

## SEPTEMBER, 2011 VILLAGE

### COMMUNICATOR

#### MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

Recently, Township Trustee MRS. KATHY SCHULDA was seriously injured in a horse-riding accident in Geauga County and was due to go home on September 14, 2011 to recuperate according to her husband, Wendell Schulda.

Thanks to all who have offered condolences after the death of the Mayor's business partner and law associate for the past 38 years DENNIS M. ZAVINSKI. On Saturday morning September 10, 2011 Mr. Zavinski was killed while driving to his Ravenna office by a negligent semi driver on SR 14, in Streetsboro,

#### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:

On Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. the Commission conducted a meeting to approve/amend the engineering site plans for the addition, by Verizon, of six (6) additional cell antennae on Hiram College property between the college townhouses and the physical plant. After a review by the commission, the plans were approved. Pending the approval of the performance bond by the Village Solicitor the project will go forward.

#### ADDITIONS TO COMMUNITY AND GRANT REQUESTS:

The Village has applied for a **COMMUNITY CHALLENGE PLANNING GRANT** in the amount of \$140,000 (Total Project cost of \$175,000). Hiram Village's commitment of \$9,000 in cash and in-kind services, along with Hiram College's commitment of \$26,000 of the Local share in cash and in-kind services will total our \$35,000 Local share. This Planning Grant will produce the **COMMUNITY MASTER PLAN** that will guide our community's growth for the next 25 to 50 years.

As for the \$50,000 NOPEC energy efficiency grant the construction is currently proceeding. New energy efficient lighting has been installed throughout the municipal building and service garage. Windows, Insulation and doors on the village structures will be completed late this year.

Also, as reported, Ferdinand Fojas, M.D. has offered to sell the old school property to the Village for \$160,000 with a credit of \$30,000. The Village is awaiting a decision on the grants that were applied for in February 1, 2011. The two (2) ODNR grants total \$94,000. However, the Village is constrained not to enter into a written Purchase/Sales Agreement until the State rules on the two (2) ODNR grant applications, The ruling is now scheduled for OCTOBER 24, 2011.

On the Hinsdale Rd. extension, the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) Grant bids came in at approximately \$9,000 over budget. On August 30, 2011 Hiram Council accepted the bid of **TRI MOR CONSTRUCTION** of Tallmadge, OH. The project is proceeding as planned for \$177,500 which is a 50% grant for Hinsdale Rd. Extension with Hiram College bearing balance of the costs. A formal commitment contract was signed last month by **HIRAM COLLEGE PRES. TOM CHEMA** and approved in Ordinance 2011-18 and Resolution 2011-15.

#### ANNEXATION NEWS:

On June 24<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup> and again on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 **MAYOR BERTRAND** and Village Solicitor **TOM REITZ** met with **PRES. THOMAS CHEMA** and **ATTORNEY DOUGLAS PAUL**, Counsel for the College along with Village Builders Inc., Township Trustee, **HON. STEVE PANCOST**, Township legal Counsel **MR. AL SCHRADER** and legal counsel for the Taxpayers' Suit and the Township's Appropriation lawsuit in an effort to settle all litigation. Settlement proposals are currently being drafted and exchanged by legal counsel of the parties.

#### CONSTRUCTION AT HIRAM COLLEGE:

There are a number of ongoing construction projects: Miller Hall, Hinsdale Hall and the College Library along with the resurfacing of Henry Field and the complete remodeling of all the locker rooms at Price Gymnasium. The College will be installing approximately 210 new state of the art dressing rooms, showers and bathroom facilities. There was a dedication on Saturday, September 10, 2011.

In recognition of this project and although the College owns the right-of-way, Hiram council passed a resolution of congratulations and joined the College in renaming the right of way "*Terrier Drive*" (effective immediately).

#### PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Ordinance 2011-23 is now pending requiring all who are paid by an employer with its principal place of business located within the corporate limits of the Village of Hiram pay the Hiram Income Taxes, as almost all other Ohio municipal income taxes require. Hiram Village gives 100% credit for all other municipal income taxes paid by village residents.

#### Street Department:

The last week of September will be the final curb side brush pick up for the year.

#### HIRAM VILLAGE GOVERNMENT MEETINGS:

**Finance Committee Meeting: @ 6 p.m. Tuesday, September 27, 2011 followed by Safety Committee.**

**Planning and Zoning Meeting: Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Department Heads Meeting: Monday, October 10, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. @Mayor's Office**

**Next Regular Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 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