

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on March 6, 2017

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:05 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, Everett Henry, Steve Opron

Visitors: Ron Valitsky, Matt Rahija, Paul Malchesky, Atty, Gary Hydinger, Doug Starkey, Lauren Gardner, Ed and Jackie Spoor, Jeff Lang, Shelby Pechinko, Josh Skvarek

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

Larry informed the Board that the side-setback variance for the Johnson property on Fortier Road will be held on March 21, 2017 at 7 PM.

Cliff spoke with Louis DeJesus (property owner of vacant lot at Rt 534 & I-90) who was unaware of the abandoned disabled vehicle that has been parked in his vacant lot for some time. Mr. DeJesus will see that it is removed.

Steve would like to purchase the last available load of safety salt on this year's price quote. The Board agreed to allow this purchase.

Steve informed the Board that he never received a response from Mr. Filipic regarding the purchase of a culvert pipe to replace the crushed one under his driveway. Therefore, Steve replaced the culvert with a good used one that he had at the garage.

Steve informed the Board that Jared has a previously scheduled hunting trip at the same time as "junk day" and will not be able to help.

Steve stated that they have used the Trumbull Township boom mower for three days (or about 20 hours); this is in exchange for Harpersfield Township maintaining Leslie and Matson Roads.

Steve would like to schedule the bid opening for dust control. The Board agreed to April 3, 2017 at 6:45 PM. Steve is requesting bids for: 50,000 gallons of CRS-2 and 15,000 gallons of AEP.

Everett met with County officials and they are interested in the third donated generator that we have and do not need.

Everett spoke with Louis DeJesus, property owner of the structure that was to be a "training session burn" for the firemen, and informed him that the inspectors determined that there is asbestos in the structure and would have to be removed prior to burning the structure. Everett said it is Mr. De Jesus choice but it will be very costly to remove the asbestos and the asbestos does not have to be removed if structure is torn down.

Cliff made a motion to pay the bills totaling: \$9,686.66; #9594 through #9515; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #17-2017 through 32-2017, totaling \$18,939.93.

Sharon reported receiving the 2016 Township Highway System Mileage Certification that reports the Township is responsible for maintaining 30.775 miles of public roads.

Cliff made a motion to adopt:

Be it resolved by the Board of Township Trustees that to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of said Board of Trustees, during the fiscal year, ending December 31, 2017, the following

sums be and the same hereby set aside and appropriated for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made for and during the fiscal year, as follows:

General Fund	510,906.41
Motor Vehicle License Fund	20,792.15
Gasoline Tax Fund	128,188.60
Road & Bridge Fund	380,001.43
Cemetery Fund	11,387.67
Zoning Fund	20,735.70
Fire Protection Levy Fund	111,761.72
Permissive Motor Vehicle	19,699.37
St Lighting Assessment	16,414.25
Levy Bond (Fire Truck)	62,685.95
Total appropriations for 2017:	1,282,573.25

Jim seconded the motion, the Board voted thusly: Pristov, yes; Henry, yes; Gruber, yes

Sharon informed the Board that the Zoning office computer needs to be replaced ASAP and she had two quotes: HD bundle (includes monitor) for \$399 and Dell desktop for \$329 with Samsung monitor for \$110. Cliff made a motion to purchase the HP bundle for \$399, Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Cliff suggested that the Board make a recommendation to the Zoning Commission to change the height restriction from three stories to five stories. The ladder fire truck that Geneva City now has will accommodate the five stories.

Jim commented on the meeting for economic development that Ray had several different officials attend. One suggestion that was mentioned is to focus on "cleaning up" the four corners on I-90 interchange.

Jim mentioned receiving a complaint about the lack of traffic control when Spire has large events. The Board will contact Ron Clutter and request that he hire patrol to monitor traffic control when he is having large events.

Ray commented that Scott Runyan (cabins behind the bowling alley) will have an open house on March 18, 2017.

Ray stated that he is attending a class in Columbus for the "road signs" grant on March 31, 2017.

Ray commented on his economic development meeting. One thing he took away from the meeting was that developers are looking for the least amount of obstacles when reviewing property. It was suggested to have infrastructure and zoning in place prior to developer being interested in area.

Everett stated that Joe Virant and Jamaica Bendelewski completed the 36 hour class for the fire department.

Ray stated that Geneva City is in jeopardy of losing multiple grants and loans that they put in place for the JEDD III sewer project. As no hotel has happened yet, they have approached the Township to proceed with the sewer project without funding from the hotel. They have proposed a financial plan that without any economic development in JEDD III will lock the Township into paying 50% of loans for 20 years (from the JEDD III income tax) and then reimburse Geneva City (who has agreed to a plan to front funds needed above the JEDD III income tax) for another 20 years (or until reimbursed).

Cliff made a motion to adopt:

Resolution to Agree to Amend JEDD III Agreement Terms to Adopt Residential Provisions allowed by House Bill 182, Amend initial funding sources for sanitary sewer extension and declaring an emergency. Whereas, on July, 2014, the City of Geneva and Harpersfield Township formed JEDD III for economic development which set forth the terms and conditions of JEDD operations in compliance with existing State law; and

Whereas, the JEDD III agreement addendum specified that the parties would refrain from spending funds on construction of the Rt 534 sewer extension "until the JEDD III revenue is significant enough to pay debt service" on the construction; and

Whereas, the parties recognize that while the JEDD III revenue is not currently significant enough to pay debt service, but the parties will lose a grant of \$349,900 and a zero interest loan of \$150,000 from OPWC; and

Whereas, sewer extension is necessary for continued economic growth in the region and the bid received from the project is economically favorable; and

Whereas, House Bill 182, which became effective on September 13, 2016, allows for residents in a JEDD under certain circumstances with the possibility of implementing an income tax;
Now therefore be it resolved by Council for the City of Geneva and Harpersfield Township Board of Trustees as follows:

1. The City of Geneva and Harpersfield Township remains committed to the JEDD III project, including construction of the sanitary sewer extension into the JEDD III area.
2. The City Manager is authorized to negotiate and sign an amendment to the JEDD III agreement which allow for funds to be advanced from the Geneva Wastewater Proprietary Fund for the sanitary sewer extension to bridge insufficient revenues from JEDD III required to pay loan payments; however, any monies so advanced shall be reimbursed in the Proprietary Fund as JEDD III revenues increase to exceed the loan payments. Further, the parties shall agree that the reimbursements to the Proprietary Fund shall be borne from the JEDD III income disbursements to the City of Geneva and Harpersfield Township equally.
3. The City Manager is authorized to negotiate and sign an amendment to the JEDD III agreement which will adopt and apply any or all changes authorized by House Bill 182 relating to residences in the JEDD III area.

Jim seconded; the Trustees voted thusly: Henry, yes; Pristov, yes; Gruber, yes
Sharon informed the Board that as the Elected Fiscal Officer she will state in the minutes that she is not in agreement with the financial arrangement of the amended agreement.

Meeting adjourned until March 20, 2017

Raymond Gruber Jr

James Pristov

Clifford Henry

Sharon Rohrbaugh