

Hiram Village Council Meeting

Rosser Municipal Building
11617 Garfield Road, Hiram, Ohio 44234

July 12, 2016

The following Members of Council were present: Mr. Wadkins, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Dempsey, Mr. Smith and Mr. Spencer. The following were also present: Mayor Lou Bertrand, Village Solicitor Tom Reitz, Fiscal Officer Susan Skrovan, Police Chief Ed Samec, Sergeant Brian Gregory, Village Administrator James McGee and Fire Chief Bill Byers.

The following persons were present: Matthew Merchant; reporter for the Record Courier, Stacy Turner; reporter for the Weekly Villager, Terri McIntee; candidate for State Representative and Cristine Boyd with Hiram College.

Mayor Bertrand called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm. He asked that all cell phones be silenced. There was a moment of silence to remember those killed in the line of duty and their families; the Police Officers in Dallas, Texas and the bailiffs in St. Joseph, Michigan, followed by the pledge to the flag.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the public hearing minutes of 6/14/16 as presented. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Wadkins. The result of the voice vote was 5-0 in favor.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of 6/14/16 as presented. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Spencer. The result of the voice vote was 5-0 in favor.

Mr. Hemphill arrived at 7:05 pm.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the special meeting minutes of 6/30/16 as presented. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Mr. Wadkins and seconded by Mr. Dempsey. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the proposed agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Cobb and seconded by Mr. Wadkins. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

GUEST AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Terri McIntee is running for State Representative. She provided Council with a brief background including being a resident of Burton Township for 48 years. Her son has a disability which provided her with the drive to get involved and negotiate with legislatures to try and improve the lives of those with disabilities, including help for veterans and the elderly.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Police Sergeant Brian Gregory provided the monthly report. They had 286 offense reports for the month of June. The Police department has had a lot of departmental training; broken down in their report. The second Wednesday of every month, the Police department will conduct their tactical training.

The department has their upcoming Pet Adoption and Pet Pantry event on Saturday, July 23rd. They fill a police car with food; the pet food goes to the pet pantry, all other food goes to the 4C's food cupboard. The Park Board is also hosting a rummage sale at the same time in conjunction with the Police event.

The Police department was asked to conduct a speed survey on State Route 305 following a resident's concern. Over a three week period, the high speed registered at 58 mph, the low speed at 17 mph with an average speed of 35 mph.

Fire Chief Bill Byers provided the monthly report by email. The Fire department was awarded a \$3,250 State of Ohio EMS grant. This is a reimbursing grant for training purposes. He will work with Susan and Tom Reitz for legislation to present to Council to accept the grant and advance the funds from the General Fund.

They have completed the maintenance and repairs on the fire engines.

They participated in a coordinated training event with Ravenna Township on Saturday passed; it was a controlled burn which went very well.

Village Administrator James McGee presented the June monthly water/sewer report.

James updated Council on the following projects;

- Hike & Bike Trail Project: the final paperwork should be completed tomorrow. Bids are due back into ODOT by October 6th and will be awarded on October 17, 2016. Construction should begin in November; weather permitting, with a final completion date of July 28, 2017.
- Sidewalks on State Routes Project: there is a pre-construction meeting set for Monday, July 25th at ODOT's District 4 office. The contract has been awarded. James will have more information after the meeting.

Mayor Lou Bertrand's report:

MAYOR LOU BERTRAND'S REPORT TO COUNCIL FOR JULY 12, 2016

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Members did not meet this month; however, the Commission in March unanimously approved the purchase of the office and industrial building and parking lot containing 8 acres by MANTALINE CORPORATION from Win-Pro. Mantaline Corporation's grand opening is scheduled for August 17th from 4-7 pm.

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It has been estimated that approximately 2,000 attended the community concert and fireworks on Sunday, July 3rd. 200 participated in the July 4th parade. Antique cars highlighted the parade along with the Fire Departments of Hiram, Troy and Garrettsville, and Community Ambulance. Spirits were not dampened by late rain as residents and guests enjoyed the music provided by the Garrettones Big Band at Frohring Hall.

FIRE, EMS & POLICE DISPATCH

After careful study and analysis, the Fire/EMS and Police Departments recommend the Village contract for dispatch services with the City of Aurora.

Submitted by:

MAYOR LOU BERTRAND

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The Fiscal Officer Susan Skrovan presented her monthly financial reports.

The following reports were provided to Council for this meeting:

Bank reconciliation report for June 2016 was presented to Council and the Mayor for signing.

Cash Summary by Fund as of June 30, 2016 was provided in Council packets.

The list of bills as of July 8, 2016 was provided in Council packets.

