

Hiram Village Council Meeting

Rosser Municipal Building
11617 Garfield Road, Hiram, Ohio 44234

January 10, 2023

The following Members of Council were present: Mr. Szell, Mrs. Greenwood, Mr. Hemphill, 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: Hiram College President Dr. David Haney, P&Z member Willard Greenwood, Ryan Lind; Reporter with The Portager, Stacy Turner; Reporter with The Weekly Villager, Joe Shuretti with Kimble, HC student Madison Palmer and State Representative Dr. Gail Pavliga.

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 followed by the pledge to the flag.

The Mayor asked for a motion to nominate Council President for 2023. A motion to nominate Chris Szell as Council President was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Greenwood. There were no other nominations from the floor. Chris Szell accepts the nomination. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

The Mayor asked for a motion to adopt the rules of Council. A motion to adopt the Roberts Rules of Order 10th edition was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Hemphill. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the calendar for 2023. A motion to approve the Council meeting calendar for 2023 as the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Szell. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

Mayor asked for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 13, 2022. Chris Szell noted there were minor corrections made to the draft minutes that Susan did incorporate. A motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented was made by Mr. Szell and seconded by Mr. Spencer. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

Mayor asked for a motion to approve the proposed agenda. Susan noted to Council a few minor corrections that were made to the agenda. On Ordinance 2022-18, it said exhibits A & B; B is gone. On Ordinance 2023-01 there was an exhibit to pay bills and Susan added an exhibit A. A motion to approve the proposed agenda as amended by the Fiscal Officer was made by Mr. Szell and seconded by Mr. Hemphill. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

GUEST AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Shuretti with Kimble Recycling first spoke about the recent delays in pickup and getting on track. He said they are having an issue reaching an apartment complex, Great Northern Apartments, in Hiram to set up their recycling! As per the Village contract, when they bid on the service, it included all the merchants. Joe wanted to bring this to the Village's attention to help get this resolved. Paul Spencer asked whether or not they are participating in the recycling? Joe said no, they have not used it or had recycling for a year! There are approximately 10 tenants in each of the four buildings! Joe was asked by Tom Reitz whether Kimble has ever dropped off any receptacles? He said, without communication, they do not know what receptacles they want. He sent an email to the Mayor, VA and Council; many questions need to be answered. Tom Reitz asked Joe Shuretti what he would like to see done. Joe said with contracts, it would typically go to the Solicitor with a letter being sent. They just need a contact to reach out to that person. Chris Szell clarified that the Village approved a contract with Kimble and now Kimble is asking the Village to "run" their contract? Joe said most contracts are not exclusive for merchants; this one is. It may have been because of Hiram College, he does not know. The Mayor thought our Village Administrator should find out who the manager is and forward that information to Kimble. James said he gave Kimble the cell phone number of the manager; he felt the apartment complex is ignoring their responsibility! Maybe a letter from our Solicitor telling them they are in violation of the Village ordinance! Joe felt a letter coming from the Village would hold more weight than it would from them.

State Representative Dr. Gail Pavliga apologized for being late, introduced herself and provided some background on herself and what she is working on at the statehouse. She was elected in 2020 and since the redistricting, she is our new state representative. She invited anyone to visit her at the Statehouse anytime. The Mayor asked that she remember our municipalities because we generate 80% of Ohio's economy! We have had some setbacks because of COVID and with our budgeting for our police department and with hiring skilled officers. A lot of municipalities are having the same problems such as Newton Falls and Windham Village. Gail suggested having a meeting to discuss these issues and ways to resolve them. Gail resides in Atwater and will provide her contact information. She thanked the Council and Mayor for allowing her to speak tonight and she left.

Councilperson Beth Greenwood had to leave with her husband Willard at 7:33 pm.

