

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on April 11, 2022

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 9:30 PM in the Harpersfield Township Administration Building. Ed Spoor, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Edwin Spoor

Raymond Gruber Jr

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh

Employees: Cody Craine; Frank Henry; Larry Lister

Visitors: Sue Lewis and Check Skvarek; Renee and Rich Hanyok

The minutes from the regular session held on March 28, 2022, were reviewed. Jim made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Cody informed the Board that to complete work on the parking lot area of the Admin/fire station building will be approximately \$28,000. He plans to dig down and rebase the area and to slope it away from the building. He suggests to have the electric pole removed from the parking lot and run it underground at this time. After discussing the project, Ray made a motion to rebase/slope the parking lot and to run underground wiring and approves up to \$35,000 to be spent on this project; Jim seconded, the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Cody received a quote of \$25,400 from Scott Rocco to install the heated floor in the new bay area of the road garage building; if overhead heaters \$16,880; this does not include the concrete as he has been unable to get any quotes. The Board decided to table this project for now.

Cody received the stone price sheet from Simak Trucking that will be good through March 31, 2023. By purchasing the bulk of what is needed for this summer, Cody estimates he saved the Township \$6,000 as he was able to get last year's prices.

#411 and #304 \$23.95 per ton

#8 and #57 \$26.95 per ton

Ice grits \$21.50 per ton

Cody stated that he received a quote for a 2022 backhoe from Southeastern Equipment Co. \$112,455; they offered a trade in of \$17,000 leaving the balance of \$95,455. This offer is under ODOT contract and the backhoe should be available in May. They offered a payment plan with interest starting at \$3.42 for three years. Sharon contacted Andover Bank to find out what their interest rate will be (waiting to hear back from them). Ray made a motion to purchase the 2022 backhoe and to trade in ours for the price of \$95,455 (decision of who the loan will be with at the next meeting); Jim seconded; the Board voted thusly: Pristov, yes; Gruber, yes; Spoor, yes

Sharon mentioned what an eyesore the sign collection is at South River Rd and Rt. 534; the Board agreed and instructed Larry to write to each business that has a sign at that location and see if they would be willing to have all businesses listed on one sign. This would be paid for by the Township with funds used to promote tourism.

Jim made a motion to pay the following bills: #12938 through #12961; totaling \$68,447.43; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #58-2022 through #66-2022; totaling \$5,165.08.

Sharon informed the Board that Generator One contacted her and stated that our generator is in; Cody will contact them to finalize the preparations so they can install the generator.

Jim stated that Clean Up Day will be held on September 10, 2022 and it will be held at Doherty Landfill.

Jim requested information from Sharon regarding the fire truck bond and she brought it to the meeting; he wanted to make a point that it should not take that long to get requested information as the Township has requested information from Geneva City regarding the JEDD III sewer project for over four years and he is tired of waiting for it. Sharon commented that there is a interim financial director at the

City and she has been in contact with her and is hoping that this time we will get the requested information.

Jim stated that the covered bridge will close on April 25, 2022 and will open December 2023.

Jim requested permission for the APL to use the old Town Hall building on Monday, May 23, 2022. The Board agreed to allow this.

Ray informed the Board that only one contract was received to do the mowing of cemetery, fire stations, and adm building. Sharon opened the contract, it was from Chuck Skvarek, \$20,700 for 18 mows and trimming and listed each individual cemetery and lawn area if extra mowing would be necessary (depending on weather etc). Ray made a motion to accept the quote of 18 mows and trimming for \$20,700 with extra mowing if needed per list; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray showed the Board a brochure he created displaying information for businesses regarding TIF's; CRA's and JEDD's. He will take it to the next JEDD meeting to get their approval and then will get copies printed so it can be handed out to new businesses.

Ray stated that he has been in contact with a division of ODOT that is willing to pay 100% of material expenses (no labor) to complete the bike trail as a sidewalk from the trail to Berringer Place. It will have to be asphalt to appear as an extension of the bike trail and the Township (with assistance from Geneva City) will provide the labor (as a matching portion). Ray is having the Ashtabula County Engineer draw up the plans for 400 ft by 6 foot extension.

Ray contacted Gary Pasqualone, Atty, to ask the procedures he will take to assist Denise Curtis to get the camper off her property that is presently parked next to the burnt down grange building but is on Denise's property. Atty Pasqualone will give 30 day notice that the camper must be moved from Denise's property; if not, he will contact the Ashtabula County Health Dept for assistance.

Ray made a motion to pass resolution #04112022 declaring 748 Rt. 534 under Ohio Revised Code 505.86 an emergency situation to the health and welfare of the surrounding residents; Jim seconded; the Board voted thusly: Pristov, yes; Gruber, yes; Spoor, yes.

Ray contacted A1 Land Development to remove the remaining debris from the burnt grange building. The funds of \$7,500 will come from the General Funds. The expense of \$7,500 will be put on the property taxes as a lien and if/when the funds will be reimbursed they will be put back into the General Fund. Ray made a motion to hire A1 Land Development to proceed; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ed stated that he and Cody met with Jeff Jenks to discuss the planting of the bushes; Cody agreed to remove the cemetery fence and Jeff will plant and maintain the plants.

Ed reported that one of the signs is done and he and Larry will put it up at the entrance to the bike trail – Welcome to Harpersfield Twp Trail—Conrad Signs will complete another one when a decision is made where to place the sign and get the dimensions.

Jonathan reached out to Ed to find out where the Board stands in helping him with his road projects; Ed commented he is in favor of the entranceway off of Clay Street; Ray and Jim are not but will support the three lane driveway off of Rt. 534. After a back and forth discussion, it was decided to write a letter of support for the three lane driveway off of Rt. 534.

Ed voiced a complaint that after reviewing the Ashtabula County Visitor's Guide he noticed that Harpersfield Township is not mentioned for any business location. Ray instructed Ed to speak with Eddy Eckart to get this corrected.

A resident asked the Board for support for a community meeting to create a security proposal in the Van Pelt/Bishop/LaFevre area. He is building a business in that area and is having a lot of issues/problems with vandalism.

Meeting adjourned until April 25, 2022

Edwin Spoor

James Pristov

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