

# HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

## REGULAR SESSION

Held on February 14, 2022

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:45 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	James Pristov	Present
Raymond Gruber Jr	Present on Zoom	Sharon Rohrbaugh	Present

Employees: Cody Craine

Visitors: POD student Marissa Serapine; Bob Keyerleber; Renee and Rich Hanyok; Nick Ferrante; Peg and Jim Bunner

The minutes from the regular session held on January 24, 2022, were reviewed; Jim made a motion to approve both set of minutes as written; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon informed the Board that the Division of State Fire Marshall awarded the fire department \$1350 to reimburse for training courses.

Sharon received and read Tim's letter of resignation effective February 18, 2022.

Cody stated that he would like the Board's permission to use Bill Gurich under the premise of "emergency" to plow snow if needed until Tim's position is filled. The Board agreed to allow this at \$19 per hour.

Cody voiced a complaint to the Board that he is having issues with residents leaving their garbage receptacles in the roadway or in snowbanks causing a problem when they are plowing and Beringer Place is a problem with residents parking cars on the road and not in their driveways. This will be included in the newsletter and put on website.

Jim made a motion to pay the following bills: #12848 through #12878; totaling \$24,522.53; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #10-2022 through #15-2022; totaling \$23,360.07.

Jim 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, 2022, 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	548,873.72
Motor Vehicle License Tax	43,310.67
Gasoline Tax	251,773.38
Road & Bridge	498,316.74
Cemetery Fund	18,029.98
Bike Trail	7,081.66
Zoning	10,885.09
Fire Levy	157,090.25
Permissive Motor Vehicle	23,080.97
Fire Truck loan	713.85
Fire truck bond	2707.67
ARPA funds	272,352.76
Street lighting assessment	22,779.49
Building bond	22,556.73
Fire truck bond	59,912.07
OPWC Issue 2	75,000.00
PACE	171,734.20
Cemetery grant	2,000.00
JEDD III	61,422.75

Total appropriations for these funds for 2022: \$2,248,688.27

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

Jim commented that the Fire Department will be holding five fish fry dinners this year with the first on March 4<sup>th</sup>; they are also planning to have a scaled down version of the beef roast in July.

Jim questioned Byron Dutton, Austinburg Twp Trustee, about their noise ordinance. Byron said that they passed a resolution and ODOT put up the signs on the state routes.

Jim made a motion to advertise for the road department position on our website and Facebook; Road worker; Minimum class B CDL required; one year snow plow experience preferred; must have high school diploma or equivalent; starting wage \$19 an hour; respond to [ray@harpersfield.us](mailto:ray@harpersfield.us) or Twp office 440 466-2242 with questions or to submit a resume

Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor to post starting February 21, 2022

Ray spoke with Pat Tutolo (person that owns the Grange building that recently burnt down) to find out his plans to clean up the debris. Pat stated that he will get a dumpster and clean up the debris and empty the fuel oil tank. Ray informed him that the people living in the camper cannot stay there and that if/when the property is cleaned up another camper cannot be put back on the property to live in; Ray added that the lot is too small to re-build the structure as it does not have enough space for septic tank. Ray also informed Pat that he will post a letter at the fire site re-stating what he told Pat and that he has to show the Township that he intends to follow through with clean up by February 28<sup>th</sup> or the Township will do it and charge Pat the cost.

The Board decided to replace light fixtures with this years NOPEC grant funds. American Electric gave the Board options and it was decided to:

Retrofit existing lights in the Admin building meeting room and office areas for a cost of \$3564

Replace outside lights and the road garage for a cost of \$3660

The NOPEC funds of \$5,550 will be applied and the Township will pay the balance.

The Board also voted to update the electrical panel in the road garage at a cost of \$3650

Ray presented a "Mailbox Regulations" policy that will be following the Ohio Revised Code and is used by Ashtabula County Engineer's office. Brick mailbox is illegal and if someone hits it homeowner would be liable and if Township hits it the mailbox will be replaced with a 4x4 wooden post.

Ray commented that the Geneva Senior Center sent the Township a "thank you" for the donation that will be used for the bus insurance and other expenses that come up.

Bob Keyerleber attended the meeting to show the Board his ideas for the art sculpture that he wants to put in the center of the round-a-bout. The sculpture will be very expensive and he will work on the fundraising. Nick Ferrante added that unless the sculpture shows something regarding wineries he is doubtful if he will contribute. It was again stressed that this project should have a committee working on it and not just one individual. Ed informed Bob that the Township will enter into an agreement to move forward with a committee and the contacting of ODOT for allowable specs.

Ray will contact ODOT for grant funds to extend the gas line from Rt. 307 to Keyerleber's property.

Ed reported that officers for the Zoning Commission will be: Ken McLeod, Chairman and Ed Pristov, Vice Chairman and for BZA: Angie Riffle, Chairman and Don Bowling, Vice Chairman. Ed stated that Gary Somnitz will be on the Zoning Commission to fill the vacancy.

Meeting adjourned until February 28, 2022

Edwin Spoor

Raymond Gruber Jr

(by ZOOM)

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh