

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held: January 18, 2010

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7:00 PM to 7:55 PM in the Harpersfield Town Hall. Cliff Henry, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Edward Demshar	Present	James Pristov	Present
Sharon Rohrbaugh	Present	Clifford Henry	Present

Employees: Everett Henry, Peggy Miller

Visitors: Janet Boland, Beverly Hoffman, Attorney Paul Malchesky, Aaron Miller, Ed Spoor, Jackie Spoor, Michael Drugovich, Gabe Pizzuto, Jeff Lang, Jeff Burkholder, Gary Tepley and members of Boy Scout Troop 534: Eric Doerge, Michael Tepley, Alex Logan, Eric Logan, Tim Stocker, Dylan Ball, Todd Steinhauer, Anthony Steinhauer, Brandon Ball, Evan Ball, Dave Pelley, Mark Logan.

Regular meeting

The minutes from the regular meeting held on December 21, 2009, and the Organizational meeting held on December 28, 2009, were reviewed. Ed made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of both meetings and to approve them as written; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Jim Pearson attended the meeting representing the Spring Hill Winery. He requested the Board support them in their venture to extend the water line on Rt. 84 east to the winery, approximately 600 to 800 feet. The winery will incur the expense privately. Jim will contact Larry Meaney to get the ball rolling.

Jim made a motion to enter into an executive session with Attorney Malchesky to discuss interest in a real estate transaction; Ed seconded; roll call: Demshar, yes; Pristov, yes; Henry, yes.

Jim made a motion to adjourn the executive session and to resume the regular meeting; Ed seconded; roll call: Demshar, yes; Pristov, yes; Henry, yes

Peggy gave a report that she will be meeting with Mr. Ratcliff regarding the zoning permit requirements for the new Cork School building.

Peggy gave the Board information on a software program: "ZonePro". She is interested in this software that will allow the Zoning Department to be computerized. Jim Pearson stated that Geneva City has this program and it has brought efficiency to the zoning department. Information will be downloaded from the Auditor's office of property changes, lot splits, etc., this would allow the Zoning Administrator to have this information prior to a resident applying for permits. The cost for the software will be \$1350. Cliff and Peggy will price a new computer to accommodate this software; Sharon commented that she has a flat screen monitor from the last UAN computer that she had.

Everett informed the Board that he ordered the second load of salt and commented that things went pretty smooth during the past two weeks of very snowy weather. The Board commended the road crew on their hard work and many hours spent keeping our roads clear and safe.

Everett commented that the new cab and chassis will go to Concord Road Equipment within the next two weeks so that they can begin installing the dump body and hydraulic system. He has been informed that this process will take at least six weeks to accomplish.

Everett stated that two firemen (Frank Henry and Gregory Henry) will be taking the inspector's class at Ashtabula City at a cost of \$450 per person plus books.

Everett needs to order the following: 6" barrel strainer, 5" barrel strainer, 2 ½ pistol grip nozzles, 6 nomax hoods; the Board agreed to these purchases.

Jim made a motion to pay the \$75 annual State Firefighters Association membership fee; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Jim made a motion to pay the Ashtabula County user fees to the Ashtabula County Fire Chief's Association for the following:

\$100.00	for the use of the Ashtabula County Fire Safety Trailer
\$100.00	for the Ashtabula County Water Rescue Support Fund

\$200.00 for the Ashtabula County HazMat Team
Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Everett informed the Board that Bonnie Zachowski, grant writer, submitted a grant application to the Ohio Department of Commerce for turn out gear and portable radios in the amount of \$9,900.

Everett stated that Truckmen Corp. found the Fire Department a 2006 International cab and chassis. The cost for the cab and chassis and to extend the frame will be approximately \$42,500; Everett gave them a deposit of \$20,000. The cab and chassis will then go to Fire Fly Fire Equipment to have the tank swapped from Unit 664 (that was put into service 17 years ago) at an approximate cost of \$10,000 and then the final step will be to paint it red at a cost unknown at this time. The funds for this project will be from our local annual beef roast events; the annual Lenten dinners and support from the fire levy fund through the Township. We are proud of the fact that at this time we will not have to approach the residents for tax dollars to upgrade the fire equipment.

Les Tinner, newsletter editor, needs newsletter articles in his hands by the end of February.

Ed made a motion to pay the following bills: #4803 thru #4839, totaling \$47,265.89; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: 1-10 thru 2-10; totaling \$7,885.00.

Sharon informed the Board that the interest rate StarOhio is paying right now is .10 and asked their opinion on what other avenue we should look into. Sharon will question Andover Bank for their different options and Cliff will question other banking institutions; both to report back at the next meeting.

Jim reported on the Ferrante Benefit Dinner (about 100 families participated) and the NAD Share A Christmas program that helped 38 families with 96 children.

The Board held an informational meeting for the residents of Barnum Road, with Ashtabula County Engineer Tim Martin in attendance to explain the reconstruction work to be done on their road this summer.

The Board attended a bus tour of the Rt. 534 Corridor; they discussed various areas of the study and were able to give group feedback to be used in the study.

Cliff reported the results of the Zoning Board's organizational meetings:

BZA Chairman	Matthew Nousak
BZA Vice Chairman	Ed Spoor
Zoning Commission Chairman	Hugh Marshall
Zoning Commission Vice Chairman	Tom Swank

Gary Tepley and Boy Scout Troop 534 were in attendance for their "Citizen and Community Service" merit badge.

Ed and Jackie Spoor informed the Board that the Harpersfield Covered Bridge has been vandalized with spray paint. The Sheriff's Department has a report and suspects. Ed will follow up with the Sheriff's Department and the Board will contact Ron Belding or Mr. Behm for suggestions of removing the paint from the bridge as well as the Historical plaque that was also vandalized.

Michael Drugovich and Gabe Pizzuto questioned the Board as to why they were terminated. The Board stated that they were not terminated but that the Board had decided not to reappoint them and to take the Zoning Department in a new direction and move ahead.

The meeting was adjourned till February 1, 2010, at 7:00 PM.

Edward Demshar

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh

Clifford Henry