Dr. David Haney, President with Hiram College addressed Council and said it was a pleasant surprise to see our state rep here tonight. Dr. Haney believes she will be a great advocate for us in Portage County, the Village and even for the College. He went onto say that Gail Pavliga has been working with the College; one of her passions is to get a community college presence in Portage County. Dr. Haney said the College has been working with Michael Bastin, who is the new president of Tri-C to have a Tri-C presence on the Hiram campus. Through Dave Yost's office, they had a \$665,000 earmark approved for workforce development with office space in Gelbke Hall. The College has also been in talks with the Cleveland Clinic for athletic training, for their pre-med and nursing students. It may even result in a clinic here! They are still working on the bar. They are selling some of their rental properties; they are not desperate, it gets them out of the landlord business! He hopes to increase communications with the Village. Stimulating economic development within the Village is a priority for them as well.

The Hiram College property for the Village to utilize for their recycling came up for discussion. Dr. Haney said what they came up with since they cannot give it to the Village since it is part of the security for their bond; they could lease it to the Village for \$1.00 per year for 100 years.

Madison Palmer, a student with Hiram College, is simply monitoring the meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

***Police Chief Brian Gregory provided their monthly report.** Brian provided his annual report to Council.

Brian wanted to bring before Council the liquor permit application for Hiram College. Brian said the Village has the right to appeal it or deny it. Right now, they are applying for a D1, D2 and D3 permit. He had an issue with D6 which is for Sunday sales; this was not on the original application. Fiscal Officer Susan said D6 is listed on her copy of the application. D1 is for beer sales, D2 adds wine and a D3 is for liquor, all go to 1:00 am. Brian is fine with 1:00 am. Dr. Haney said they would not be serving liquor to the students; that would be for trustee and donor events only! Paul Spencer supports it wholly; he would rather have the kids stay here than to go and drive to Mantua or Garrettsville.

A motion to approve the liquor application for Hiram College with the D6 designation was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Szell. The result of the voice vote was 4-0-1 with an abstention from Mr. McCreight.

Chief Gregory spoke with State Rep Gail Pavliga last month regarding his police budget and hiring issues. He asked Council how long they want him to continue as he is going? Brian explained the current situation. Paul Spencer said he should drop 3rd shift or reduce hours. Brian said we have been talking about this for 3 to 4 years! Council went over some options with the Police Chief to reduce hours. Paul felt Council is going to have to bite the bullet and do it; it is not going to be comfortable and see what happens. If we cannot afford it; we cannot do it! Council discussed the costs of full-time officers with benefits versus part-time officers. Paul Spencer said, we could turn the clock back 30-40 years and only have one person in each department and Hiram ran! Susan said there are more demands on every department now; that would be very hard to do! Paul said you just work with what you have. Brian will provide some numbers for Finance & Safety and bring a strong proposal to Council next month. He will look at cutting one full-time position versus just cutting hours. More discussion followed on how expenses are exceeding our revenue! Paul said Council relies on the Fiscal Officer to give them guidance! They will need reports to discuss at Finance & Safety and look at what the assistant VA, Steve Schuller, provided.

Paul Spencer asked about our temporary appropriations, if we stuck with those numbers, we would not make it through the year, correct? Susan said no, temporary appropriations are typically one-half of the full permanent appropriation budget. Paul said if you double the temporary appropriations, we would not be able to afford that? Susan said you might be able to afford it this year, then you would probably not be able to afford it next year. Paul provided the newer Council members with some history about the financial situation the Village was in year ago. When Paul started as a Councilman, the Village was looking at going into fiscal emergency! We were spending more money and supporting more things than what was coming in. At that time, one of their biggest problems was the water and sewer department. They were being subsidized \$40-\$60,000 per year from the General Fund! They raised rates enormously, it was a very painful thing to do but it had to be done. Paul said we are going to have to make some painful decisions. Paul went on to state we need the fire and ambulance services, we need our police services but if we cannot afford 24-hour service, we cannot afford it. Chris Szell asked Steve if he would add the sources of revenue report to his spreadsheet.

