

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on January 15, 2018

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session at 7 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; Everett Henry

Visitors: Ron Valitsky; Jackie and Ed Spoor; Alice and Dave Vervais; Jeff Lang; (residents that were there to observe Alice Vervais being chosen as 2017 Citizen of the Year)

Cliff presented Alice Vervais with the Township's 2017 Citizen of the Year plaque.

Steve stated that because we had to borrow a snow plow truck from Austinburg Township (when one of ours broke down) he is requesting to purchase a snow plow blade for the new pick up truck. The Board told Steve to get updated estimates and they would consider this purchase after March (when tax revenue is in).

Everett informed the Board that the new exhaust fan and new thermal imaging camera are in inventory (the old thermal imaging camera still works and will remain in use).

Everett has attended meetings discussing the ingress and egress issues at Spire. Another road needs to be constructed even if only used by emergency equipment. Jim will contact County Engineer to find out if the bike path could be constructed strong enough to hold fire equipment.

Everett commented that Geneva City told him that their insurance will cover our firemen driving their equipment under mutual aid. Sharon will contact OTARMA to find out if our coverage will be similar.

Ray made a motion to pay the following bills: #10071 through #10105; totaling \$48,735.23; Cliff seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Cliff made a motion to renew OTARMA 2018 insurance coverage at the current liability limit for the annual payment amount of \$26,789 (with the coverage correction that Sharon spotted on one of the fire trucks); Ray seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees of Harpersfield Township, in accordance with the provisions of law has adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 2018.

Whereas, the Budget Commission of Ashtabula County, has certified its action thereon to the Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board and what part thereof is without and what part within the ten mill limitation; therefore, be it Resolved by the Board of Trustees that the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted.

Cliff seconded the Resolution and the roll call vote was as follows: Gruber, yes; Henry, yes; Pristov, yes

Cliff made a motion to accept the inventory as presented and Sharon will take it to the County Engineer where it is kept on file; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray reported that another batch of road signs has been delivered.

Ron Tamburinno, Trumbull Township Trustee, informed Ray that they are interested in continuing the agreement regarding the road maintenance of Leslie and Matson Roads with one exception. Due to their Township having an Issue 2 project they will only be able to allow their road crew workers to work in our Township for 60 hours (last year was 80 hours). Steve stated that he will be okay with that agreement.

Cliff commented that the road crew picked up dumped trash on LaFevre Road with the front end loader and it was enough to fill up the dumpster.

Cliff reported that Ken McLeod will be Zoning Commission Chairman and Ed Pristov will be Vice Chairman; Matt Nousak will be BZA Chairman and Ed Spoor will be Vice Chairman. Cliff informed the Board that the Township will receive \$8050 per year for three years in grant funds from NOPEC to be used for energy upgrades. The first thing that Cliff would like to do is the furnace in Station 2; he will get estimates.

Jim was contacted by a resident that asked for assistance for a CO monitor that was "beeping". Everett went to the residence with the fire department meters and the home was registering at dangerous levels.

Sharon presented the Board with holiday cards from Cork School students.

Jackie Spoor reminded the Board of the pasta dinner to be held on February 11th at the Community Center sponsored by the Friends of the Park as a fundraiser to be used towards playground equipment.

Ray made a motion to enter into executive session which will be held at the Ashtabula County Prosecutor's office on Tuesday to discuss economic development; Cliff seconded; the Board voted thusly: Gruber, yes; Henry, yes; Pristov, yes