

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on February 5, 2018

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:25 PM in the Harpersfield Township Administration Building. James Pristov, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

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

Employees: Larry Lister, Steve Opron

Visitors: Ron Valitsky, Jeff Lang, Ed Spoor, group for "I Support Geneva Schools"

Ray made a motion to adjourn the executive session; Cliff seconded; roll call: Henry, yes; Pristov, yes; Gruber, yes

The minutes from the regular meeting held on January 15, 2018, were reviewed. Cliff made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Jen Restad spoke on behalf of the group "I Support Geneva Schools" that are attending meetings to inform residents about the 1.25% earned income tax levy that will be on the May ballot. If passed, the tax levy is for 10 years (and is in addition to the current school property tax levy). Even if this levy passes, they do not expect busing to return until 2020.

Larry reported on a situation that involves three separate properties on Harpersfield Road. After a survey was done, it was discovered that the structures are either on or over the neighboring property line. Larry informed the residents that this is not a zoning matter.

Larry informed the Board that he took down the "Road Open to Bridge" sign and returned it to Benny Vito. (Mr. Vito had put the sign up and attached it to the Township "Road Closed" sign; Larry had given him ample time to remove it. Larry contacted Conrad Signs to have a sign made "Open to Bridge"; cost \$95; Ray asked Steve to get a price from the company that he orders road signs. This was tabled for now.

Larry requested a pair of magnetic signs that he can put on his car when traveling the township for zoning issues; price from Conrad Signs is \$75. Ray made a motion to purchase a pair of magnetic signs "Harpersfield Township Zoning" from Conrad Signs at a cost of \$75; Cliff seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Larry stated that he sent a letter to the resident at 1970 South Broadway regarding the piles of junk in the front yard. He has ten days to clean it up; then Larry will forward to the County Prosecutor.

Ray made a motion to allow Larry \$50 petty cash to make misc purchases, Jim added that receipts must be kept and given to Sharon; Cliff seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Steve reported that all of the road signs and posts have been received and the grant funds have been distributed. The guard rail on State Road is complete.

Steve requested that we increase tonnage of road salt for next winter to six loads. Cliff made a note of this when we submit the bids.

Cliff made a motion to pay the bills: #10112 through #10137; totaling \$24,986.54; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #1-2018 through #15-2018; totaling \$18,004.08.

Sharon received "opt-out" choices for electric and gas and the Board decided to stay with NOPEC.

Ray made a motion to increase the travel mileage to the IRS posted amount of 54.5 cents per mile; Cliff seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray reported on the Spire property tax situation—an agreement has been signed with Spire and Geneva Schools—this allows John Patterson to create the 7th draft to pass a bill to allow the tax abatement to be extended from 5 years to 10 years.

Ray has been in contact with the County Engineer and they have agreed to help the township install the posts for our new road signs.

Ray stated that the Board needed to make a decision on the usage of the adm building for outside groups/organizations. The Board agreed that for any group/organizations the town hall building will be available. After discussing the matter, it was decided to charge \$30 per month or \$10 per meeting. As Friends of the Park meet in this building, Jim will inform them of the charge.

Ray made a motion to amend the Employee Handbook:

3.13 Employees who are volunteer firefighters

Employees of the Township who work for the Road Dept/Cemetery Sexton who are active volunteer firefighters for the Township and are called out during normal working hours shall be compensated their normal wage up to eight (8) hours for hours lost. No overtime shall be paid out.

Cliff seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray informed Steve that the Board has decided to allow the purchase of an 8 foot snow plow blade for the pick up truck –only to be used when one of the other plow trucks break down. Steve will get quotes and report back.

Cliff and Larry met with Janet regarding the zoning changes for the Rt. 534 corridor. She was impressed and supportive of the changes that we want to make.

Cliff stated that the Township will receive \$8050 for 2018 in grant funds from NOPEC to be used to help the township implement energy efficiency. Cliff made a motion to accept the grant funds; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor. Ray made a motion to appoint Cliff as the administrator of the grant; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Jim applied for two grants with the State Fire Marshall: for turn out gear and training.

Jim attended the Metro Park foundation meeting and commented that the construction of the dam will start this summer.

Ron Valitsky informed the Board that the overhead LED lights are being changed out in the garage bay area in Station 4.

Meeting adjourned until February 19, 2018

James Pristov

Raymond Gruber Jr

Clifford Henry

Sharon Rohrbaugh