

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on November 25, 2019

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:05 PM in the Harpersfield Township Administration building. Cliff Henry, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

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

Employees: Cody Craine, Larry Lister, Everett Henry

Visitors: Matt Rahija, Ron Valitsky, Jeff Lang, Sarah Ackerman, Ed Spoor

The minutes from the regular session held on November 1, 2019, were reviewed. Jim made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Larry reported that the BZA approved a conditional use for a funeral home crematory with stipulations concerning hours of operation; fencing between businesses and limited car parking spaces. The crematory is regulated by the State of Ohio.

Larry would like to replace the window coverings for the newly installed windows. He will stay under the previously allowed amount of \$20,000 for the "window project". After discussing between curtains and blinds, the Board decided to get a cost on blinds.

Debbie Riffle, Zoning Clerk, completely re-typed the zoning text and is submitting a bill of 50 hours at \$25 per hour = \$1250. Ray made a motion to compensate Debbie for the project at a cost of \$1250 to be added into her annual salary; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

LJ Weaver Company incurred extra expenses when installing the windows (adm building) and it is above the purchase order. Ray made a motion to pay the cost of any extra expenses to finish the window installations; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Jim made a motion to pay for extra labor to help Larry finish the windows with sanding and staining the window trim; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Cody stated that he spoke with the Ashtabula County Engineer about widening Gladstone Dr that is currently 12 feet wide. The County Engineer will conduct a survey and report back to Cody so he can proceed with widening the road to make it two lanes.

Cody requested the purchase of two cinder spreaders to be installed on the older Mack trucks. The only place he could find that had them in stock was Best Truck Equipment at a cost of \$6398 (for both units). Ray made a motion to allow the purchase of two cinder spreaders from Best Truck Equipment at a cost of \$6398; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Everett informed the Board that he ordered two ice suits for the rope rescue team.

Everett and Matt Rahija explained to the Board that Unit 672 has a load management power issue and it has been recommended to change out the lights to LED that take less power. Jim made a motion to authorize up to \$3,000 to change out the lights and lightbar; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Everett commented that Fireman Tom Perko lost his battle with leukemia.

Ray made a motion to pay the following bills: #11297 through #11324; totaling \$99,310.00; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #243-2019 through #253-2019; totaling \$6,901.26.

Jim announced that our Clay Mill OPWC project was approved as \$75,000 OPWC grant with \$75,000 matching funds as in kind expenses (usually spent as wages and equipment use). Jim stated that Ray did a good job on filing both applications to obtain the funding.

Jim stated that Harpersfield Park was vandalized and that the MetroPark board will be reviewing the camera footage to see if they can determine who did the damage. Larry commented that it would be pretty if the newly constructed dam could be lit up with different color strobe. The Board will look into the possibility of doing that.

Ray has been notified that Attorney Paul Malchesky will no longer be able to be legal council for the Township regarding matters concerning the JEDD's and TIF district as he won the elected office for Judge. He will get us recommendations to replace him on those matters.

Ray commented that the Township received a memorandum from Ashtabula County Prosecutor Iarocci regarding the National Prescription Opiate Class Action Lawsuit. Ray made a motion to join the class of this lawsuit; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Meeting adjourned until December 9, 2019

Clifford Henry

Raymond Gruber Jr

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh