

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

Held on July 24, 2017

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 9:10 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: Larry Lister, Cody Craine, Everett Henry

Visitors: Ed Eckhart, Ron Valistky, Jeff Lang

The minutes from the special meeting (JEDD III addendum) and the regular meeting held on June 19, 2017, were reviewed. Jim made a motion to approve the minutes for both meetings as written; Cliff seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Larry asked the Board if the counter divider in our main room could be eliminated and give the room an open concept. The Board agreed to allow this. Larry informed the Board that he obtained a 2017 Township map and he is filling in zoning info on it and it will be displayed on the wall.

Larry stated that after reviewing the variance application submitted by Dedria Heath, there was no need to hold the variance hearing and it was cancelled. The Board agreed to a full refund of the variance permit fee of \$275.

Larry informed the Board that he assisted with a lot split on LaFevre Road and Rt. 84 and on Shilling Road. He added that he has been in contact with title company that holds the title for the white car abandoned in vacant lot on Rt. 534. Larry commented that he has someone that will haul it away but he has to have the title first.

Larry issued one agricultural zoning permit; for a sign; and a shed. He also stated that he is aware of an individual that wants to park an RV camper in various places on the property (Rt. 307) to decide where they will build a house. He stated there would be no time limit to allow this but no permanent hook up is permissible.

Larry informed Skip Gray that he has to have BZA approval to build on his property the way that he plans. He wants to build a garage-type structure with living quarters in the back first and within a year the house structure.

Larry stated that an individual is currently in the process of constructing a very large pond at the end of Fortier Road with plans to build a house next year.

Cody informed the Board that the crack seal repairs are complete; the CB radio has been installed in the back hoe; and the dust control project is complete. He added that the bed on the 550 dump truck is rusting out quite badly and should be replaced; he is interested in getting a stainless steel bed that can be transferred to a new truck (when 550 is replaced); Board agreed to allow him to get quotes/info for the next meeting.

Everett thanked the Board for the use of road equipment that was used at the Beef Roast event. He added that he used 6 loads of stone for the muddy conditions and that 320 gallons of dust control product was spread on the community center driveway.

Everett informed the Board that Sunday night (after the fireworks) one of the fire trucks was involved in a "hit and run" accident and a mirror was broken. County Sheriff chased and apprehended the individual and he will pay for the damages.

Everett stated that Unit 672 is out of service for an air leak – Fire Fly Fire Equipment will do the repair work – cost \$1400.

Everett commented that Cody Craine has joined the fire department.

Cliff made a motion to pay the bills totaling: \$34,200.15 - #9696 through #9738; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #¹¹⁴-2017 through #¹⁵³-2017; totaling \$10,028.19

Sharon reminded Board that next regular meeting is on August 14, 2017; Larry requested that the Board meet with the Zoning Boards at 6 PM (prior to regular meeting).

Cliff made a resolution for the submission to the Electors of Harpersfield Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio, on November 7, 2017, of the question of the replacement of an existing levy of 1.0 mill per year with an additional 0.5 mill for a total of 1.5 mills for a period of five years, for each dollar of the taxable property within Harpersfield Township, for the purpose of the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of roads and bridges in Harpersfield Township, for the tax years 2018 to 2022, inclusive; Jim seconded; the Board voted thusly: Henry, yes; Pristov, yes; Gruber, yes

As Steve is still out on leave, Sharon asked the Board how to handle healthcare reimbursement and sick leave hours. Ray stated that he will check the Employee Handbook regarding the healthcare but while he is not working no sick leave hours will be added; this will resume when he returns to work.

Trustees all stated that they have received compliments on the dust control applied to township roads this summer.

Cliff made a motion to appoint Ed Eckart as an alternate to the Zoning Commission Board; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Complaints were received about the houses Ron Clutter is buying and using as dorms; Cliff stated that this is not against zoning.

The Board commented on the situation with Trumbull Township and their receiving uncompensated fire protection from our Township; both Boards and Fire Chiefs will meet on July 31st to discuss this matter.

Jim stated that the bike trail should start in the summer of 2018.

Jim commented that one vehicle was coated in oil during the dust control project and cost to remove was \$420; Board agreed to pay the bill and have product removed as quickly as possible.

Ray attended another Geneva School Board meeting and after a lengthy discussion, it was decided to send another proposal to Spire regarding the tax abatement in lieu of taxes.

Ray announced that the Township was awarded the Grant funds of \$31090 to purchase the road signs.

Ray stated that the guard rail has been installed on Clyde Hill (County Line Road south of Rt. 307) and complimented the crew from Lake Erie Construction Company. They decided to leave the old guard rail in place for reinforcement.

Ray announced that there will be a ground breaking ceremony for the JEDD III sewer project on August 15th at 2 PM.

Ray and Cody will meet with OTARMA Risk Management on August 14th at the road garage.

Ray stated that the road sign and pole were stolen from Matson Road and that it was on our side of the road so he instructed Cody to order and replace it. Cody then stated that the tractor sign and pole are missing from South River Road.

Ray suggested that the Board keep the JEDD Boards aware of meetings that take place between Township and Geneva City and to get the Board members more involved. He added that it might be considered to create one JEDD board instead of finding people to sit on 3 individual boards.

Meeting adjourned until August 14, 2017

Raymond Gruber Jr

Clifford Henry

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh