

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

Held on August 14, 2017

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:50 PM in the Harpersfield Township Administration Building. Raymond Gruber Jr, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

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

Employees: Cody Craine, Everett Henry

Visitors: Ron Valitsky, Jeff Lang, Matt Rahija

The minutes from the regular meeting held on July 24, 2017, were reviewed. Cliff made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Larry was absent but wanted to ask the Board for their approval of the remodeling he wants to do to the entry way and meeting area. Cliff will meet with him to discuss the plans and proceed from there.

Everyone noticed that the disabled white car has been removed from the DeJesus parking lot and commended Larry for his persistence in getting that accomplished.

Cody informed the Board that there are two trees in the Unionville Cemetery that are three quarters dead and should be removed before damage occurs; he contacted Brobst Tree Service but has not heard back.

Cody stated that the repairs have been made to LaFevre Road and he would like the Board's approval to order AEP to repair damage done to Fortier and Bishop Road; he estimates about 1500 to 2000 gallons of product. The Board agreed to these repairs.

LaFevre Road had a section of pavement (at the intersection of Bishop Road) damaged by dump trucks hauling dirt. Koski Construction was in the area paving Rt. 307 and agreed to make the repairs at a discounted cost. Jim made a motion that under emergency circumstances and being in between regular meetings, to hire Koski Construction to make the repairs at the discounted cost (\$12,000); Cliff seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Everett informed the Board that the Cinder-Ellas will be sponsoring the Craft Show this year and as the hall was previously rented out for November 11th the show will be held on November 18th.

Everett stated that Todd Nagy, Ashtabula County Building Dept, is working with Mrs. Hiles granddaughter (regarding the house structure that is unsafe since a fire occurred).

Everett commented that Spire has until the end of September to complete necessary construction work on the aquatic building to avoid closing the building.

Jim made to allow the fire department to replace 4 inch water supply lines on engine unit #662 from Fire Fly Fire Equipment (full 1200 feet \$5809); Cliff seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Everett informed the Board of a new fireman added to the roster: Mark Powers.

Everett stated that if we do not get the grant this year we will need to purchase turn out gear.

Everett commented to the Board that he informed the firemen of the results of the meeting between our Board and Trumbull Township's Trustee at a recent meeting. After much discussion; the firemen came to an agreement that they no longer want to respond to non-emergency calls; but to resume the "mutual aid" to structure fires or accidents that NAD would request our aid.

Matt Rahija requested to allow for faster internet speed in the admin/fire station building. He said it might increase the monthly bill but the added speed is necessary for sufficient internet service. The Board agreed to allow the extra charge.

Jim made a motion to give the UAN computer (this computer is supplied to the Fiscal Officer by the State Auditor's office and replaced every three years) to the road department; Cliff seconded; the Board agreed unanimously in favor.

Cliff made a motion to pay the bills totaling: \$\$160,930.04 - #9739 through #9791; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #126-2017 through 156-2017; totaling \$238,657.35.

Cliff stated that Rt. 534 Corridor no longer meets and the funds are now with the CIC with the Rt. 534 Board monitoring the spending.

Cliff commented that the Road Department workers are to be aware that the Board allows them to adjust their hours during the summer months; but will expect them to go to regular hours for a special need; so that they will not be paid overtime.

Ray stated that due to the road damage caused to three of our roads by a dump truck company hauling dirt, he contacted the County Prosecutor's office for their opinion as to our recourse. Because we did not have a policy in place for this matter, we cannot recoup any funds for the damages. Ray was given a form to be used in the future to hopefully prevent this expense from happening.

Ray commented that the Ashtabula County Commissioners would like to use our facility to hold their meeting on October 24th. The Board agreed to have the room set up but they will have to bring their own refreshments.

Ray and Jim met with Becky (rep from OTARMA Risk Management program) – she was very pleased with all of our policies that are in place and one suggestion that in the cemeteries (where we have an underground tank for residents to use for watering flowers); we post a sign "no drinking".

Ray is going to contact Becky Armstrong, ODOT, to request a reduce speed on Rt. 534 (Clay Street) while the construction is going on. He added that Rt. 534 will not be closed during the construction as previously posted.

Ray stated that the dump bed on the 550 dump truck is getting very bad and has been repaired numerous times. Cody had only one quote (other companies refused to bid as bed was going on older truck chassis). The quote is from Concord Road Equipment and is for a stainless steel dump body for \$15,436.11. This bed will be transferred to a new chassis when the time comes to replace the 550. Cliff made a motion to purchase the dump body; Jim seconded; the Board agreed unanimously in favor.

Meeting adjourned until September 5, 2017

Raymond Gruber Jr

James Pristov

Clifford Henry

Sharon Rohrbaugh