Chris McCreight asked the Police Chief if he was able to open the encrypted file for the speed data? Brian said he was able to open it and had brought it up at the last Finance & Safety meeting. The last full month of data we had was for October; the speed was an average of 32 mph with 80,000 vehicles during that month. High speed was 88 mph!

***Fire Chief Bill Byers provided their monthly report.** Dave Smith asked Chief Byers about the stats for given and received mutual aid calls for 2022. Bill said that would be listed under the "current" column. Dave said it does not break it down between given and received. Bill said we have never done that in the past for the current year. January's report will show that breakdown. Dave asked about the collections for mutual aid and how that is going? Bill asked Susan how collections have been for mutual aid? Susan said we haven't received anything from Community EMS or from Troy! Some of the mutual aid calls cancel each other out but the rest we have invoiced several times and nothing so far. Paul asked if we have any way to enforce collections of those invoices? Solicitor Tom Reitz said we stop providing the service or we sue them!

Chief Byers provided an update on the tornado siren. There was a programming issue that has been fixed. The sirens were tested and are operational. One of the township sirens was not rotating; a part had to be ordered and has come in.

Chief Byers reported on a grant they were awarded for the MARCS radio user fees! The Ohio Administrative Services awarded \$1,200; the money should come in between June and July.

They are still waiting on the bumper for Engine 2.

Chief Byers presented information on applying for a new staffing grant, a FEMA Safer grant would cover 75% of a firefighter/paramedic for the first two years and 35% of their third year. Bill would like to apply for this grant, hire a grant writer to write the grant. There is a shortage of qualified personnel all over Northeast Ohio. This grant would allow for three full-time firefighters. Bill said the fire department has \$100,000 carryover in the fire levy fund. This would allow some time to go to the Township and discuss the exact amount of a possible levy needed in the Village and the Township to carry the staffing after the safer grant expires. Bill said this is in no way committing the department or the Village Council to this; he just sees it as the future of this department. Bill has spoken with many other departments and Chiefs; he believes this is the direction our department needs to go for the future.

A motion to allow the Fire Chief to pursue the FEMA Safer Grant was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Szell. The result of the voice vote was 5-0 in favor.

Village Administrator James McGee provided their monthly report.

Update on the water tower replacement project; there will be a pre-construction meeting on January 18th.

The Hinsdale Road resurfacing project; they are working on an easement. It is slated to begin in early summer.

The roof work to the light plant building and the salon is still planned for spring.

The Street Department is working on equipment maintenance and they had another water leak to deal with on S.R. 305. It was taken care of at the end of last month.

Dave Smith asked James whether they have had any frozen water lines. James said we have had two water meters that needed to be replaced due to the severe cold weather; they cracked because of no heat in the basements. One was on S.R. 305 and the other was on S.R. 82.

Village Solicitor Tom Reitz wanted to provide Council with additional information about the issues with Great Northern apartments and Kimble. Tom said he could send a letter; he would not send it to their management company, he would send it to their statutory service agent stating that their organization is in violation of law. Before Tom would do that; he wants Council to know what their next logical step would be. If they do not respond, your code does not have a sanction in it that says this is mandatory. The next step would be an injunction action which could cost several thousand dollars! Tom would not recommend they do that. He would like to change our code to make it a 1st degree misdemeanor for a “corporate” offender with a potential fine of \$1,000. Accumulating several of these could provide some leverage. Council could tell Tom they do not want to do anything, which is fine. Tom just wanted to let Council know where they stand. You may want to take it up at your Finance & Safety committee meeting. Tom felt this discussion was not appropriate in front of your representative from Kimble. The section of his contract that he is relying on is precatory, it is just explanatory; it is not enforceable. There is a section of the contract that says collection is “their” responsibility! You have that responsibility under your code and you allocated that responsibility to Kimble as part of their contract. Those are Council’s options and should you want action taken, you can let him know. Dave Smith said it looks as though Kimble is looking to Council to make them pay Kimble for recycling. Tom said yes, he is looking for Council to exert some type of leverage to make Great Northern put the recycling containers out and pay for them! Tom does not think Kimble has done all the things they could have done themselves yet. Paul Spencer wants to change our codified and have legislation by our February Council meeting. Chris McCreight asked if we would add anything in our codified for residential or just corporate? Tom Reitz said he hadn’t thought about residential because it is easier for a company to act unilaterally with residential. Paul called for the question.

