

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on October 25, 2021

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 9:30 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: MacKenzie Glass; Chris Jones (PACE); Renee & Rich Hanyok

The minutes from the regular session held on October 11, 2021, were reviewed. Ed made a motion to approve the minutes a written; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Chris Jones was in attendance to assist the Trustees with the resolutions for the new PACE loan that Geneva Hotel LLC has applied for. It will be a 30 year loan starting in 2024.

Ed read the petition:

A PETITION TO THE TOWNSHIP OF HARPERSFIELD, ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO SEEKING THE IMPOSITION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AGAINST REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE PETITIONER TO PAY THE COSTS OF VARIOUS SPECIAL ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, THE FINANCING OF WHICH WILL SPECIALLY BENEFIT SUCH REAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING A WAIVER OF ALL RIGHTS TO NOTICES, HEARINGS AND APPEALS RESPECTING THE REQUESTED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Ray made a motion to pass Resolution #01-10252021

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PETITION FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR SPECIAL ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, AND A SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS; AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, AND IMPROVING CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS DESCRIBED IN THE PLAN FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN COOPERATION WITH THE HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP (ASHTABULA COUNTY) ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Jim seconded; the Board voted thusly: Mr. Gruber, yes; Mr. Spoor, yes; Mr. Pristov, yes

Ray made a motion to pass Resolution #02-10252021

A RESOLUTION DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP, ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO, IN COOPERATION WITH THE HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP (ASHTABULA COUNTY) ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND DECLAIRING AN EMERGENCY.

Jim seconded; the Board voted thusly: Mr. Gruber, yes; Mr. Spoor, yes; Mr. Pristov, yes

Ray made a motion to pass Resolution #03-10252021

A RESOLUTION LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, AND IMPROVING CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS IN HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP, ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO, IN COOPERATION WITH THE HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP (ASHTABULA COUNTY) SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN ENERGY PROJECT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG HARPERSFIELD TOWNHIP, ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO, THE HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP (ASHTABULA COUNTY) ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, GENEVA OWNER LLC, AND PACE EQUITY LLC PROVIDING FOR THE FINANCING OF THOSE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP, ASHTABULA COUNTY OHIO, THE COUNTY TREASURER OF ASHTABULA COUNTY, OHIO, PACE EQUITY LLC, THE HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP (ASHTABULA COUNTY) ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, AND GENEVA OWNER LLC REGARDING THOSE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Jim seconded; the Board voted thusly: Mr. Gruber, yes; Mr. Spoor, yes; Mr. Pristov, yes

Two men from Iten Industries were in attendance to describe an idea they have to build a skateboard park on Spire property. It is in the exploration stage right now and they are asking if the Township would be interested in owning the park on Spire property; they will look into obtaining grants; Ray questioned the liability; Sharon stated that she will not certify Township funds for matching grants for

an isolated project and did not receive an answer when she questioned why the Township has to be involved at all in the project. If Spire is recognized as an Olympic sport training facility and skateboarding is recognized as an Olympic sport, there needs to be an explanation of why the Township needs to be involved.

Frank commented that he met with ISO that inspect hydrants every five years; the information is used for insurance ratings.

Frank informed the Board that he will conduct the fire prevention program at Cork School for K-2nd grades on Thursday (Nov 4th).

Frank wants to purchase four portable thermal imaging cameras that individual firemen would be able to carry; Sharon suggested that he try to get a demo to see how they work first and also instructed Frank to follow through with getting the large thermal imaging camera previously approved by the Board.

Cody stated that he has been in contact with Generator One regarding the generator pad; he also rented a man lift to be able to safely trim trees on Matson Road, it will also be used to do maintenance on the overhead furnaces in both road department building and the fire station.

Cody purchased a ripper tooth attachment for the excavator (cost \$1800); he also requested information to extend the warranty on the excavator; Ray made a motion to purchase the premier extended warranty through 12-29-2024 for the amount of \$3,671; Ed seconded the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Larry presented his zoning report using picture slides and the extra time he put into doing that was more informative to understand what zoning issues he is dealing with.

Ed made a motion to pay the following bills: #12617 through #12634; totaling \$25,643.65; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #238-2021 through #258-2021; totaling \$12,636.62; and added that we received the \$1,000 Cemetery footer grant and the \$975 reimbursement for the indigent burial.

Ray commented that he submitted two grants to ODOT (one for the bike trail sidewalk and the other for Old Orchard Drive).

Ray attended a webinar regarding the roundabout; he commented that there have been changes to the plans to accommodate the farming community; the lane width went from 13 feet to 15 feet; he questioned the Board if they want to be in control of what is in the central island; Keyerleber and Ferrante want to be involved in the construction plans; Ray made a motion that the Township will be involved in the process, Ed seconded, the Board voted unanimously in favor; in 2022 ODOT will start the construction process of the roundabout by hauling lots of dirt to fill in the four corners of the intersection ; full closure will be in 2023 when the covered bridge construction is complete.

Ray took information from the Ohio Twp Association magazine regarding the scholarship program; there are two types of scholarships: local govt achievement--student must demonstrate outstanding citizenship through service and participation in community activities and academic achievement-- student must have a B average (cumulative) and at least a 22 ACT or 1000 SAT score. Student must be a U.S. citizen; reside in an Ohio township; and plan to attend a 2 or 4 year Ohio college or university in the fall of 2022. Ray took the information to Geneva High School.

Ed spoke with Raymond Builders and explained what Larry is doing on the bike trail and they are interested in donating materials and rental of equipment.

When Ed gave the Board an update on the South River Road water line; Cody commented that Brandt Road needs water all the way to the river.

Ed commented on the OTA meeting; County Auditor Thomas gave an excellent presentation on the ARP funds. Ed stated that if we use the funds for a water line it would be under federal guidelines and not state.

Jim attended the Firemen's business meeting where it was announced that the Cinder-Ellas (firemen auxiliary) will be desolved as of January 1, 2022; trunk or treat will be held on October 31st; the fall craft fair will be held on November 20th.

Meeting adjourned until November 15, 2021

James Pristov

Edwin Spoor

Raymond Gruber Jr

Sharon Rohrbaugh