

MAYOR'S APRIL 12, 2011

REPORT TO COUNCIL

SCHEDULE FOR 2011 BRUSH PICK UP

Brush pick up for 2011 will be the last **full** week of April, May, June, July, August and September. The amount of brush should be no more than two men can load in 15 minutes. Tree branches and brush should be **no longer** than 8 foot. Leaves and small twigs must be bagged in bio-degradable bags and sealed with bio-degradable tape or twine. Please, be sure to set you brush and leaf bags back far enough from the curb to avoid traffic problems.

May 21, 2011 will be Spring Clean Up. Tire and Computer Round Up will also be May 21, 2011 at the Village Hall parking lot, from 8:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m..

PLANNING & ZONING

P&Z Commission met on Tuesday, April 5th past at 7 p.m. A motion to approve Nextel's zoning application to co-locate their equipment on the existing Cell Tower next to the college's service center was approved provided T-Mobile seeks and obtains approval of Fire, Police and VA and post the appropriate bond approved by the Village Solicitor.

ADDITIONS TO COMMUNITY AND GRANT REQUESTS

As reported earlier in late December past the Village received approval for a \$50,000 NOPEC energy efficiency grant. The grant is being utilized to make energy saving permanent improvements in village structures. [This Grant is made in four (4) quarterly payments of \$12,500 each.]

As reported earlier demolition of the old Hiram School is almost completed for contract price of \$66,900 to Ace - Zuver, LLC. However there is a little more that \$40,000 remaining in the CBG Block grant. It has been suggested that the Village can utilize those funds for permanent improvements, parking, etc. However, Ferdinand Fogas, M.D. has recently responded to the informal offer sheet e-mailed to him January past, he has counter offered with \$160k with a credit of \$30k. Would Council allow the Mayor to enter into a Purchase/Sales Agreement to accomplish the purchase of the 5.1 acres for community and college use?

As reported the Village and College continue to negotiate the

purchase of the property to be financed through a loan/mortgage/bonds [*at no cost to village tax payers*] and leased to Hiram College for the purposes of Hiram School Park [baseball field and observatory].

There are presently pending two Grant application before Ohio Department of Natural Resources both submitted on 2-1-11 for \$24,000 and \$70,000. [Grant turn around time is sometime in June 2011.]

The Ohio Public Works Commission grant was recently approved by Gov. Kasek. The amount of the approved grant is \$177,500 this is a 50% grant for Hinsdale Rd. Extension with Hiram College bearing balance of the costs. (total cost is estimated at: \$355k)

FIRE AND EMS

We have not agreed with the college for Council's action this evening to ink a new two (2) year Fire and Police service contract with Hiram College with a 5% increase in the first year to **\$69,930** and a 3% increase in the second year to **\$72,028**. [I am afraid to report that the DEVIL is in the details. Therefore I am requesting that our two chiefs work out any particular troublesome wording in the contract with CFO Steve Jones and Chief of Staff, Mr. Timothy Bryan]

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE AT TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MONTHLY MEETINGS

I thank Village Council that at least one monthly Trustees' meeting a designated Village Council person has been attending. Both myself, township Fiscal Officer and the Trustees believe this procedure and contact is important to our community. Thank you.

ANNEXATION NEWS

On Friday April 8th past Memorandums for the Petitioners, Village and Township have been filed with the Portage County Board of Commissioners and that decision must be made no later than 30 days, or on or before May 8th next.

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