

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on December 12, 2020

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:30 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	Edwin Spoor	Present
James	Present	Sharon Rohrbaugh	Present

Employees: Frank Henry, Cody Craine

Visitors: Ron Valitsky, Richard Leskovic, Jenny Resadt, Clint and Leslie Querry

The minutes from the regular session held on November 23, 2020, were reviewed. Jim made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Frank reported that he has ordered five pairs of boots and three MARCS radios. He added that the turn out gear ordered and paid for with the CARES funds will be here in January 2021.

Frank informed the Board that with the increase in the co-vid cases he has cancelled training sessions and firemen meetings; the banquet scheduled for January has been cancelled as well.

As Larry was absent, Ed informed the Board that the Ashtabula County Planning Commission met on November 16, 2020, and voted to recommend approval of a map amendment to the Harpersfield Township zoning map to change zoning of parcel numbers: 22-006-00-021-00, 22-220-00-010-01, 22-002-00-012-00, 22-002-00-013-00, 22-002-00-015-00, part of 22-002-00-001-01 and part of 22-001-00-043-00 from R1 to RAD.

Harpersfield Township Zoning Commission held their public hearing on November 30, 2020, to hear opinion regarding the recommended approval of a map amendment from the Ashtabula County Planning Commission. No minutes were available for the Trustees to review but Ed stated that the Zoning Commission approved the recommended map changes and will submit the recommendation to the Board of Trustees for the final approval.

The Board agreed to hold their public hearing on December 28, 2020, at 1 PM.

Jenny Resadt and Clint and Leslie Querry were in attendance to voice their concerns regarding the recommended map amendment. They would like to see the 500 foot buffer to include all parcels on Clay Street and not the two that are listed in the recommendation. Mr. Querry is also very concerned about a drainage problem. Richard Leskovic added that he has had conversations with Jonathon (Spire) and he is reasonable to work with and accommodating to resident's concerns and he wants a nice presentation as you are entering the Spire complex from the new Clay Street entrance.

Cody stated that the PTO cracked on the new dump truck and was replaced under warranty; the 2010 dump truck 2-way radio broke and is ordered; he recommends that we get RotoRooter in to clean out the drain lines at the road garage.

Cody would like to get a chipper that can take up to 15 inch limbs; after the last wet heavy snowstorm brought down so many limbs he said this is a needed item for the road garage. He will get prices and report back.

Jim received a complaint from a resident on Matson Road that claimed Cody knocked her mailbox down with the snowplow. Cody did not hit the mailbox but the wet heavy snow did and when Cody looked at the post he found that it was rotten. He gave her the township policy regarding mailbox damage.

Ed made a motion to pay the following bills: #11985 through #12062; totaling \$55,512.17; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #270-2020 through #279-2020; totaling \$19,154.61.

Jim made a motion to renew the 2021 DOT consortium agreement with State Road Occupational Medical Facility; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

The Board agreed to purchase two sets of the Ohio & Federal Labor Law posters.

Sharon explained that the new State Auditor wants payroll for elected officials increased/decreased by when the Amended Certificate is signed and not when it is received; which sometimes would be a month difference. That being said the State Auditor wants the Board to decide if they want the difference in pay for the years 2018 and 2019; which amounts to \$213 per Trustee. Ray stated that he wanted his and Jim stated he wanted his. Sharon will issue the checks.

President Trump signed an executive order declaring Christmas Eve as a federal holiday. Ray made a motion to allow the road crew to have Christmas Eve as a paid holiday; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ed complimented the crew working on the town hall building installing a new roof. He stated that they have gone above and beyond doing a good job with the installation and necessary repairs. Ed added that Larry did a good job removing the window and preparing the wall for the TV installation.

Jim commented that the new arrangements for Christmas in the Park went really well and about 110 cars went through and all said that they appreciated the event to give families something fun to do.

Ray commented that the final paperwork for the cemetery grant have been submitted and approved.

Ray announced that the median lights on I-90 are working!

Ray stated that NOPEC is again offering their \$1,000 community grant. This has gone to the Beef Roast in the past but since the 2020 beef roast was cancelled the \$1,000 is still available. Therefore, Ray would like to apply for the grant for 2021 and put it towards the community clean up event. The Board agreed to have the event on September 11, 2021 from 8 AM to noon and at Doherty's.

Ray informed the Board that we have received a request from Lake Erie Cremation Services for cremation services performed for Eugene Dircks that has been declared indigent. He resided in Whispering Willows Trailer Park within the Township. The cost for the cremation is \$975. Ray made a motion to pay Lake Erie Cremation Services; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor. Sharon will investigate on getting reimbursed from the State.

Meeting adjourned until the organizational meeting on December 28, 2020

Raymond Gruber Jr

Edwin Spoor

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh