

# HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

## REGULAR SESSION

Held on February 22, 2021

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:25 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; Frank Henry

Visitors: Ron Valitsky; Sara Ackerman; Jeff Lang; Angela Henry; Paula Pristov

The minutes from the regular session held on February 8, 2021, were reviewed. Ray made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Frank informed the Board that he has replaced three MARCS radios; the turn out gear and helmets are here and he has handed them out to the firemen; gear racks are building built in Station 2; we have a new fireman (Andrew Thompson) which totals four that will take the 36 hour class at ATech starting April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Frank was contacted by Chief Arkenburg they are offering to give us MARCS radios to borrow and they will use our 2002 Mule (grass fire unit); the Mule will still be owned by the Twp but insured by Geneva City and the radios will be owned by Geneva City but insured by the Twp. The Board agreed to allow this.

Larry commented that he was contacted by an individual that wants to split and sell lots on Idlewood Drive. Larry informed them that they cannot split the lots as this would make them "non-conforming". He advised them to contact the Ashtabula County Planning Commission.

Larry also commented on a property line issue he is trying to help people with on Harpersfield Road. He advised them to start with a survey to determine how to go about fixing the property line situation.

Larry informed the Board that there are two new houses being built on Bishop Road and a new house on the last available lot on Lower Cork.

Larry stated that he was questioned about splitting 25 acres on LaFevre Road, Larry told him that could not happen as the guardrail prevents available road frontage; and 31 acres on Rt. 307 (by the trailer park) and Larry told them the most they could create would be three lots.

Ed made a motion to pay the following bills: #12179 through #12203; totaling \$93,766.89; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #18-2021 through #31-2021; totaling \$6,623.74.

Ray made a motion to adopt:

Be it resolved by the Board of Township Trustees that to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of said Board of Trustees, during the fiscal year, ending December 31, 2021, the following sums be and the same hereby set aside and appropriated for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made for and during the fiscal year, as follows:

General Fund	450,355
Motor Vehicle License Tax	29,000
Gas Tax	254,300
Road & Bridge	683,800
Cemetery Fund	17,030
Bike trail	1,294.16
Zoning	10,170
Special Fire Levy	169,030
Permissive Motor Vehicle	28,100
Fire truck loan	713.85
Fire truck bond	2,707.67
CARES	90,121.58

St. Lighting	20,475
Building bond	22,345
Fire truck bond	54,413
Issue 2	75,000
PACE	168,366.98
JEDD III	61,422.75

Total appropriations for these funds for 2021: \$2,138,644.99

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

Ray discussed the decision to repair the concrete section of Bishop Road. Ed asked around and a suggestion was made to bid out the project and have the concrete removal be included in the bid and responsibility of the contractor. Ray will look into this and report back.

Ray reported on the JEDD meeting and Nextsite has made changes to their agreement and reduced their fees and the County will continue to make their contribution to the project. After the Pizza Hut building is torn down it will be replaced by a quick serve restaurant (at this time which one is not known). The Board decided to meet quarterly and that by the by-laws any new appointee must be approved by the City and the Township.

Ray commented that Atty Mike Lucas has not completed the resolution to amend the TIF district to include the Pizza Hut property.

The Board discussed a project Eddy Eckart mentioned to Ray regarding dredging the river etc and after discussing the matter it was decided to find out what ODNR involvement would be prior to the Township getting involved.

Ray received the estimate from Ashtabula County Engineer for the paving for Walter Main Road (\$42,887.50) and State Road (\$38,411.00); Sharon informed the Board that we have the funds to do this project; the bid opening was set for March 22, 2021 at 6:45 PM.

Ed reported that JoAnn MacWilliams' son will get in touch with Tim to discuss and decide how to correct a mistake that lots that she owns in Harpersfield Cemetery were incorrectly used for burials.

Ray questioned the Ashtabula County Engineer and he said that the repair work to the Harpersfield bridge will be complete when the roundabout will start in 2022 and that it will be strong enough for fire and road equipment to use the bridge.

Jim informed the Board that the three poles that have to be removed for the roundabout will be approximately \$1,000 per pole; Ed made a motion to pay up to \$3,500 for the pole removal; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor. Jim will contact ODOT with our decision.

Jim checked and the meter has been removed from the storage building.

Meeting adjourned until March 8, 2021

James Pristov

Raymond Gruber JR

Edwin Spoor

Sharon Rohrbaugh