

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on April 25, 2022

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

Edwin Spoor	Present	Raymond Gruber Jr	Present
James Pristov	Present	Sharon Rohrbaugh	Present

Employees: Larry Lister

Visitors: Renee and Rich Hanyok

The minutes from the bid opening and the regular session held on April 11, 2022, were reviewed. Jim made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as written; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray read Cody's report:

the backhoe has been ordered and is expected to be here end of May/beginning of June (2022)
quotes have been received for the cemetery pavilion – Rich Sheppard \$19,500 and Western Reserve \$24,900

will start working on the footers for the cemetery grant

Ray made a motion to pay the following bills: #12962 through #12971; totaling \$8,465.25; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #67-2022 through #73-2022; totaling \$46,862.40.

Sharon questioned the Board as to how the generator would be paid for: \$8668.32 from NOPEC grant and the balance split between General Fund and the Fire Dept Fund; the Board agreed unanimously to this recommendation.

Jim made a motion to accept Andover Bank's interest rate of 3.15% and Sharon's recommendation of 3 years for a loan to purchase a 2022 backhoe from Southeastern Equipment Co. for \$80,910 (this includes a \$17,000 trade in for our existing backhoe); Ray seconded; roll call: Gruber, yes; Pristov, yes; Spoor, yes

Jim informed the Board that he received a phone call from Debbie Peyton (resides at corner of Rt. 84 and LaFevre Road) stating that ever since a neighbor dug a pond her basement fills with water. Jim referred her to Nat Paskey (Soil and Water) for some guidance on how to solve the problem.

Ray gave an update regarding the grange building clean up and the parked camper (that is on neighboring property); Ray is moving ahead with Catherine Colgan, Assistant Prosecutor, advising us on legal notice to put in newspaper to notify Mr. Tutolo and Mr. Shaffer that the property will be cleaned up by the Township (and expenses assessed to property taxes). Ray also spoke with Attorney Gary Pasqualone regarding the camper and he informed Ray that certified letters are being returned; Ray informed Atty Pasqualone that there is not a mailbox there and suggested to post the letter on the camper (and to take a picture for proof).

Ray stated that the \$5500 NOPEC grant funds will be deposited for the lighting project that was completed in the interior of the Administration Building and the exterior on the Road garage.

Ray commented on the JEDD board meeting that a job description/expectations for the position of JEDD board administrator currently held by Eddy Eckart need to be created.

Ray questioned the Board on suggestions to where the Bookmobile can park in the Township; after discussing various ideas, it was decided to offer the area in front of the road garage bays that could be seen from Rt. 307 and have ample parking for residents visiting the Bookmobile. This is planned for evenings so it will not interfere with the road department.

Ray gave a report on offering businesses a TIF and his report confused the Board on who and when a TIF would be allowed; as the Board became frustrated with the information Ray was reporting, it was

suggested to have Attorney Lucas attend a meeting to resolve some of the confusion and get questions answered.

Ray made a motion to have LaRae Printing print 50 copies for \$105 of the brochure he created to inform businesses about the JEDD-TIF-CRA; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ed contacted Jonathan (Spire) to inform him the proper procedure to create the new roads he has planned for the Spire complex. Ed told him to start with the Ashtabula County Planning Commission then contact Ashtabula County Engineer Tim Martin. Ed did write a letter of support for Jonathan to include in an ODOT grant he is applying for to create 3 lanes (enter/exit) and a traffic signal (across from Old Orchard Drive).

Ed announced that John Patterson (former State Representative) has been appointed by the Biden Administration to serve as the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency's State Executive Director for Ohio. John will work to serve farmers, growers and producers across Ohio.

Ed announced that on April 25, 2022 the covered bridge was closed to thru traffic and is estimated to re-open December 2023 for the re-construction of the bridge.

Meeting adjourned until May 9, 2022

Edwin Spoor

Raymond Gruber Jr

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh