

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on August 15, 2016

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 9 PM in the Harpersfield Township Administration Building. Clifford Henry, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Clifford Henry	Present	Raymond Gruber Jr	Present
James Pristov	Present	Sharon Rohrbaugh	Present

Employees: Peggy Miller; Everett Henry; Steve Opron; Jared Petro

Visitors: Aaron Miller; Ron Valitsky; Jeff Lang; Gerry Krivay; Mark and Debbie Mihalick

The minutes from the regular session held on July 11, 2016 were reviewed. Jim made a motion to approve the minutes (with a typo correction) as written; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Peggy reported issuing four zoning permits.

Peggy sent a letter to Julia Glenn (North County Line property owner) which resulted in a phone call to Peggy from the individual that is renting/leasing the property. She informed Peggy that she wants Peggy to write a letter to Mark Mihalick that they are within their rights to have animals etc and that they have more than two acres. Peggy feels that they are within rights except for the semi truck issue. Cliff quoted zoning text: 519.21 agriculture allowed in every district other than subdivisions. He suggested that Peggy meet with Catherine (Assistant Prosecutor) for assistance on the interpretation and that Peggy will make the final decision.

Peggy has not received a response from Deer's Leap Winery regarding the amount of signs on their property nor the flashing info sign and today is the response deadline they were given. The Board decided that the next step is to contact the Ashtabula County Prosecutor.

Peggy sent a letter to the car lot owner regarding the van body next to their building. The owner called and told her the van body is used for storage. Peggy stated that it is too close to the road and she feels that it is against zoning regulations. The Board instructed her to contact the Ashtabula County Prosecutor.

Peggy was contacted by Valley Building and they want to construct another building and by doing that they will have to move their perimeter fence. The Board instructed Peggy to not only inform them of zoning regulations but to inform them of the sewer right of way.

Steve informed Ray that he has a quote for heavier zip ties needed for the flags installed on the I-90 overpass (which were installed with lighter ties and three flags came loose immediately in a strong wind). Ray approved \$300 for this purchase; Sharon told Steve to price at Hemly Tool Supply to see what they might have.

Steve informed the Board that he took 67 tires to Geneva to participate in their tire grant program.

Mrs. Krivoy attended the meeting to ask for assistance in an issue they are having with parked cars at the end of Brandt Road (which is their property). They have called the Ashtabula County Sheriff many times for meth issues, parked cars, once a burnt car, and nothing has been done to help the situation. They are asking to try to post "No Parking Anytime" signs be put up. The Board agreed to try this to help them out.

Everett thanked the Board for allowing the use of the backhoe for the beef roast.

As Fire Prevention will be in October, Everett would like to begin to order the items for the school presentation. Jim made a motion to allow up to \$750 for the fire prevention material; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Everett stated that they have received the permits to burn a structure on Mechanicsville Road as a training session. He is waiting for the asbestos result for another property on Rt. 534.

Everett informed the Board that the new rescue truck is here and the title has been received, he also informed OTARMA for insurance coverage.

Everett described to the Board the damage done to Laurello Winery when a "microburst" wind storm hit their property. The Fire Dept assisted them for about two hours. As customers were at the winery at the time, they were fortunate that it was only property damage and no injuries.

Ray made a motion to pay the following bills: #9023 through #9086; totaling \$87,535.47; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #116-2016 through #136-2016; totaling \$206,368.30.

Sharon stated that the Township received a notice from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control to determine if we wanted to request a hearing on a name change for a liquor permit held by Best Friends Restaurant. The Board unanimously agreed that a hearing was not necessary. Sharon will complete the notice and return.

The Board unanimously agreed to renew the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program Certificate.

Everett is meeting with American Alert to discuss permanently mounting a donated generator at the Community Center.

Jim reported that Dave Hart from CT Consultants gave a presentation for zoning on the 534 Corridor and will meet with the Zoning Board.