A motion to have our Solicitor Tom Reitz make the changes to our Codified Ordinances to provide leverage for Council was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Szell. The result of the voice vote was 5-0 in favor.

Mayor’s January 10, 2023 Report to Council

Ohio Revised Code §733.41 states: “At the first regular meeting in January of each year, and at such other times as the Mayor deems expedient, the Mayor shall report to the legislative authority concerning the affairs of the municipal corporation, and recommend such measures as seem proper.

Report to Council

This is the 117th annual meeting of Hiram Village Council and I again report that Hiram Municipal Government is only in fair financial condition operating in an efficient manner and providing good service to the general public, village residents, businesses, Hiram College faculty, staff and students.

This is my 16th annual Mayor’s Report as elected Hiram Mayor, furthermore, this my 44th year as an elected official in Hiram Village, after three and one-half (3 ½) years as an Assistant Portage County Prosecuting Attorney and Probate/Juvenile Investigating Officer.

OVERVIEW OF THE PAST YEAR

After more than 50 years the Village/College Safety Agreement was nullified effective September 30, 2022 resulting in a loss of compensation (\$75K-\$30K) to the Village enumerated safety services, which they elected to either engage a la carte, or retain by independent contractor(s).

Last year Council considered and passed 22 Ordinances and 36 Resolutions, the highlights are:

LEGISLATION:

In January 2022 two newly elected council members took their seats and one twenty-four (24) year veteran council member was sworn in for his seventh (7) four-year term. Also, council member Chris Szell was installed as Village Council President. (New phones, PCSO Dispatch signed and generator on East Hill damaged by tree collapse.)

In February the \$1.1 million water tower project was initiated through the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) and the village audit was commenced.

In March the budget was the major concern, with proposals to raise the Hiram earned income tax by .25% and/or restrict credit for earned income taxes to a maximum of 1% credit of taxes paid elsewhere. Approval of the purchase of a new EMS rescue squad expenditure of \$271,000.

In April the \$45,000 American Rescue Plan Act funds were utilized to pave the rear parking lot by a 3-3 tie vote with the Mayor voting in favor.

In May much of the subject was the blighted residential property on Plum Ridge and residential development in the Village and testing of the Reverse 911 system. As to the light plant property after an examination and consultation with Jack Kohl Real Estate, the Mayor recommended it be leased as a storage facility.

In June it was advocated by former Councilman Dr. Michael Greenwood that the Beautification Commission and Park Board be merged or combined as much as is feasibly possible. The Hinsdale/Winrock paving and storm sewer project was approved by the Small Government Fund and storm sewers for SR 82 are proceeding. The .25% earned income tax failed to pass in Council and the 1% tax credit Ordinance 2022-08 was tabled. New fire bay garage doors were approved.

Then in September Ordinance 2022-08 amending the 1% earned income tax credit was passed by a tie vote (3 yeas – 3 nays) with the Mayor voting for the Ordinance. Later an Ordinance was enacted to designate January 1, 2023 as the effective date.

FINANCIAL HISTORY

- At the end of 2007 when I took office the total balances in all funds were **\$1,367,231**, 15 years later at the end of December 2022 the balances in all funds were **\$1,876,684**. The Village has acquired the following real estate for public enjoyment and use: 5+ acres of the old Hiram School property valued at \$300,000, Hinsdale extension approximately 200 yards, Hike & Bike Trail approximately 2500 ft. Hopefully one (1) acre more or less from the College for stock piling leaves, brush, sticks and such for recycling.
- Again, in 2023 with the fluctuation in Hiram College enrollment, the Village must be cautious in its economic future.
- Revenues from general real estate tax, income tax, local government fund and property tax allocation are as follows:

