

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

Held on January 17, 2011

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:30 PM in the Harpersfield Town Hall. Edward Demshar, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

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

Employees: Peggy Miller, Everett Henry, Earl Carley

Visitors: Aaron Miller, Trudy and Matt German, Ed and Jackie Spoor, Myrna and Butch Bilicic, Ashtabula County Sheriff Johnson, Jeff Lang, Ron Valitsky, Mary and Matthew Pekar

The minutes from the regular meeting held on November 1, 2010, and the minutes from the Organizational Meeting held on December 29, 2010, were reviewed. Jim made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and to approve the minutes (from both meetings) as written; Cliff seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ashtabula County Sheriff Johnson, the Trustees, and residents in attendance of the meeting discussed the Sheriff Department's budget and how Sheriff Johnson is running the department on the budget he is given by the County Commissioners. He is just as frustrated by the budget constraints that he has to work under as the citizens are of the lack of patrol. He stated he is controlled by the money he receives as to what he can do and he agrees the situation is "an accident waiting to happen". He commented that the Trustees should give the residents a voice by putting a police protection levy on the ballot. It was voiced that the County Commissioners would cut the Sheriff's budget back if Townships would pass levies for police protection; Sheriff Johnson commented that he would hope that the County Commissioners would maintain his budget and let the Township's revenues enhance his department to allow them to put more patrol back on the roads, but he would have no control over their decisions.

Cliff questioned Sheriff Johnson as to what residents can do to stop snowmobilers driving over their front yards. He responded that they cannot put up barricades because they would be liable for injuries, but they could put up yellow security tape.

Everett gave the Board a quote of \$66,451.28 from Southeastern Equipment Co. for a John Deere Model 6330 Mid-Spec tractor and flail mower. Ed wants to get other quotes before making a decision.

Sharon reviewed the inventory report for the items in her office and the town hall building, Everett reviewed the items for the fire and road departments, Peggy reviewed the items for the zoning office. Items were added and deleted to update the inventory report. While reviewing the items with Peggy, it was discovered that there are no cameras in the zoning office. The inventory report lists a 35mm and a Polaroid, Cliff will check with Mr. Pizzuto to inquire if he knows where they might be. Cliff made a motion to approve the inventory report as corrected and submitted, Jim seconded, the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Jim made a motion to pay the user fees for: Ashtabula County Fire Safety trailer--\$100; Ashtabula County Water Rescue support fund--\$100; Ashtabula County Hazmat team--\$200; Cliff seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Cliff made a motion to pay the following bills: #5459 thru #5492, totaling \$53,634.04; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ed stated that we held our Organizational meeting on December 29, 2010, and our budget for 2011 will be \$1,814,609.

Cliff made a motion to purchase a display table space at the Chamber Expo to be used by the Friends of the Park; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor. The Expo will be held on February 17th at the Geneva High School between 5 PM and 7:30 PM.

Cliff reported that he has submitted the second NOPEC grant application for the remaining grant funds. This money will be to replace doors, lights, man doors, windows on the road department building.

Cliff commented that the Zoning Boards held their organizational meetings and the following will serve:

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Matthew Nousak as Chairman, Ed Spoor as Vice Chairman on the Board of Zoning Appeals; Hugh Marshall as Chairman, Tom Swank as Vice Chairman on the Zoning Commission Board.

Jim reported that he and Everett submitted two grant applications for the Fire Department.

Ed requested an engineering quote to resurface LaFevre Road; Ashtabula County Engineer Tim Martin will prepare the quote by breaking the road into three sections in case we cannot afford to do the entire road at one time.

Jackie Spoor commented that the Friends of the Park will be applying for grants for the park, especially for a mower; they will also be having fundraisers.

Jim made a motion to pay \$1200 for legal fees, Cliff seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

The meeting adjourned until February 7, 2011.

Edward Demshar

James Pristov

Clifford Henry

Sharon Rohrbaugh