

January 2012 Hiram Village

Communicator

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NEW POLICE CHIEF NAMED

After an extensive search of twelve candidates, twenty year police veteran **MR. EDWARD SAMEC, JR.** has been appointed by Mayor Lou Bertrand as the new Hiram Police Chief. Mr. Samec is a graduate of both Crestwood H.S. (1988) and the University of Akron. Ed served 14 years with the Hiram Police Department, then with Aurora and since 2005 with the Middlefield Police Department, the last two years as its Chief.

SOLID WASTE BIDS

The bids to consolidate Hiram's waste removal were opened by County Commissioners in September, 2011. Hiram Township has opted to accept the bid of J&J Refuse of Twinsburg, OH. In November, 2011, Village Council voted for R&R Sanitation, Inc. on first reading, however, J&J Refuse submitted the lowest bid for residential service. Legislation is now pending on council's third and final reading for the Mayor's signature into law on Tuesday, January 17, 2012.

ADDITIONS TO COMMUNITY AND GRANT REQUESTS

As reported the Community Challenge Planning Grant of \$175,000 was submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. In December this grant application was not accepted.

The grant to build Hiram's sidewalks along the State Routes was approved on January 3rd by AMATS. This Grant for approximately \$273,000 was awarded only for newly constructed sidewalks and not for replacement and repair of existing or old sidewalks.

The Village has also received word from AMATS that the grant for the Hiram Hike and Bike Trail has been approved for more than \$800,000. This project will connect the Village and Hiram College Campus to the Biological Field Station and then to the Headwaters Trail.

As for the \$50,000 NOPEC energy efficiency grant, the construction is now completed. The Rosser Building's new insulated doors, windows, heating & A.C. and 80 gallon water heater are now installed.

As reported the purchase of the 5.1 acres known as the old Hiram School property on October, 2011 the Village was awarded \$70,000 from the LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND and \$15,912 under the OHIO NATURE WORKS GRANT PROGRAM administered through the O.D.N.R. for a total grant of \$85,912. The Village is awaiting further instructions from ODNR as to how to proceed.

As for the OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION grant for Hinsdale Rd. Extension, that project has now been completed and the new road was dedicated in a public ceremony last month.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

On December 6, 2011 the Commission approved with certain variances the acceptance of the dedication of Winrock Rd. north from new Hinsdale Extension to the cull de sac on Winrock Rd.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

A joint Swearing in Ceremony was held at the Garfield Institute Meeting House on December 19, 2011 for newly elected Township and Village officials. Judge Barbara Oswick administered the oaths of office to Township Trustee: Jack Groselle, Township Fiscal Officer: Stan Carlisle and Village Council members: Paul Spencer and Frank Hemphill and Mayor Lou Bertrand.

MRS. JOAN JAGOW died last month. Mrs. Jagow was the widow of the late Hiram College President Elmer Jagow (1966 -1985). Mrs. Jagow's special passion was support for the education of non-traditional students, and she was supportive of her husband's establishment of the Weekend College. The culmination of her career was her service as Director of Development for Heather Hills, an Alzheimer's Center, in Chardon, Ohio. Mrs. Jagow was an avid supporter of both the community and Hiram College, having served as president of the Hiram Women's Council, and as a former member of the Hiram College Friends of the Library Board of Trustees. Joan was a member of the Garfield Society, and an active supporter of the Hiram Centers of Distinction, particularly the Center for Literature, Medicine, and Biomedical Humanities.

In 2008 Mrs. Jagow participated in the dedication of the Hiram children's play park immediately south of the Rosser Municipal Building.

Joan is survived by her sister, Myrna, and her stepdaughters, Kathryn Jagow Morhman and Allison Jagow Weir.

HIRAM VILLAGE GOVERNMENT MEETINGS:

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING: TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012 AT 7 P.M. (PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE FROM JANUARY 10TH.)

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday January 24, 2012 at 6:00, followed by the **SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING.**

PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING: The January meeting has been cancelled.

All meetings are held in Council Chambers, Rosser Municipal Building, (330) 569-7677, 11617 Garfield Road, Hiram, Ohio 44234, except as noted above.

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NON-EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:

Police: 330.569.3236

Fire: 330.569.9826