R.I.T.A. income tax receipts YTD

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

A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Mr. Dempsey and seconded by Mr. Hemphill. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

HIRAM TOWNSHIP REPORT

There was no Township representative to provide a report this evening.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCES

2016-16: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CONSULTANT POSITION WITH THE VILLAGE OF HIRAM. 1st READING. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Dempsey. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor. Solicitor Tom Reitz explained an amendment was made to the original exhibit thanks to the due diligence of our Mayor, Lou Bertrand. Rather than the consultant being an employee of the Village with payroll deductions and payroll taxes; this position will be an independent contractor. These changes are simply for clarity. A motion to approve the legislation on first reading with the most recent exhibit "A" the position being, "Hiram Police Department consultant" and under General Purpose, "a consultant as independent contractor" was made by Mr. Wadkins and seconded by Mr. Dempsey. David Smith asked about the fee or scale, established by Council? Solicitor Reitz said what is before Council now, is to establish the position. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

2016-17: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (5701) FOR WATER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Cobb. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Hemphill. Dave Smith asked James what caused the need for the increased appropriations. James explained what was required by EPA regulations as well as some necessary upgrades to various components in the water department. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

RESOLUTIONS

2016-15: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA FOR THE PROVISION OF DISPATCHING SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE OF HIRAM, WHICH SERVICES INCLUDE DISPATCHING FOR THE HIRAM POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, INCLUSIVE OF EMS SERVICE DISPATCHING. 3rd READING. A motion to remove from the table on 3rd reading was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Dempsey. Paul Spencer felt this should be voted down; the rates are going to be different. Solicitor Tom Reitz instructed Council they may want to vote to remove this from the agenda. A motion to remove Resolution 2016-15 from the agenda was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Dempsey. Chris Cobb noted there is a revised contract before them from Mantua Village that looks much better. Mayor Bertrand suggested this be removed from the agenda and said this can be reviewed once we get to Aurora's proposal. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

2016-20: A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF RENEWING AN EXISTING TAX LEVY FOR CURRENT EXPENSE PURPOSES TO THE VOTERS OF THE VILLAGE OF HIRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.19(A) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Wadkins 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. Wadkins and seconded by Mr. Cobb. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

2016-23: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH GAMETIME FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. On 3rd READING. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Wadkins and seconded by Mr. Smith. Council members were concerned with some of the playground equipment being an insurance liability; particularly the zip line and the rock wall. Before approving this contract for equipment, Council would like some clarification from the Park Board. A motion to table on 3rd reading was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Wadkins. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor. Chairman Tom Wadkins will contact the Park Board Chairman, Chris Szell.

2016-25: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF AURORA FOR THE PROVISION OF DISPATCHING SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE OF HIRAM, WHICH SERVICES INCLUDE DISPATCHING FOR THE HIRAM POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT, INCLUSIVE OF EMS SERVICE DISPATCHING. 1st READING. A motion to adopt was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Smith. The Mayor asked what the time frame is for cancellation of the Mantua Village dispatch contract. Solicitor Tom Reitz said it is 120 days. Tom Reitz went onto explain what has transpired between Hiram and Aurora. He said there is really no reason to suspend at this time and approve this tonight. Chief Bill Byers said Aurora passed legislation on second reading last night at their meeting to accept all contracts to become a dispatch center. Chief Ed Samec added they were going to review our proposal with their law director. Timing is critical between cancellation with Mantua Village and entering a contract with the City of Aurora. Chief Byers would like to see notice given to Mantua Village promptly, whether it is a hand delivered letter or what and then move forward with the Aurora option. Chairman Wadkins asked do we want a signed contract with Aurora in hand before giving notice to Mantua. Chief Byers said Aurora has already moved forward with programming their radios to be compatible; they are full speed ahead on their end. More general discussion followed. Chief Byers wanted to add that Mantua Village has been good to us; he does not want there to be any misconceptions about that. We have the chance to improve our services. 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 on 1st reading was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Dempsey. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

There is an item on the agenda to consider a motion to terminate the agreement with Mantua Village. A motion to give notice to Mantua Village once we have confirmation from Aurora that they accepted the same contract at their meeting was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Hemphill. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

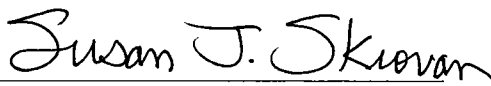
Rob Dempsey commented on a neighboring home that used to house a sports team; the house was sold and they have moved out. The new resident is a professor and it will be a lot quieter now.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Cobb and seconded by Mr. Wadkins. The result of the voice vote was 6-0 in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

These minutes are pending approval by Council.


Mayor Lou Bertrand

ATTEST:


Fiscal Officer Susan J. Skrovan