

**Hiram Village Economic Development Committee
Organizational Meeting
Rosser Municipal Building
11617 Garfield Road, Hiram, Ohio 44234**

April 20, 2021

Present: Tom Bollenbacher, Chair
Mayor Lou Bertrand
Rob Dempsey, Hiram Village Council President
James McGee, Village Administrator

Absent: Anne Haynam
Nancy Rubin
Paul Spencer

Official Recorder: Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Guests: Todd Peetz, Director – Portage County Regional Planning
Commission

General: Tom Bollenbacher called the meeting order at 7:00 p.m.
Tom asked for motion to accept the minutes from March 16, 2021. Mayor Bertrand motioned. Rob Dempsey second. Motion passed.

Southeast Quadrant of Hiram Village: Todd Peetz gave a presentation on the properties at the southeast quadrant of the Village. The visuals included a topographic map and current use map of the area. Handouts included a list of property owners and a map of the southeast quadrant of Hiram Village. Discussion followed regarding the ownership of various parcels in that quadrant. Mr. Peetz stated the issue with the landlocked properties is the elevation difference of approximately 140 feet. Any development on those lots would require a lift station for sewage. Development could be encouraged by offering a tax deferment but he is not in favor of that. Further discussion followed regarding access to parcels from SR 700 and SR 305.

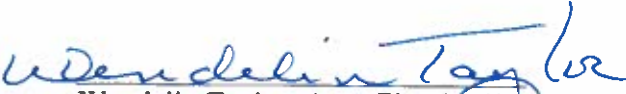
Tom Bollenbacher asked the Committee if they found the idea of lots of approximately a quarter acre would be appealing to developers and buyers. Tom would like to see “starter homes” for young families be built in the Village.

Todd Peetz suggested talking to the landowners and neighbors to find out what their thought process is on development. Tom suggested he and Rob Dempsey begin talking to some of the owners.


Tom suggested raising funds through stock. He believes that is how Shaker Heights was originally developed. If 200 or so residents invested in development the community would feel a commitment to the area and development could move forward.

Tom Bollenbacher asked for a motion to adjourn. Mayor Bertrand motioned. Rob Dempsey second.
Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:


Wendelin Taylor, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Approved:


Tom Bollenbacher, Chair