

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on April 12, 2021

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:45 PM in the Harpersfield Township Administration Building. James Pristov, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

James Pristov	Present	Raymond Gruber Jr	Present
Edwin Spoor	Present	Sharon Rohrbaugh	Present

Employees: Cody Craine; Larry Lister; Frank Henry

Visitors: Ron Valitsky; Richard Leskovec; Jeff Lang; Sarah Ackerman; Collen O'Toole; Bob Wilhelm; Troy Simoneau

The minutes from the bid opening and the regular session held on March 22, 2021, were reviewed. Ed made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Colleen O'Toole is the new Ashtabula County Prosecutor and attended the meeting to introduce herself to the Board and to encourage the Board to ask questions and request advice from the Prosecutor's office. She stated that she is putting a matrix system in place to communicate with her office.

Frank received quotes on the generator from American Electric and Shepp Electric and is meeting with another vendor this week. Both quotes were higher than expected and the Board will review this project after the last quote is received.

Frank gave the Board copies of the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Harpersfield Fire Department and Geneva Fire Department regarding the township's mule and Geneva's MARCs radios. We agree to let Geneva use our station 2 mule and outfit it for brush fire use. Geneva agrees to use the mule and install a "skid type" unit at their expense. Geneva will provide a trailer for transporting the mule. The ownership of the mule will remain with Harpersfield. The ownership of the side unit and the trailer shall stay with Geneva. Routine maintenance and repairs as needed shall be completed by the Geneva. Chief Henry and Chief Arkenburg have agreed to the terms of the MOU and have agreed that any other uses or decisions for the unit will be mutually agreed upon as needed.

Geneva has agreed to let Harpersfield use seven MARCs portable radios. Harpersfield will use the portable radios as they need for their operation. Geneva will retain ownership of the radios and any equipment they come with. Harpersfield will perform any repairs, maintenance or programming as needed. Chief Arkenburg and Chief Henry have agreed to the terms of the MOU and have agreed that any other uses or decisions for the radios will be mutually agreed upon as needed.

Cody received quotes for stone to be used on township roads as needed with quotes good until March 31, 2022.

Simak	304 & 411	21.75 per ton
	8	24.75 per ton
Benson	304 & 411	20.64 per ton
	8	23.95

After discussing the quotes; Ray made a motion to accept the quotes from Benson; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Cody informed the Board that two tires have been ordered for the backhoe; the new salt spreaders are here and ready to go; the 2003 Mack dump truck has a hole in the block and bad rails and he thinks it is time to get rid of it and start purchase process for a replacement (this is the spare dump truck); Clyde Hill bridge is open; Brobst Tree Service cut down the trees on County Line Road (cost approximately \$4200).

Cody requested that we stipulate on the depth of headstones. Currently we only have the width in the Cemetery Policy. After discussing the matter; Ed made a motion to set the depth of no more than 20 inches for either a single or double headstone; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor. Cody stated that he had prices for the garbage cans; posts and dog bag dispensers for the trail at a cost of \$1400; Ray made a motion to purchase these items; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Cody voiced another complaint of the junk surrounding the recycling dumpster; it spreads out into the road department yard and he is very tired of picking it up. Some is left by residents when bins are full but most of it happens when the dumpsters are being picked up. Ray will contact the County to resolve the matter.

Ed made a motion to pay the following bills: #12266 through #12298; totaling \$30,998.81; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #52-2021 through #79-2021; totaling \$47,236.54.

Ray commented on a letter that he received from Atech regarding Senate Bill 89 that refers to a new law about enterprise zones. Ray asked Attorney Lucas for his opinion and he said this does not pertain to our TIF district and that the County does enterprise zones not the township.

The Board again discussed the matter of repairing the concrete on Bishop Road. It was decided to have Tim Martin, Ashtabula County Engineer, to put together a bid package with the concrete removal in the bid.

Ray made a motion to accept the NOPEC grant resolution:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT
NOPEC 2021 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT

WHEREAS, the Township of Harpersfield, Ohio (the GRANTEE) is a member of NOPEC and is eligible for one or more NOPEC energized community grant(s) for 2021

WHEREAS, the GRANTEE has previously entered into a grant agreement with NOPEC on January 12, 2020 to receive one or more NEC grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of Harpersfield Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. This Board of Trustees of the GRANTEE finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the GRANTEE to enter into the grant agreement to accept the NEC grants for 2021, and authorizes the Chairman of the Board to execute the grant agreement to accept the NEC grant funds.

Section 2. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and of any committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meeting to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 3. This resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary of the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of the GRANTEE; wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the GRANTEE.

Ray commented that Ray Saporito is retiring as Ashtabula County Health Commissioner.

Ray participated in a virtual seminar regarding the round a bout and found out it was selected for our area due to the crash statistics and that intersection (Rt. 534 and Rt. 307).

Ed reported that he received the proper paperwork from the Ashtabula County Engineer showing the information needed to correct the bike trail name (from Spire to Harpersfield) and took it to the Ashtabula County Auditor; they accepted the paperwork and will document the name change.

Larry and Ed commented on a new situation that has popped up in the Township and that is people setting up campers and "camping" on winery property. When approached they informed Larry that they can camp on winery property for free if winery gives them permission. Larry informed them that our zoning does not allow that unless in a campground. It was recommended to send a letter to all wineries in the Township making them aware of the zoning regulations pertaining to camping on their property.

Jim was contacted by an individual that wants to hold conceal weapons classes in the old town hall building. After discussing this, the Board had reservations and questions that made Jim suggest he will invite him to one of our meetings so he can explain his use of the building.

Jeff Lang informed the Board that there is a lot of dumping occurring on Bishop Road.

Meeting adjourned until April 26, 2021

James Pristov

Edwin Spoor

Raymond Gruber Jr

Sharon Rohrbaugh