it's from in the division, the division saying that he..... so we're looking for a solution of more tickets to write... *(Nowhere in any email does the Chief say this. The only email exchanged with Mr. Fabich was the HPD website. Attached)* This is him chasing his tail, and this is how bad they are at leader ship. It's time for a solution in this village. We have an incredibly high quality of life here. That we're all grateful for. It's not working. Both with young black men I see at the college, but for budgetary, and financial, and you want a fifth term, and, and none of us have heard anything but lies, or what justifies it when you're inaccessible. You have a lock around your house. You own a half a block from the college. I know I can't knock on your door. Thank you, and sorry for being the disruptor, but moving in, this was a shock, a shock, and a thing that keeps happening, is all the government people with Chief Gregory, Yoder and you people in Council say it is the colleges fault. *(Chief or Officer Yoder has never spoken to Mr. Fabich regarding college being at fault)* That is it, over and over. It has been said by Mr. Spencer, it has been said by Mr. Szell over and over. There is this tension between the college and village, and I'm here to say I'm a graduate of the college, and so proud of the college. The college is happy for me to be up here and say things that most people wouldn't say and the veracity... about Hiram students you know. We're kind of a prop. Solve the problem bunch. It's time to stop this problem. Thank you.

LB: Does anybody else have anything to say?

BG: I just want to follow up with Officer Hoskin, who had a complaint about him on Saturday. Officer Hoskin can you tell me, everyone in council chambers here what transpired with the TWO individuals on Saturday morning?

SF: Sunday morning...He didn't even know what day it was.

BG: You said Saturday morning sir. *(Mr. Fabich did say, Saturday not Sunday)* Go ahead.

CH: First, there was a vehicle parked reverse to traffic, *(In a Fire Lane)* that was initially unoccupied. After the citation was completed, the gentleman came out to ask about his citation about where to pay it and was made aware of the law.

(Interrupted by Mr. Fabich)

SF: That vehicle was parked.

CH: After that, I had a student who I've had positive interaction with...

(Interrupted by Mr. Fabich)

CH: He *(student)* pulled alongside my car. We started to have a conversation, when another car pulled behind him, so he went up the street on Hinsdale near Bowler (Dorm) and parked, when I continued to have my conversation with him about trying to find another student that he associates with, who I had given a break the other night for a

ticket to the 2:00 a.m. in a prohibited area, and we just had a normal conversation about football, and his college experience so far.

(Interrupted by Mr. Fabich)

SF: That's not what I saw.....

BG: And then what happened after that, with Mr. Fabich coming up to your car.

CH: I was told by dispatch, that Mr. Fabich was on his way to the mayors house, and I started completing rounds, and he followed my car from Hinsdale all the way down Hinsdale.

(Interrupted by Mr. Fabich)

SF: Totally untrue....

CH: And started to knock on my window...

(Interrupted by Mr. Fabich)

SF: Absolutely, you were sitting beside my house waiting. When a villager knocks on a police person's window in the center, and you ignore them... I can play the video. There's a problem. This is a village of 300 people. This is a Department who's concerned about power. This is a village full of college students. Its alarming to get an email from an official village box of police and not signing off on it.

BG: Mr. Fabich can we finish?

(Interrupted by Mr. Fabich)

SF: Ask your attorney about it.

BG: Mr. Fabich. First of all, you got the email reply from the Hiram Police website correct?

SF: Yes.

BG: It is supposed to have my signature on the end, and it does not. I will contact Go Daddy on that. *(Website domain)* My electronic signature is supposed to be on there. Sir, and you know whom the emails are from. *(Go Daddy website designer used since 2022 and have never been questioned regarding the signature, with numerous website emails received and answered)*

SF: No I don't know. There is nothing. *(Mr. Fabich stated earlier in the meeting that he received emails from Chief Gregory)*

BG: So Officer Hoskin...

(Interrupted by Mr. Fabich)

SF: That's your concern..

BG: Officer Hoskin, when he was tapping on your window and having a camera shoved in your face, on the door, on the windshield, what are you doing during that time.

(Interrupted by Mr. Fabich)

SF: Inaudible.

BG: Because he was talking to me on the phone....

(Interrupted by Mr. Fabich)

SF: And did you roll down sir....

BG: We're talking. We gave you a chance to talk. Officer Hoskin. What did I tell you to do?

CH: Leave the area. Which I could not do with him leaning on the vehicle.

(Interrupted by Mr. Fabich)

SF: Excuse me?

