

JUNE 2011 COMMUNICATOR

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PLANNING & ZONING:

- On June 7th Mr. Doug McGee and representatives CT Consultants tendered the site plan of the Hinsdale Rd. The conveyance was accepted by Village Council at the June 14th meeting upon recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Also in June the Zoning Commission has voted to notify all violators of their failure to screen trash dumpsters on three sides as required by Village Ordinance.

ADDITIONS TO COMMUNITY AND GRANT REQUESTS:

- The \$50,000 NOPEC energy efficiency grant is being utilized to make energy saving permanent improvements in village structures. (The bids will be opened this Tuesday, June 21st).
- Demolition of the old Hiram School is almost completed for the contract price of \$66,900 to Ace - Zuver, LLC. However the \$40,000 remaining in the CBG Block grant is not available for site improvements. As reported earlier the property owner Ferdinand Fogas, M.D. responded to the offer. He has countered to sell for \$160k with a credit of \$30k. Hiram is awaiting a decision on the grant that was submitted in February 2011 for two ODNR grants totaling \$94,000 to purchase this property. However, the Village is constrained not to enter into a written Purchase/Sales Agreement until the State rules on the two grant proposals. The balance of the purchase of the 5.1 acres of Hiram School property will be financed through loan/mortgage/bonds (*at no cost to village tax payers*) and then leased to Hiram College for a baseball park and observatory.
- The Ohio Public Works Commission Grant was approved in the State's Budget by Gov. Kasich for \$177,500. This is a 50% grant for Hinsdale Rd. Extension with Hiram College bearing balance of the costs. (CT Consultants is the engineering firm on this project with a total estimated cost of: \$355k) The Village has received the letter of commitment from Hiram College to fund this project which will be followed by a more formal commitment contract. Village Council has accepted title to College property as required by the Ohio Public Works Commission.

FIRE AND EMS

On June 13, 2011 the Village reached an agreement with the College 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**. Mayor Bertrand thanked Council President Tom Wadkins, Village Solicitor Tom Reitz and College President Tom Chema for Their participation in the contract settlement.

ANNEXATION NEWS:

- As reported in May the Portage County Board of Commissioners denied Hiram College & Village Builders request to annex approx. 139 acres to the Village. On May 26th Hiram College and Village Builders of Hiram, Inc. filed a Notice of Administrative Appeal in the Portage County Common Pleas Court naming the Township Trustees and Portage County Board of Commissioners as Appellees and Hiram Village as a Necessary and Interested Party. The appeal was assigned to JUDGE JOHN A. ENLOW.

TRASH HAULER CONTRACT

- The entire Hiram Community, Village, Township and College through the auspices of Portage County Solid Waste District seeking to consolidate an omnibus contract with **one trash hauler**. This contract will be advertised for bid pursuant to law and a decision will be made later this year.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION:

- Please go online to: www.hiram4th.com, or check for brochures at the Hiram Post Office.

HIRAM VILLAGE GOVERNMENT MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting: @ 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, 2011 followed by Safety Committee.

Planning and Zoning Meeting: Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Department Heads Meeting: Monday, July 11, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. @Mayor's Office

Next Regular Council Meeting: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 7 p.m.

All meetings are held in Council Chambers, Rosser Municipal Building, (330) 569-7677, 11617 Garfield Road, Hiram, Ohio 44234, except as noted. <http://www.hiramvillage.org>

NON-EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:

Police: 330.569.3236

Fire: 330.569.9826