

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on April 26, 2021

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:30 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: Larry Lister; Cody Craine; Frank Henry

Visitors: Wayne Reed; Angela Henry; Alice Vervais; Jeff Lang; Sara Ackerman

The minutes from the bid opening and the regular session held on April 12, 2021, were reviewed. Ed made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Frank informed the Board that he obtained three quotes for the generator – all three submitted quotes for a 45kw generator:

Shepp Electric	\$31,150
American Electric	\$32,650
Generator One	\$28,184

Ray made a motion to accept the quote from Generator One for \$28,184; \$8668 will be from the NOPEC grant with the balance being split between the General Fund and the Fire Fund; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Frank commented that the Farm Bureau is sponsoring a meeting with ODOT regarding the round a bout. He also voiced concerns of how emergency vehicles are to get around during the time that the round a bout is being constructed and the Harpersfield bridge is being reconstructed. Ray stated that ODOT and the Ashtabula County Engineer are in communication and have agreed that the Harpersfield bridge will be open prior to the round a bout shutting down that intersection.

Larry informed the Board that he issued a zoning permit for an establishment that will make hard cider and that Bob Simsic has been okayed by OEPA for his sausage business.

Cody stated that the back tires are on the backhoe and that he had to rent a tool to replace the seals.

Cody informed the Board that new gutters need to be installed on the road garage building and that he has been unsuccessful finding a company that is interested in doing it.

Cody commented that he was informed by the Ashtabula County Engineer that they will not paint the “arrows” on Spire Drive when they paint the road striping; Cody will get the paint and the road crew will paint the arrows.

Ray made a motion to pay the following bills: #12302 through #12320; totaling \$39,599.62; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #80-2021 through #91-2021; totaling \$18,966.12.

Ed moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO PROCEED

Resolution requesting submission to the electors

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirement of Harpersfield Township.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Harpersfield Township trustees, Ashtabula County, two-thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the benefit of Harpersfield Township for the purpose of the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of roads and bridges.

At a rate not exceeding 1.5 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.15 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, and is for five years commencing and appearing on the tax list for the years 2022 first due in calendar year 2023.

Such tax is authorized to be submitted to a vote of the electors of Harpersfield Township, pursuant to ORC Section 5705.19, and which shall be: a renewal of an existing levy of 1.5 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the question of levying additional taxes be submitted to the electors of said Harpersfield Township at the general election to be held at the usual voting places within said Harpersfield Township on November 2, 2021;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fiscal Officer of Harpersfield Township be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections of Ashtabula County, Ohio, and notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

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

Ray made a motion to allow Robert Augustinsky (potato chip warehouse) and Bruce Fleischmann to join JEDD II; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray and Jim participated in a virtual call with the Ashtabula County Metro Park and a conversation regarding the bike trail going from the park to Spire. Because the Board cannot come up with a plan to safely route the trail; they are going to push that the other entities build their part of the trail before the section between Spire and the park is considered.

Ray had a conversation with Jake, Ashtabula County Solid Waste, to discuss the trash and mess surrounding the recycling dumpster. Jake agreed to speak with the hauler and to get us more dumpsters. Cody added that he spoke with the driver as well.

At the County Association meeting, Ed spoke with the assistant to Rep Joyce on what can be done for signage etc to acknowledge "Harpersfield" instead of "Geneva"; he was not impressed that the assistant thought that Spire was in Geneva; and Ed told her "that is my point". She said she would take his questions back to Rep Joyce to determine what could be done.

Ed spoke with Tom Pope, Koski Construction, and he agreed to look at Bishop Road and see if he could offer any suggestions on how to break up the concrete to resurface the road.

Jim and Ray reported on a JEDD meeting that discussed a CRA, it is another tool similar to TIF or abatement that businesses could use; the Board needs more information before they agree to this and only the County can allow a CRA.

Wayne Reed was in attendance to ask if he could use the old town hall building on multiple Saturdays for a conceal carry class. He informed the Board that he usually holds the classes in hotel conference rooms but since Spire the hotels have informed him that the conference rooms are not available. He screens everyone that attends the class as no ammunition is allowed at the classes. He showed the Board his certifications and proof of his insurance coverage. Ray will contact the County Prosecutor for an opinion.

Alice Vervais attended and asked about striping Old Orchard Drive; Cody responded that due to the rough road surface the County will not apply the striping. She also questioned the status of cutting the hill on Bishop Road; Cody said he would try to work it in but he has concerns about a garage that sits very close to the road and if Cody cuts the hill/bank that resident will not be able to get in the garage. The Board agreed that there must be conversation with the property owner before we would proceed with this project.

Meeting adjourned until May 10, 2021

James Pristov

Raymond Gruber Jr

Edwin Spoor

Sharon Rohrbaugh