BG: Thank you. *(Mr. Fabich has been looking for a verbal confrontation with police so that he can provoke a derogatory statement from an officer. This has been the case with every interaction with every police officer. Mr. Fabich has verbally accosted every officer, calling them homophobic, bias toward white gay men, and racist during every contact)*

(Interrupted by Mr. Fabich)

SF: Would you guys like to see this video? This vehicle has such dark tinted windows that you can't see inside of it? *(Extra dark windows due to being the old k-9 car to reduce internal heat. Regardless, police can have them as dark as we want)* Unless you go like this. *(face pressed against window)* The reason I was able to identify them was by his tattoo that I could see through the window. I'm standing here knocking, then he followed me to your house. *(Mayors house, after being called by dispatch)*

SF: Squirrel lady, Ann O'Connell, who is a dear friend of your alcoholic drunk wife *(Mayor Bertrand)*, that we have heard numerous stories about.

CS: That is inappropriate, Mr. Fabich.

SF: I'm sorry.

CS: No, sorry, Sean, that is inappropriate.

(Interrupted by Mr. Fabich)

SF: Let me tell you....

CS: Also calling Miss Ann, squirrel lady is so inappropriate.

(Interrupted by Mr. Fabich)

SF: Please, please. Chris, let me ask you one thing. Let me ask you one thing. How appropriate is, the mayor who won't call you back. How appropriate is that? The mayor owns a half a block, and has a gated house.

LB: I have dogs, and the dogs have to stay in the property.

SF: You also have several autistic children that are violent. To what everyone has been telling me....

BG: Sir, you are close to being escorted out of here right now. You are disrupting a government meeting right now. You are disrupting a government meeting right now.

SF: Let's go back to a vote, a vote of no confidence.

BG: This is your last warning sir.

SF: I call for a vote of no confidence of Mayor Bertrand and this council, as everyone is sitting here is silent. When a resident comes in, and says he has seen, what was happening to young black men.

(Mayor Bertrand interjects)

LB: Wait a minute. You've been convicted...

(Interrupted by Mr. Fabich)

SF: Excuse me?

LB: You've been convicted in Columbus...

(Interrupted by Mr. Fabich)

SF: Be very careful mayor.

LB: I've got the case.

BG: Public Records.

SF: Who is the attorney, before he starts defaming me. Who is the attorney? Is there an attorney in this room? Who would like to stop Mr. Bertrand?

TR: May I speak please.

SF: Talk about my record. Mr. Reitz.... the solicitor you are going to be taken, is there video of this. This is going to the media. You are standing here with a citizen.

TR: You, sir, are in a position where you can make a public comment only.

(Interrupted by Mr. Fabich)

SF: And I have...

TR: You are not permitted to have a debate. You are not permitted to interrupt the rest of the people who are here....

(Interrupted by Mr. Fabich)

SF: This should be a concern to the student government.

TR: You can speak your piece sir...Most folks....

(Interrupted by Mr. Fabich)

SF: And I have....You have a mayor....

TR: Will you stop interrupting me you rude person you.

SF: What?

TR: You've interrupted every person who has spoken...

(Interrupted by Mr. Fabich)

SF: I'm not interrupting you.... I'm talking to the student representative...

BG: Excuse me. *(turning to Madison)* Do you want his hands on you? *(Officer Hoskin body cam at the 18:40 mark. Still picture attached.)*

CM: Please do not touch any of our guests.

BG: Thank you. *(Hands were on both of Madisons shoulders)*

SF: Please make a note that the students and I will talk to Bob. Bob Buener, who used to be a tenant of mine. That should concern you as a reverend. *(Pastor/Councilman McCreight)* This man is trying to play power and bully me. Let me be very honest with you, how many have lived in an African-American neighborhood?

CS: Mayor, we're at 20 minutes into this council, guest and public comment is three minutes.....

(Interrupted by Mr. Fabich)

SF: When you have a black man who is an elected official position in Columbus who tells you to get your white ass back in your house, and calls you a Faggot, and makes fun of you for having Aids and you stand up to him? And that opens up a criminal record because of the way the laws are bias in a liberal left-wing city, and you want to come here and harass a citizen about it. I'll talk to the media. Mr. Hemphill you should really be concerned the way black men are treated.

LB: You had three minutes, and you have gone way past that.

SF: You have a good day Mr. Bertrand. You are a bully... I have not received my answer on the no-confidence.

(Madison who looked upset, went to the women's restroom, Chief asked Officer Hoskin to make sure that she is ok. After a few minutes I asked Councilperson Beth Greenwood to check on her also, Beth said that she is ok.)

SF: You all play dirty pool politics.

CS: I don't know the process around that, I'm not willing to make any motion.

LB: Let's move on... You're done.

SF: You'll be hearing from the media. You bring up citizens criminal records in a public meeting, and Mr. Szell, you got nothing productive done...

BG: OK Mr. Fabich, *(As Mr. Fabich walked out of the room, Chief followed to check on Madison. Mr. Fabich confronted Officer Hoskin who is by the doorway)*

SF: Please don't sit in front of my house again.

CH: Have a great day.

(Mr. Fabich walked away laughing)

SF: Honor, Integrity, Mr. Gregory.....

BG: Chief Gregory

SF: Mr. Gregory, because you know what's in store at the end of the mayor's term. You'll be gone. Have a good day sir.