	<u>TOTALS</u>
12/31/2018	\$583,652
12/31/2019	\$562,584
12/31/2020	\$642,298
12/31/2021	\$657,266
12/31/2022	\$701,641

COMMITTEES FOR 2023

The appointed Committees are as follows:

Finance & Safety: David Smith, Paul Spencer, Beth Greenwood & Chris Szell

Investment: Chris Szell

Beautification, Recreation & Parks: Mike Greenwood, Beth Greenwood, Chris McCreight and Ed Frato-Sweeney

Public Records Retention: Chris Szell

Economic Development: Paul Spencer, Chris Szell & Tom Bollenbacher, Village Administrator’s designate, College CFO Nancy Rubin

Fire & EMS Advisory: David Smith

Planning & Zoning Commission: Paul Spencer

Blighted Properties & Sidewalks: Chris Szell, Paul Spencer, Ed Frato-Sweeney and David Smith

Website Committee: Chris Szell

Submitted by:

Mayor Lou Bertrand

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

The following reports were provided to Council for this meeting:

December Bank Reconciliation balanced with the UAN with no adjusting factors, at this time, it has not been posted to the UAN due to year-end work in Temporary Mode, once posted it will be available for signing by Council & Mayor.

Cash Summary by Fund as of December 31, 2022 was provided last Friday by email & in their packets.

List of bills as of January 6, 2023 was provided to Council last Friday by email & in their packets.

Council Regular meeting minutes of December 13, 2022 was provided last Friday by email & in their packets.

R.I.T.A. income tax receipts YTD report was provided to Council last Friday by email & in their packets.

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

Susan updated Council on a recent audit conducted by the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation. This is something we have never had in the past as far as she knows. The BWC representative called and scheduled the audit for December 22nd. It only took two hours; was a good audit. There were a couple things we could do to save on our BWC premiums which resulted in a refund of \$460.00 for our payroll true-up.

Temporary mode in the UAN must be closed out by February 28th so Susan is diligently working on getting that done. She is also working to get the employee W-2's completed as soon as possible between now and January 31st.

A motion to approve the Fiscal Officer's report for December as submitted was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Hemphill. The result of the voice vote was 5-0 in favor.

The bill's list was reviewed. Dave Smith asked about the Kiwanis Club membership? Why are we members and what benefits do we receive. Chief Brian Gregory said that was initiated with Council in 2020 with Rob Dempsey. Susan explained the Kiwanis was providing donations for various events like Shop with a Cop and Cops & Kids Fishing. They were supporting events for both our fire and police departments. A motion to approve the bill's list as submitted was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Hemphill. The result of the voice vote was 5-0 in favor.

HIRAM TOWNSHIP REPORT

No Township report tonight.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCES

2022-18: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING TITLE 7 CHAPTER 351.16 OF THE TRAFFIC CODE. 3rd

READING. The Mayor noted some changes have been made to Exhibit A. A motion to accept Ordinance 2022-18 with the amended Exhibit A was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Szell. Dave Smith brought up an email that everyone should have received from David Dreimiller, a resident. He agrees with him; the state has in place snow emergency legislation. It is rather restrictive to create a snow ban with only two inches of snowfall which Dave believes happens pretty often!

Steven Schuller said this is literally a law to put on our books that states we can put an emergency snow ban on parking; that is all it is. Steve sent information on the surrounding communities; everyone has one around us. Steve said they work closely with the College; however, the only way right now through ORC is for the Mayor to put out a snow ban by radio! Tom Reitz said this makes it mandatory at 2 inches; if that is not what Council wants, they need to amend it. Dave thinks it is over restrictive. Council discussed some possible amendments and concerns which initiated this legislation. The Mayor thinks we should do it; our safety services have asked for this! Dave felt we should not make it mandatory but give them some discretion.

A motion to table Ordinance 2022-18 until Village Solicitor Tom Reitz can make the edits to Exhibit A was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Spencer. The result of the voice vote was 5-0 in favor.

