

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on July 12, 2021

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 10 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: Frank Henry; Larry Lister; Cody Craine

Visitors: Everett and Julie Henry; Michelle Sholtis; Mr. & Mrs. Brian Carey; Charles Finley

The minutes from the regular session held on June 14, 2021, and the special session held on June 26, 2021, were reviewed. Ed made a motion to approve the minutes for the regular and special sessions as written; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

The above listed visitors attended the meeting to voice complaints regarding the persons residing in the old Grange Building.

Nuisance property; delinquent in property taxes; numerous police and ambulance calls; no running water and no septic system; two motor home campers are on property (one is disabled and the other comes and goes suspect being used for toilet facility); getting water from neighboring property; cutting wood from neighboring property; neighbors have caught them on their properties attempting to break in.

Ray listed their complaints and asked if they would each sign the statement and he would present it to the Ashtabula County Auditor and the Ashtabula County Health Commissioner and Ed will take it to the Ashtabula County Sheriff and the Ashtabula County Prosecutor.

Frank reported that the MARCS radios that were purchased through the grant funds are in the trucks and with the firemen; that 672 has been repaired and is back in service; they will conduct a full scale drill again at Cork Elementary School (not sure at this time if the students will leave the building as they have in the past).

Larry reported that he is still working on the Dollar Store lot split on South Broadway and informing them that they cannot split the lot and leave one lot unbuildable; he confronted a resident that has a tiny house behind the main residence and is using it to stay in when renting out her house, he informed her that it is against zoning and will forward the information to the Ashtabula County Health Dept.; he informed individuals that are camping on their property that is against zoning; Spire has built two more dorms bring the total to seven; bushes have been donated to the bike trail and Larry is doing some landscaping and cutting back the weeds; asking for donations for the bike trail to install benches and more shrubs and just general maintenance.

Sharon suggested that we purchase one dog poop station; cost is \$270 for the station and bags including waste can liners; the Board agreed to purchase one and see if walkers will use the station and clean up after their pets.

Cody reported that the traffic arrows have been painted on Spire Drive; State Road and Walter Main Road are paved; #8 stone is in the yard and dust control is scheduled to be applied the end of July; they are continuing to work on Clay Mill getting it ready to be paved—would like to open bids to have it paved this fall—Ray will request the bid package from the County Engineer; they picked up a dump truck load of tires from Mirna Road.

Cody stated that Jared was operating the County's grader and negligently popped two tires, Cody addressed the situation with Jared; no disciplinary action will occur but the report will be placed in Jared's file.

Cody would like to place an order for a 2022 Mack dump truck now because it will probably not be available until 2022 as they are so backlogged in building the trucks; total cost for Mack and Henderson will be \$182,645. Ray made a motion to allow Cody to start the process to order the truck; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon informed the Board that she received the Koski bill for the paving of State and Walter Main Roads and it was \$6,515 over the bid. Ray made a motion to pay the difference; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

On June 17, 2021, President Biden and Governor DeWine declared June 19, 2021, known as Juneteenth, a federal and state holiday. Since this occurred prior to our next meeting, the Board decided to allow the road department employees to take a personal day (of their choice) and next year it will be added to the list of allowed holidays.

Sharon informed the Board that we do not have to attend the Ashtabula County Budget hearings unless the Budget Commission deems it necessary, but we still have to submit estimates for the 2022 budget:

General Fund	325,985.00
Motor Vehicle License tax	12,008.00
Gasoline Tax	145,030.00
Road & Bridge Fund	432,200.62
Cemetery Fund	3,000.00
Zoning Fund	2,500.00
Fire Levy Fund	116,500.00
Permissive Vehicle Lic. Tas	12,008.00
St. Lighting Assessment	14,400.00
Fire Trk Bond Levy	36,000.00
JEDD III	61422.75
General Bond – bldg.	22,346.00
PACE	168,366.98
Total of all Funds	\$1,351,767.35

Ray moved to adopt the budget as presented; Ed seconded; the Board voted thusly:

Raymond Gruber Jr – yes Edwin Spoor – yes James Pristov - yes

Ed made a motion to pay the following bills: #12417 through #12463; totaling \$143,555.04; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #123-2021 through #151-2021; totaling \$22,750.35

Sharon informed the Board that she received acknowledgement that the Secretary of State approved the ballot language for our Road & Bridge renewal levy for the November election.

Ray asked the Board about the request for a letter of support needed by Larry Laurello for a CBD warehouse. The Board discussed the issue and unanimously decided that was not something for Harpersfield Township.

Ray submitted a letter supporting Jim to remain on the OPWC board.

Ray gave an update that the Covered Bridge plans have been submitted to ODOT to be bid out this fall and the work will be done in 2022; the round-a-bout has been pushed back to 2023.

Ray sent out the Lodge resolution to Senators; Representatives and Gov DeWine; Ed and Jim voiced their appreciation for Ray taking the time to do that. A group has asked John Patterson to spear head a committee for plans to move forward regarding the future of the Lodge.

Ed made a motion to move Paula Pristov from alternate to Board member on the BZA to replace Ron Gilbert that recently retired; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Meeting adjourned until August 16, 2021

James Pristov

Raymond Gruber Jr

Edwin Spoor

Sharon Rohrbaugh