Jim reported on the complaints against 5471 Old Orchard. The Ashtabula County Health Dept cannot do anything as it "does not appear severe enough to prompt Health Dept action". They found no rat infestation only neglected lawn. The property is listed to be involved in a Sheriff Sale on September 12th.

Ray commented that Jared Petro has been working full time hours on a part time basis since March 21, 2016. He suggested that we offer him full time status with the 90 day probation period waived as of June 21, 2016. Sick time hours will start as of June 21, 2016 (pro rate 3 hours for June); vacation will start as of March 21; therefore he will be eligible for one week of vacation after March 21, 2017. Eligible for boot reimbursement (up to \$100) and start receiving uniforms; Ray also suggested \$1.00 per hour increase in pay. The Board asked Jared if he accepted these terms and the position; he agreed. The Board welcomed him to the Township on a full time basis.

Ray explained that the Ashtabula County Engineer created a change order for the manhole covers on Berringer Place requested by Geneva City. Ronyak bid the wrong amount for the job required by Geneva City. Geneva City will pay the change order increase to the project as it is their request it be done in a certain requirement. Ray made a motion to approve the change order \$69,088; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor. Ray will request a confirmation from Geneva City verifying that they agree to pay the added increase to the project created by the change order.

Ray stated that Judge Stevens has stepped down as Chairman of JEDD III; the JEDD III Board will be looking for a replacement.

Ray reported that the flags are up on the I-90 overpass. It has been brought to Ray's attention that lighting should be provided; he stated that the Township has been informed that in 2020 lights will be put up in the median which should complete this step. Also plaques will be installed on both ends of the bridge. Donations to this project are still coming in with a goal of \$2300.

Ron Tamburrino informed Ray that Trumbull Township has no funds to help with any road maintenance for either Leslie or Matson Roads. He is proposing to use their roadside mower for 100 hours per year for a 3 to 5 year span. Ray will ask the Ashtabula County Prosecutor to draw up an agreement.

Ray received a call from Randy Jones asking for help with loose stone on State Road (approaching the Harpersfield Park area). He informed Ray that United Way would be having a bicycle rally and hundreds of riders would be traveling that road and he did not want any accidents because of the loose stone. Steve and road crew swept the road and Randy emailed a thank you to the quick and efficient response to take care of the matter.

Ray received a response from Janice Switzer:
519.20 Outdoor advertising classified as business use.

For the purposes of sections 519.02 to 519.25, inclusive, of the Revised Code, outdoor advertising shall be classified as a business use and be permitted in all district zoned for industry, business, or trade, or lands used for agricultural purposes.

Cliff made a motion to grandfather the two Sedmak parcels so that if there are any zoning changes, the 23.933 acre parcel #220030000800 will be allowed to continue commercial and agricultural use, the 7.98 acre parcel #220030000802 will be allowed to continue to have commercial, agriculture and a single family home. The property would have to comply with all other zoning requirements such as setbacks, height, size, etc. The grandfather clause is for the use of the Sedmak family only and would become null and void if the property is sold or transferred from the Sedmak family. Sedmak will sign the required sewer easement allowing for the construction and maintenance of the sewer line. Geneva City will provide sewer access to both parcels and any buildings built within 200 foot of the sewer line would be required to access the sanitary sewer. Jim seconded the motion and the Board voted thusly: Pristov, yes; Gruber, yes; Henry, yes

Tim Brewster would like to donate portion of his property to conservatory. He will question Ashtabula County Engineer regarding the LaFevre Road right of way as the map shows to the river as a dedicated road which would mean road frontage.

Ron Valitsky complimented on the "flags" and questioned the light in front of the Administration Building that has been installed but is not working.

Cliff informed Mark and Debbie Mihalick about the earlier discussion involving their neighbor and the continuing issues. The Mihalick's repeated their complaints and the issues that have been ongoing. They voiced their dissatisfaction in how the Township officials have been handling this matter. Cliff stated that he will contact the Ashtabula County Prosecutor for assistance.

Meeting adjourned until September 12, 2016

Clifford Henry

Raymond Gruber Jr

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh