

# HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

## REGULAR SESSION

Held on September 23, 2019

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:15 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: Everett Henry, Cody Craine

Visitors: Jeff Lang; Ed Spoor; Rich and Renee Hanyok

The minutes from the regular session held on September 9, 2019, were reviewed. Jim made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Cody informed the Board that Sievers Security has contacted him and would like to do an annual inspection of all of our monitors in the road garage building for a cost of \$750. Since this was not in the budget and Cody stated that there are no issues with any of the monitors at this time and the Board thought that if inspections are their policy why didn't they do an inspection when we switched from Vector Security; the decision was to inform Sievers Security that we would not be doing the annual inspection this year.

Cody commented that due to the damage done to Bishop Road by heavy hauling equipment using the road while ODOT had Rt. 307 W closed for culvert repairs, he contacted ODOT and they have agreed to give the township 120 tons of #304 stone.

Cody informed the Board that he will be purchasing tires from GCR – 2 for the backhoe and 4 for the 2010 Mack dump truck.

Everett commented that RW Sidley replaced the fuel tank on Unit 672; while there they tested the alternator and found it to be working properly; therefore, they have to do more searching to find the electrical issue.

Everett stated that due to a "real lock down" at Cork School on Sept 18<sup>th</sup>; he cancelled the "safety drill" and has re-scheduled it for Sept 25<sup>th</sup>. He added that he is has been receiving questions about the necessity of doing this "mock lock down safety drill" and he stated that it is mandated by the State of Ohio that every school has an evacuation plan and that one school building in every district holds a drill annually and this year Cork School will conduct the drill for Geneva School District.

Ray made a motion to pay the following bills: #11183 through #11206; totaling \$22,737.79; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: ##177-2019 through #184-2019; totaling \$3,333.13.

Jim commented that Ashtabula County Metroparks held a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Harpersfield Park for the newly installed playground, asphalt trail and wooden boardwalk.

Ray stated that after numerous phone calls, he was happy to announce that ODOT accepted our application to participate in the ODOT road salt contract for 2019. Therefore, Ray made a motion to participate in the ODOT's annual road salt bid in accordance with ORC 5513.01(B) and agrees to all terms and conditions. We agree to purchase a minimum of 90% of the 175 tons of road salt that we requested and to pay the awarded salt supplier directly (which this year will be Morton Salt); Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray made a motion to participate in the Ashtabula County Visitor Bureau's tourism guide again for 2020. A full page ad is \$2,000 and the annual membership due is \$100; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously. The permissive tax will be used to pay the \$2100.

Ray questioned Renee Hanyok on how she is doing with the newsletter mailing list situation. She is slowly getting a list together with the help of the County Auditor and Larry. Ray suggested that she keep track of her hours spent on the matter and that she will be compensated.

Ray announced that we were selected to receive a Cemetery Grant from the OH Department of Commerce, Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing for the fiscal year 2020. The award is \$1,000 with the township applying matching funds of \$1,000. These funds are to be used for monument maintenance. Ray made a motion to accept the \$1,000 grant and that the township agrees to the terms and conditions; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Cliff reported that there is a prospective buyer in negotiations for the purchase of the Spire complex. He added that one of the changes the buyer would make requires a conditional use to have a warehouse in the RAD; therefore, an application was made and the hearing will be on October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. Because of time constraints, Cliff made a motion to waive the \$275 zoning hearing fee; Jim seconded; the Board voted thusly: Cliff, yes; Jim, yes; Ray, abstain

Meeting adjourned until October 14, 2019

Clifford Henry

Raymond Gruber Jr

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh