

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on November 6, 2017

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 9:30 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: Everett Henry, Larry Lister, Steve Opron

Visitors: Ron Valitsky, Dave Snyder, Jeff Lang, Ed Spoor, Nick Sanford, Glenn Hadlock, Paul Malchesky, Nick Iarocci

Ray moved that we enter into executive session to discuss information directly related to negotiations with another political subdivision regarding requests for economic development assistance concerning JED III pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(8); Cliff seconded; the Board voted thusly: Henry, yes; Pristov, yes; Gruber, yes

Jim made a motion to adjourn the executive session; Cliff seconded; the Board voted thusly: Henry, yes; Pristov, yes; Gruber, yes

Jim made a motion to resume the regular session; Cliff seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

The minutes from the regular meeting held on October 2, 2017 and October 16, 2017 were reviewed. Jim made a motion to approve the minutes (from both meetings) as written; Cliff seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Larry discussed with the Board the zoning situation for property on Stoltz Road, it is currently a barn and the new owners plan to remodel for a wedding venue. Cliff commented that spot zoning is frowned upon so would be better for them to request a variance and suggested that Larry talk with Janet Switzer.

Larry informed the Board that the orange chairs are now in use in the old town hall building.

Larry, Cliff and Jim commented on the Pelley variance hearing. It should have been a request for spot zoning for recreational purposes. The variance hearing turned into a "town hall type of meeting" and after that Mr. Pelley decided he will not pursue the gun range idea.

Larry checked into the abandoned trailer on South River Road. He found out the property owner lives in Nevada. He will send out a letter. Cliff suggested to check with Janet Switzer.

Steve informed the Board that the new bed for the 550 dump truck will not be ready until February. He stated that it does not make sense to put the new bed on the old 550 and that we should put specs together to replace the 550. After discussing the matter, the Board decided that they would hold off putting the new bed on anything and make a decision on replacing the 550 until the funds come in next March.

Everett informed the Board that two new firemen and taking the 120 hour training class (Cody Crain and Iggy Puleo).

Everett commented on the Cork School evacuation drill (ALICE) that they did with the students. The whole process was very successful and informative for the students; staff and emergency personnel.

Ray made a motion to pay the bills: #9898 through #9926; totaling \$23,889.28; Cliff seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported receiving the following receipts: #220-2107 through #236-2017; totaling \$11,363.77.

Cliff suggested we survey our land then ask the County for an easement for the fire trucks to use to enter/exit the building (on the north side). Ed Spoor will talk with Nick Sanford to request that the County give the property to the Township and not as an easement.

Cliff made a motion to amend the Zoning Inspector Job Description. The amendment would read as follows: The Zoning Administrator shall attend all zoning board (Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals) meetings and public hearing. Jim seconded; the Board voted thusly: Henry, yes; Pristov, yes; Gruber, yes

Cliff made a motion to refund the \$275 variance hearing fee to David Pelley; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon stated that the charges from the Star Beacon for our legal notices (for variances) is getting very expensive. It was suggested to question the County Prosecutor for legal opinion on variance hearings – do they have to be in the legal notices in the newspaper or can we just advertise on our website?

Ray commented that the third draft to the Spire bill is being done now; hope to hear if the bill passed by early next year.

Ray stated that as he was asking various agencies for help paying for Phase II of the hotel study, he kept being told that no company will make a commitment to build a hotel until the Spire tax issue has been resolved. He suggested that we put Phase II on hold for now.

Ray contacted Tim Martin to ask him about the road usage permit and manual. Tim told Ray that he will put a package together for the County Engineer's meeting (Feb 2018) and have the manual and permit forms for all Townships to use.

The Board voted to hold a public hearing on November 20, 2017, at 6:45 PM, to discuss putting Township Highway 154 on non-maintain status. The next public hearing will be held on December 11, 2017 at 6:45 PM and will be adopted at the regular meeting. Ray received a letter from Tim Martin in which he states: "After review, it is my advisory opinion that placing Old 534 on non-maintained status will not unduly adversely affect the flow of motor vehicle traffic on Old 54 or on any adjacent road."

Ray received a quote from Lake Erie Construction Company to repair 137 feet of guard rail on State Road in the amount of \$4368.13. Cliff made a motion to hire Lake Erie Construction Co to do the repairs; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray made a motion to amend the Employee Handbook 4.2.3 pertaining to vacation: eliminate "one" pertaining to the vacation rollover. Cliff seconded; the Board voted thusly: Henry, yes; Pristov, yes; Gruber, yes

Meeting adjourned until November 20, 2017

Raymond Gruber Jr

James Pristov

Clifford Henry

Sharon Rohrbaugh