

**Hiram Village**  
**Special Council Meeting**  
11617 Garfield Road, Hiram, Ohio 44234

November 30, 2021

The following Members of Council were present: Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Smith, Mr. Spencer and Mr. Szell. The following were also present: Mayor Lou Bertrand, Fiscal Officer Susan Skrovan, Police Chief Brian Gregory, Village Administrator James McGee and Assistant VA Steven Schuller.

Others present: Joe Sciarretti with Kimble Recycling & Disposal, Inc.

The Mayor called the special meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Mayor asked that all cell phones be silenced. The purpose of this Special Council meeting is to review and approve legislation for a contract for recycling pickup and anything else that may properly come before Council.

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

**2021-35: A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT TO KIMBLE RECYCLING & DISPOSAL, INC. FOR RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF HIRAM, PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mr. Hemphill 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. Greenwood and seconded by Mr. Smith. Paul Spencer asked about the blanks within the exhibit document. The Mayor said Tom Reitz sent two, the second one was updating the date. Fiscal Officer Susan Skrovan explained the Township has to have another meeting and approve their contract with the new date. Tom sent one today changing the date from six years and two weeks, to six years. The Trustees have to meet again to approve the start date of January 1, 2022 rather than the original date of December 17, 2021. James further explained that Portage County recycling will continue through the end of this year, December 31<sup>st</sup>. James said Kimble will begin with their first pickup on January 7<sup>th</sup> and then every week after that. Mike Greenwood asked if they would be coming the same day as the trash pickup? James said yes, on Friday. Joe Sciarretti represents Kimble, he explained how they originally wanted to start December 24<sup>th</sup>. However, with the holidays, to start the contract on January 7, 2022 would make the transition seamless! James has also been in correspondence with Jack Groselle over the date change and confirming that Portage County Recycling will be picking up to the end of the year. Paul Spencer asked whether they will be keeping the totes or will they be switched out. James said they will be staying; Kimble will be purchasing them from Portage County and when you need a new one, Kimble will provide one. Joe with Kimble said they feel strong they are on the other side of COVID with their workforce. Everyone in the industry has felt this same lull and decrease in their workforce. They also hired a new operations manager in Twinsburg. Chris Szell said our bid specification does have liquidated damages built into it. There was discussion on recent late pickups by Kimble for trash; the last couple months. Chris said on page one of the contract under section three, the last sentence should be removed because it talks about solid waste. James said the bid specs have been through our attorney and Kimble's attorney. Joe with Kimble said that in their eyes, this is not an issue. It could be problematic with editing at this point; it would then have to go back to both attorneys. Joe would hope that the Village may want to look at aligning both their recycling and trash contracts moving forward. Susan asked about page five, the certification of funds, she does not know what she would certify? There is no charge to the Village. Susan could certify just as a formality. Mike Greenwood asked about where this recycling all goes? Joe explained how they process their recycling materials and what happens to it depending on the market. Paul Spencer called for the question. The result of the voice vote was 5-0 in favor.

**Any Other Business:**

Susan asked to bring up before Council the scrapping of the old water meters? They are currently stored at the old light plant and are the responsibility of the Village to dispose of. Susan knows someone who would like to purchase the old meters and will pay the Village .05 cents over the current scrap value. This person wants to dismantle them and then scrap them according to the metals and reuse the brass. This person would come and load the old meters, have them weighted; relieving our Street Department of having to use their own manpower and truck to do the same. Paul Spencer asked if this person is a relative or any relation to Susan. Susan said no.

Dave Smith felt that if it is unneeded or of no longer any value to the Village; it can be disposed of accordingly. Paul is willing to turn it over to the Water Department; we do not need to micro-manage this. Dave believes there is a process already in place to dispose of items. James said we do have a protocol to dispose of items; Susan had asked him and he just wanted to make sure everyone was okay with how we disposed of them. Susan said when James and she spoke, he mentioned he would like to have someone pickup and dispose of scrap on a regular basis.

**A motion to allow the Village Administrator to handle this situation as he sees fit to do for the benefit of the Village was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Szell. The result of the voice vote was 5-0 in favor.**

Susan also wanted to mention money left in the CARES Act Fund 2151. There was a purchase order issued at the end of last year that was not totally used and now it needs to be closed. When that happens, the money goes back into the fund but will not be appropriated to spend this year. If we do not spend all of the CARES Act money this year, it must be returned to the State.

**A motion to appropriate all unappropriated funds in the CARES Act Fund 2151 was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Hemphill. The result of the voice vote was 5-0 in favor.**

A motion to adjourn the special meeting was made by Mr. Greenwood and seconded by Mr. Szell. The result of the voice vote was 5-0 in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

These minutes are pending approval by Council.

  
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Mayor Lou Bertrand

ATTEST:

  
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Fiscal Officer Susan J. Skrovan