2022-19: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 351.15 OF THE VILLAGE OF HIRAM CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 351.15. 3rd READING. A motion to approve Ordinance 2022-19 as submitted was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Smith. The Mayor asked if there was any discussion; there was none. Paul Spencer called for the question. The result of the voice vote was 5-0 in favor.

2022-20: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 351.17 OF THE VILLAGE OF HIRAM CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH PARKING PERMIT PROVISIONS. TABLED 2nd READING. Paul would like to see a map to go with exhibit A before acting on this legislation.

2022-21: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 311.02 OF THE VILLAGE OF HIRAM CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND REPEALING INCONSISTENT ROAD CLOSURE PROVISIONS. 3rd READING. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Szell. Dave Smith asked if we have a permit form? Police Chief Brian Gregory said he has one for parades and assemblies; not for road closures. He can make one for road closures and present it at Finance. Chris Szell said he understands that this would compliment the parking in the sense that if we have paid parking and they close a road, we lose revenue. Chris asked if there is a need to have a permit for road closures regardless of the parking? Dave Smith said yes; the Village should know when someone is going to close a road. Most cities have it and with a permit you have contact information. The Mayor said this was copied from somewhere. More discussion. Chris Szell called for the question. The result of the voice vote was 5-0 in favor.

2023-01: AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE PAST ACTIONS OF THE FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF HIRAM IN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE NECESSARY PAYMENTS ON INVOICES RECEIVED INTO THE VILLAGE BETWEEN THE LAST FINANCE MEETING IN DECEMBER AND THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING IN 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Szell and seconded by Mr. Spencer. The result of the voice vote was 5-0 in favor. A motion to approve as an emergency was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Hemphill. The result of the voice vote was 5-0 in favor.

RESOLUTIONS

2023-01: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERNET SALE OF UNNEEDED, OR UNFIT, OR OBSOLETE PERSONAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF HIRAM. 1st READING. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Smith. The result of the voice vote was 5-0 in favor. A motion to approve on 1st reading was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Smith. The result of the voice vote was 5-0 in favor.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Paul Spencer brought up for discussion the condition of the Couch Farm house and the other house in need of repairs. It was May of last year when the Village reached out to these property owners. In July letters went out to these properties; in August and September they showed up and said they would do something about their properties. They are not doing anything! Several properties within the Village could be declared blighted properties! They are in need of some attention. This year, we need to step it up and start to take action. The Plum Ridge property was let go too long. Planning & Zoning plans on discussing these properties, they will reach out to our Solicitor and then take some action.

David Smith said he reached out to the Village of Peninsula by email; he is waiting on a records request from three weeks ago. He has not received anything from them. Looking at some articles, they started their pay to park in 2021. They have 320 paid parking places at \$2.00 per hour; they expected \$75,000 in revenue. They realized in the first three months; \$12,000 and that is with 7,000 visitors per day to the community. Tom Reitz said once it has been a month, he would be comfortable with a follow up letter. Dave said he will send out a letter.

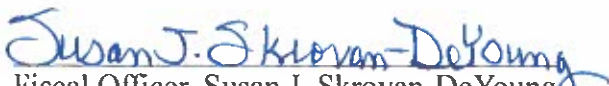
Dave said Hiram's website needs some updating with regard to the legislation and with meeting minutes! Chris Szell said we have not really kept up with that. Wendelin is the only one right now that is uploading the documents and information. Chris said it has not been his priority lately. The Mayor spoke how efficient and hardworking Wendelin is at her job! The Mayor would like to see a college student maybe out of their IT department to help out with our website. Chris McCreight asked if we have reached out to the internship program at the college? Susan said she believed James or Steve had a few years back before COVID.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Szell. The result of the voice vote was 5-0 in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.

These minutes are pending approval by Council.


Mayor Lou Bertrand

ATTEST:


Fiscal Officer, Susan J. Skrovan-DeYoung