

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on September 28, 2020

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:15 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: Larry Lister; Cody Craine

Visitors: Richard Leskovic; Attorney Michael Lucas; Jeff Lang; Kevin Lillie; Sara Ackerman

The minutes from the regular session held on September 14, 2020 were reviewed; Jim made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray stated that the Board has been working on creating a TIF district for over a year and very close to filing the resolution with the State. As it will be a rolling TIF for a ten year period the schools could not vote against it but were notified if they had any concerns/questions regarding the TIF.

Kevin Lillie attended the meeting representing Geneva Schools. Their Attorney reviewed the resolution and had some concerns in the wording of the "rolling" TIF description. He also questioned that the Township intended to use the TIF revenue to help pay for a debt in JEDD III; as the law (and resolution) states it has to be a "direct benefit" to the JEDD the TIF is located in. After discussing the issues brought up by Mr. Lillie, Attorney Lucas stated that he will contact the school's attorney and discuss the wording with him to resolve any concerns that they have.

Attorney Lucas advised the Board to pass the resolution as written and he would amend it if necessary.

Ray made a motion to pass Resolution #9-28-2020:

A resolution declaring improvements to certain parcels of real property to be a public purpose, describing the public infrastructure improvements to be made to directly benefit those parcels, requiring the owners thereof to make service payments in lieu of taxes and establishing a tax increment equivalent fund.

Ed seconded; the Board voted thusly: Spoor, yes; Pristov, yes; Gruber, yes

The resolution in its entirety is attached.

Larry gave updates to the condos being built by Jim Carlson and the updates to the Spire complex.

Cody informed the Board that the work on the cemetery footers is complete that will fulfill the grant.

Cody requested getting 100 tons of ice grit from Simak and 100 tons of #304 for the Clay Mill Issue 2 project; the Board agreed to allow these purchases.

Brobst Tree Service gave an estimate of \$5,000 to cut down and remove about 15 trees on Matson Road.

Cody informed the Board that equipment sold on Gov.deals: \$135 for the back blade; \$410 for the finishing mower; \$2,000 for the paver.

The Board decided that since the flags on the I-90 overpass are so faded, Cody can take them down whenever he can fit it into his schedule.

Cody wants to purchase a set of forks for the backhoe from Southeastern at a cost of \$1,075.33; the Board agreed to this purchase.

Jim made a motion to pay the following bills: #11876 through #11891; totaling \$15,211.34; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #204-2020 through #211-2020; totaling \$17,490.55.

Ed dealt with complaints from Mr. Yeager regarding a pot hole collecting water at the end of his driveway, gun fire sounding machines in the vineyards and a compliment from resident on Clay Mill on the work Cody has been doing for the Issue 2 project.

Ed spoke with Ray Sapirito, Ashtabula County Health Department, and David Thomas, Ashtabula County Auditor and neither can give the Township figures on what the health district increase will be with the hotel being built at the Spire complex.

Ray spoke with Terry Palmer, Ashtabula County Health Department, about the complaint filed by Denise Curtis regarding the old grange building. Terry told Ray that he will inspect the premises and report back his findings.

After discussing the matter, the Board unanimously voted to cancel trick or treat in the Township this year.

Sharon questioned the \$12,686 income tax for JEDD III in June, Ray spoke with the interim manager and she will look into and get back to him with an explanation.

Ray would like to do another ad in the 2021 Visitor Bureau's guide, if we run the same ad as last year the cost will be \$1,000. Jim made a motion to run the same ad again; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Jeff Lang asked if the Board would put up a street light at the Bishop and LaFevre intersection; Jim will get cost and the Board can decide; Jeff also stated that handicapped parking and sidewalk be installed in front of the administration building.

Meeting adjourned until October 12, 2020

Raymond Gruber Jr

Edwin Spoor

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh