

November 2011 Village

Communicator

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HALLOWEEN

Trick or treat was successfully scheduled this year on with traditional children's party, prizes and great treats for all participants following at the Hiram Fire Hall. However, more Village elected officials should participate in the Fire Hall activities.

SOLID WASTE BIDS

The bids were opened by the County on September 14, 2011. Council expressed preference on the four bid proposals received and legislation was heard on first reading, naming R & R SANITATION as the preferred bid, however, it appears that this bid exceeds current Township residential rates. The bids will be discussed with County Commissioners in Ravenna on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at 11 a.m.

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. A decision is expected next month.

The grant to build, repair and improve Hiram's sidewalks along the State Routes was submitted to AMATS on September 19th. We now understand that grants will be awarded only for newly constructed sidewalks and not for replacement and repair of existing or old sidewalks.

As for the \$50,000 NOPEC energy efficiency grant the construction is currently proceeding. The doors and windows in the Rosser Building are to be installed later this year.

The Village, on October 24th, was awarded \$70,000 from the LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LCWF) and \$15,912 under the OHIO NATURE WORKS GRANT PROGRAM for the purchase of the 5.1 acres, commonly known as the old Hiram School property. The grants will be administered through the O.D.N.R. for a total grant of \$85,912.

As to the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Grant for Hinsdale Rd. Extension, that project is now under construction and should be completed by this Thanksgiving.

The Village and College held a meeting on Nov 9, 2011 for the purpose of discussing the various options for locating the Hiram Hike and Bike Trail that will connect the Village and Hiram College Campus to the Biological Field Station and then to the Headwaters Trail.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

On November 1, 2011 the Commission approved, with neighboring property owners, present site plans for a 3+ acre parcel of land on Hiram College property adjoining Dodge Court for the building of a modest single family structure.

It was also the consensus of the P&Z Commission members that the currently required barriers should not be required on garbage containers situated on the rear of the property not within public view. However, legislation should be carefully crafted to obtain that goal. It was suggested that the village borrow language from an existing ordinance now in effect in another community, and the village consult with the Portage Planning Commission.

VILLAGE STREET DEPARTMENT

The street department purchased its first “NEW” truck in twelve years. It is a 2012, 3500 HD Chevy completes with snow plow. The street department is currently continuing the leaf pick up and preparing for the upcoming snow season.

JOINT SWEARING IN CEREMONY WITH NEWLY ELECTED TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS and ELECTED VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

There will be a swearing in ceremony at the Garfield Meeting House (SR 305, 82 and 700) at 7 p.m., Monday, December 19, 2011 for newly elected Township Trustee: Jack Groselle and Fiscal Officer Stan Carlisle. This ceremony also includes the swearing in of Village Council Members: Paul Spencer and newly elected Frank Hemphill along with Mayor Lou Bertrand. A public reception will follow. The entire Hiram community is encouraged to attend this joint Township and Village ceremony.

HIRAM VILLAGE GOVERNMENT MEETINGS:

Finance Committee Meeting:

Tuesday November 29, 2011 at 6:00, followed by the Safety Committee Meeting.

Planning and Zoning Meeting:

Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Next Regular Council Meeting:

Tuesday, December 13, 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 above.

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NON-EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:

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