HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on December 11, 2017

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:35 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; Larry Lister; Everett Henry
Visitors: Ron Valitsky; Ed Spoor; Cassie Parker; Jeff Lang; Ron Gilbert

The minutes from the regular meeting held on November 20, 2017, were reviewed. Jim made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Cliff seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Larry informed the Board that he talked with Janet Switzer, County Planning Commission, regarding the lot splits on Spire property and the Parker variance. He also spoke with Todd Nagy, Ashtabula County Building Department about the restroom facility in the administration building (for handicap accessibility).

Larry stated that he informed Benny Vito to remove his winery sign for the township's "road closed" sign that is on County Line Road (because of Clyde Hill); he instructed Mr. Vito on how to correctly display the sign so that customers will know that his winery is open (as his winery is before the hill).

Jim made a motion to renew membership for 2018 with the Geneva Chamber of Commerce; Cliff seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Cliff made a motion to renew the 2018 DOT consortium contract with State Road Occupational Medical Facility; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Jim made a motion to pay the bills: #9959 through #10050; totaling $43,623.56; Cliff seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #237-2017 through #264-2017; totaling $52,413.06.

Sharon stated that she received the Certificate of Result of Election on Tax levy in Excess of the Ten Mill Limitation for the benefit of the subdivision for the purpose of general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of roads and bridges in the replacement of 1 mill of an existing levy and an increase of 0.5 mill to constitute a tax of 1.5 mills; total number of votes cast – 732; for the tax levy – 427; against the tax levy – 305.

Cliff stated that he met with CT Consultants to discuss zoning changes in a commercial area that would be a map change.

Cliff gave an update on the JEDD III sewer; the road closed signs have been removed; a section of Old Orchard has been repaired with cold patch; signs for businesses will be replaced where they were prior to sewer installation; driveways will be repaired to condition prior to sewer installation.

Cliff informed the Board that ten fire departments went together to purchase a piece of equipment that will test the seals on face masks. The equipment cost $9200 and each department will pay 10%.

Ray read the following resolution:
Whereas, Old State Route 534 (a.k.a. Road Number TH 154) in Harpersfield Township is an unimproved road and has not been used for vehicular traffic for a period of more than twenty-one years, and
Whereas, the placing of said road on non-maintained status will not adversely affect the flow of motor vehicle traffic upon said road or any nearby road, and
Whereas, no person resides in a residence adjacent to the road, nor uses the road as an exclusive means for obtaining access to a primary place of residence, and
Whereas, this Board has caused and held the two public hearings required and has considered the advisory opinion of the County Engineer, and

Whereas, it is the belief of this board that placing the above mentioned road on non-maintained status is in the best interest of the Township,
Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of Township Trustees of Harpersfield Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio that
Section 1. By virtue of the Provisions of Section 5571.20, Revised Code of Ohio, this Board causes Old Harpersfield Road (a.k.a. Road Number TH 154) further described as follows:

Situated in the State of Ohio, County of Ashtabula, Township of Harpersfield, located in part of Lots 87 and 88, Range-5-West, Township-11-North, of the Connecticut Western Reserve, and being more particularly described as follows:
A strip of land, 66-feet wide, lying 33-feet on each side of the following described centerline.
Beginning at an iron pin found in a monument box at the intersection of Old SR-534 (TH-154) and South River Road (TH-222-A).
Thence northerly along the centerline of Old SR-534 (TH-154) a distance of about 746-feet to the southeasterly right-of-way of Relocated ST-534 as recorded Plat Volume 11 Page 36 (recorded reference to those of the Recorder's Office, Ashtabula County, Ohio).
The intent of this description is to describe a 66-foot by approximately 746-foot portion of TH-154 (not open).

To be placed on non-maintained status.
Section 2. That upon adoption of this resolution, the Board is not responsible to cause the road described in Section 1 to be dragged at any time, or to cut, destroy, or remove any brush, weeds, briers, or thistles upon or along the road, or to remove snow from the road, or to maintain or repair the road in any manner.
Section 3. That the Board, in its discretion, may cause any of the actions stated in Section 2 to be performed on or to the road described in Section 1.
Cliff made a motion to accept the above read resolution; Jim seconded; the Board voted thusly:
Henry, yes Pristov, yes Gruber, yes

Ray read the following resolution:
Whereas, Old State Route 534 (a.k.a. Road Number TH 154) in Harpersfield Township is an unimproved road and has not been used for vehicular traffic for a period of more than twenty-one years, and
Whereas, the placing of said road on non-maintained status will not adversely affect the flow of motor vehicle traffic upon said road or any nearby road, and
Whereas, no person resides in a residence adjacent to the road nor uses the road as an exclusive means for obtaining access to a primary place of residence, and
Whereas, this Board has caused and held the two public hearings required and has considered to advisory opinion of the County Engineer, and
Whereas, it is the belief of this Board that placing the above mentioned road on non-maintained status is in the best of the Township,
Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of Township Trustees of Harpersfield Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio that
Section 1. By virtue of the provisions of Section 5571.20, Revised Code of Ohio, this Board causes Old Harpersfield Road (a.k.a. Road Number TH 154) further described as follows:

Situated in the Stte of Ohio, County of Ashtabula, Township of Harpersfield, located in part of Lots 104 and 105, Range-5-West, Township-11-North, of the Connecticut Western Reserve, and being more particularly described as follows:
A strip of land, 66-feet wide, lying 33.00-feet on each side of the following described centerline.
Beginning at an iron pin found in a monument box at the intersection of Old SR-534 (TH-154 South River Road) and South River Road (CH-128-E) and being the common corner to Lots 88-89-104-105 intersect.
Thence southerly along the centerline of Old SR-534 (TH-154) and also being the common line to Lots 104 and 105, a distance of about 1188-feet to the northwesterly right-of-way of Relocated ST-534 as recorded in Plat Volume 11 Page 36 (recorded reference to those of the Recorder's Office, Ashtabula County, Ohio).
The intent of this description is to describe a 66-foot by approximately 1188-foot portion of TH-154 (not open).

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Jim made a motion to accept the above read resolution; Cliff seconded; the Board voted thusly:
Henry, yes Pristov, yes Gruber, yes

Ray contacted Trumbull Township Trustee Tamburrino and asked if they are interested in renewing the Road Department agreement we had last year to compensate maintaining the boundary roads. Trustee Tamburrino will ask their Board and get back to us.

Ray suggested that we amend our Employee Handbook: for a road department employee that is on HVFD and that might respond to a fire call during working hours will be paid for township hours but cannot get paid by HVFD.

Ed Spoor questioned the Board on their opinion of CIC and Geneva City taking over Harpersfield Township and making Geneva City over shadow the township. The Board did not agree with this and felt Geneva and the township had a good relationship.

Cliff made a motion to dispose of the Sharp copy machine as we have no one in the area for repairs; Jim seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Reminder that our next meeting will be on January 15, 2018.

Cody suggested that the Board ask the County Engineer to investigate why State Road is sliding down the bank in the area where the guard rail will be replaced – the road is dipping also. Ray will contact the County Engineer.

Meeting adjourned until January 15, 2018

Raymond Gruber Jr

James Pristov

Clifford Henry

Sharon Rohrbaugh