

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on August 16, 2021

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

Visitors: Rich & Renee Hanyok; Jeff Lang; Sara Ackerman; Brian Carey; Andy Kirk

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

Cody informed the Board that the new chipper has been delivered; the new Mack dump truck has been ordered with an estimated quote of \$105,000 from Sidley and \$77611 from Henderson; the dust control has been applied to the roads including Clyde Hill; the County Engineer cannot get the paint for the road striping so no roads will be done this year.

Sharon contacted OTARMA to find out the best way to obtain insurance for rented equipment; they recommended a blanket certificate for any piece of equipment for \$500 per year. The Board agreed to this.

Ed made a motion to pay the following bills: #12474 through #12507; totaling \$121,133.84; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: 152-2021 through #173-2021; totaling \$24,212.98

Sharon informed the Board that she received correspondence from Ashtabula County Commissioner asking if we are interested in participating in a new software collection and enforcement program that the County will control for the collection of lodging tax. The fee for this service would be 5% of the 3% collected. Per Sharon's recommendation, the Board agreed that at this time the Township will not participate in the County's new program and will continue to do the collections on our own.

Ray made a motion to allow Sharon to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Bond Fund for the payment on the Building loan; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ed made a motion to certify the following street lighting assessment for four years starting in 2022:

21-040 – Rt. 307 and Harpersfield Rd – 100 property owners at \$25.44 per property parcel

21-041 – Unionville area – 30 property owners at \$25.31 per property parcel

21-042 – Rt. 534 and Cork Cold Springs Rd – 22 property owners at \$15 per property parcel

21-043 – Old Orchard Drive and Roxbury Ave – 27 property owners at \$58.70 per property parcel

21-076 – Township Road – 2 property owners at \$110 per parcel

21-096 – Harper Valley Lane – 10 property owners at \$236.88 per parcel

Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor

Ray stated that he has added Juneteenth to the list of employee holidays and has updated the Employee Handbook.

The Board decided to have a bid opening for the paving of Clay Mill Road on September 13, 2021, at 6:45 PM.

Ray asked for the Board's decision to respond to Larry Laurello to have a CBD warehouse in the Township. The Board discussed and decided to not allow this in the Township. Ray will inform Mr. Laurello of the Board's decision.

Trustee Gruber moved the adoption of the following resolution and Trustee Spoor seconded the motion

WHEREAS, under ORC Sections 3635.65 to 3735.70 (the CRA Act), counties may designate areas in which housing facilities or structures of historical significance are located, and in which new construction or repair of existing facilities has been discouraged as community reinvestment areas (CRA); and WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (the Board) of Ashtabula County Ohio (the County), upon due consideration and in order to promote the economic welfare of the County, desires to designate a CRA within the County, {including} within the boundaries of Harpersfield Township (the Township), as approximately depicted as the highlighted area on the map attached to this Resolution, attached in Exhibit A, and by this reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees find and determine that designation of the area pursuant to the CRA Act contains housing facilities or structures of historical significance are located, and in which new construction or repair of existing facilities has been discouraged; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees understand that the Board is required by law to administer all CRAs and CRA agreements within the County; and

WHEREAS, THE Trustees desire to support the Board's establishment of the Harpersfield Township Community Reinvestment Area #1, which will serve to encourage economic stability, maintain real property values, and generate new employment opportunities with the Township,

NOWHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Harpersfield Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio as follows:

Section 1. The Trustees hereby support the Board's inclusion of the portions of the Township described in Exhibit A in the Harpersfield Township Community Reinvestment Area #1 as described in the recitals.

Section 2. The Trustees find and determine that all formal actions concerning and relating to the passage of the Resolution were taken in an open meeting of the Trustees and that all deliberations of the Trustees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

The roll call was as follows:

James Pristov	yes
Edwin Spoor	yes
Raymond Gruber Jr	yes

The Board agreed to conduct a public hearing at 6:30 PM on September 13, 2021, to consider the following petition that has been submitted by landowner Robert Augustinsky to be included in the JEDD. Parcel #22-007-000-035-00 located on 1546 Harpersfield Rd, Geneva, OH. All of the required documentation described in 715.72 of the ORC is available for public view in the Administration Building.

Ray made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Geneva School Supply Giveaway program; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray spoke with County Auditor Thomas, and because the property tax on the old Grange property is only \$74, he will not start any proceedings for delinquent taxes; Ray spoke with the County Health Department and Mr. Palmer visited the property and spoke with an individual living on the premises. He then wrote a letter informing them that they are living at that premises without an approved sewage disposal/grey water treatment system. He informed them that they have to start the procedures to install an approved sewage disposal system for this building with the final install to be completed by October 30, 2021.

Ed spoke with County Sheriff Niemi and he was unaware of the severity of the problem at this residence and will increase patrol in the area.

Larry will send them a letter stating the "all summer long yard sale" must be closed down by Labor Day.

Ray contacted Rich Sheppard and he agreed to paint the soffit trim on the old town hall building – hoping to complete this in a couple of months.

Ray wrote a letter of support to the Ashtabula County Commissioners application for the NTIA Broadband Infrastructure Grant and appreciate their efforts to bring high speed broadband to the rural parts of our county.

The Board discussed and decided on support to apply for a grant from ODOT to install a sidewalk on Clay Street from Beringer Place and the bike trail.

Jim announced that the Cinderellas will hold "Trunk or Treat" outside in the parking lot on October 31, 2021, instead of the inside party that has been held in the past.

Jim informed the Board that the County will start working on the Harpersfield bridge this fall.

Andy Kirk was in attendance to ask about leasing the old town hall for his grape project.

Jeff Lang voiced complaints about unenforced zoning.

Meeting adjourned until September 13, 2021

James Pristov

Raymond Gruber Jr

Edwin Spoor

Sharon Rohrbaugh