

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on November 9, 2020

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 9 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

Edwin Spoor

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh

Employees: Cody Craine, Larry Lister

Visitors: Ron Valitsky, Lynn Cummings, Jeff Lang

The minutes from the regular session held on October 26, 2020 were reviewed. Jim made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Fire Dept report – Unit #674 is out of service for repairs to differential; Frank has ordered turn out gear and helmets with the CARES funds.

After talking with Frank and finding out how expensive the firemen boots are; Sharon is now suggesting that we let the Road Dept use the \$500 OTARMA grant funds for safety equipment. The Board agreed to this plan.

Larry reported that the Ashtabula County Planning Commission will have a hearing for the recommendation of the Township Zoning Commission regarding properties surrounding Spire joining the RAD district.

Larry informed the Board that the bike trail will be open year round.

Larry requested the purchase of a blueprint printer – cost if \$2,000 – Jim made a motion to purchase the printer with funds from the office equipment line item in the General Fund; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Cody informed the Board that the old Massey tractor sold for \$1500 on GovDeals.

Cody stated that Spectrum moved the cable line out of the ditch on Clay Mill Rd.

Cody commented that Clyde Hill will remain open until a measurable snowfall.

The flags have been taken down from the overpass and taken to the drop box at the Geneva VFW.

Ed made a motion to pay the following bills: #11936 through #11954; totaling \$13,203.61; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #246-2020 through #252-2020; totaling \$7,966.99.

Ed commented that the water line on Clay Street is now in service.

There was a very lengthy conversation regarding the items to purchase with the CARES funds. It was decided that the fire department safety gear and PPE were the first priority and then setting up TV and laptops for capability of having virtual public meetings.

Jim stated that the Friends of the Park will have a live nativity scene and a drive through the park to Santa this year.

Ray commented on the status of the TIF; it has been sent to and recorded by the State, but for an unexplained reason the Ashtabula County Auditor would not accept his package delivered by FedEx. It has now been sent by certified and regular mail.

Ray contacted ODOT and they will review the Rt. 307 & Harpersfield Rd intersection to determine if it warrants the blinking stop signs.

Ray made a motion to have the metal roof installed on the old town hall building by Larry Cumpston for a cost of \$12,900; Jim seconded; the Board voted thusly; Jim and Ray, yes and Ed, nay *METAL ON THE TYPE OF ROOF.*

Ray spoke with Charlie Kohli and he agreed to remove the items belonging to the Historical Society from the garage at the old town hall building.

Jim will contact the Illuminating Co to cut the service to the storage shed—no electricity is being used and is costing the township between \$75 and \$95 per month.

Ray finalized the Ashtabula County Solid Waste Management District grant and the township will receive \$1,968.75 to help with the cost of the clean up day expenses.

Jim made a motion to send the road agreement to Trumbull Township for Matson and Leslie Roads. Ray commented that he did not make any changes to the 2020 agreement.; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ron Valitsky mentioned that the toilet in the firemen bathroom is shut off (needs replaced); the Board discussed possibly using CARES funds for touchless faucets and toilets.

Lynn Cummings requested a water line for Garford and Lower Cork. Ed will send out the survey to find out how much interest there is.

Meeting adjourned until December 14, 2020

Raymond Gruber Jr

Edwin Spoor

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