

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on November 14, 2022

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:30 PM in the Township Administration Building. Ed Spoor, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Edwin Spoor
James Pristov

Raymond Gruber Jr
Sharon Rohrbaugh

Employees: Cody Craine; Marty Pitkin

Visitors: Renee and Rich Hanyok; Jim and Peg Bunner; Dave and Lyndsey Marchewka

The minutes from the regular session held on October 24, 2022, were reviewed. Jim made a motion to approved the minutes as written; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Cody informed the Board that Brobst Tree Service has finished cutting the trees along multiple roads and in Unionville Cemetery. He added that the mini excavator is back from Southeastern Equipment and that the new 2023 dump truck is done and in the yard.

Marty reported issuing one zoning permit and that the Zoning Commission is working on amending the zoning text for campgrounds and cabins.

Ray made a motion to pay the following bills: #13230 through #13264; totaling \$38,228.88; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #245-2022 through #256-2022; totaling \$10,220.90.

Sharon reported that she received the OPINION OF COUNSEL letter from the Ashtabula County Prosecutor, that they have reviewed the Promissory Note and all of the necessary proceedings taken by the Borrower to authorize and execute this Promissory Note and therefore, I am of the opinion:

- (A) The Borrower is a duly constituted political subdivision of the State of Ohio;
- (B) This Promissory Note has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Borrower;
- (C) This Promissory Note is a legal, valid and general obligation of the Borrower, enforceable against the Borrower in accordance with its terms and in the event of a default by the Borrower, a judgment for money can lawfully be rendered against the Borrower, and the Borrower can be obligated to appropriate monies from its general fund to pay such default or judgment except insofar as the enforcement thereof may be limited by any law applicable to political subdivisions;
- (D) This Promissory Note is not a private activity bond as the term is used in 26 U.S.C. Section 141;
- (E) The Borrower is a qualified smaller issuer as defined in 26 U.S.C. Section 265(b)(3)(C);
- (F) This Promissory Note is a qualified tax exempt obligation of the Borrower, within the meaning of 26 U.S.C. Section 265(b)(3)(C).

The Promissory note will be attached in its entirety:

The Township as a political subdivision acknowledges itself to owe, and hereby promises to pay to the Andover Bank \$125,000 with interest at the rate of 2.5% for five years with the first payment due September 10, 2023 with a maturity date of September 10, 2027.

This note is issued for the purchase of a 2023 Mack dump truck for use in constructing, maintaining, and repairing roads within the Township.

Ray made a motion to accept and agree to the Promissory Note, Jim seconded; the Board voted thusly:

Edwin Spoor – yes

James Pristov—yes

Raymond Gruber Jr—yes

Ray made a motion to amend the appropriation resolution of 2-14-2022 to add \$23,500 to JEDD III for a total appropriation of \$84,922.75; Jim seconded; the Board voted thusly:

Edwin Spoor—yes

James Pristov—yes

Raymond Gruber Jr—yes

Sharon explained to the Board that if/when you get to the point to accept donations for the roundabout sculpture we will have to pass a resolution to request a new fund account number from the State Auditor. Ray added that he questioned his financial adviser and that any donations made to this project will be tax exempt donation.

Ed made a motion to donate \$1500 to community Share A Christmas Program; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray reported that the base work of Phase 1 of the bike trail extension is complete.

Ray spoke with Jonathan at Spire regarding the ATV and construction vehicles that are driving on our bike trail; Jonathan will look into the matter.

Ray commented that Commissioner Ducro reported that there should be a decision regarding the future of the Geneva Lodge by the end of December; the hope is that the State will own it but the County will operate it.

Ray attended the Appalachian grant meeting only to find out that we do not qualify for any of the grants being offered at this time. The Ashtabula County Metro Parks will submit a grant application and requested a letter of support from the Township; the Board agreed and Ray will write the letter for them.

Ray has been in conversation with ODOT regarding the Spire traffic light and the idea of a crosswalk and possible sidewalk. Ray and a rep from Spire will work on this project moving forward.

Ray attempted to contact the new Assistant Prosecutor to find out the status of the "camper" and has heard no response.

Ray commented that he has been in contact with the County and they are aware of our request to move the dumpster from the road garage parking area; Jake will look for a new location and then post it for 30 days in advance of moving the dumpsters.

Dave and Lyndsey Marchewska were in attendance to request the zoning department look into what their neighbor is building in her backyard. They believe it to be a tiny house. Marty informed them that he has been there twice and has not been able to get in touch with her and looked at the property and confirmed that there is a base to some type of structure there. He will now write her a letter to contact him to explain her intent.

Meeting adjourned until November 28, 2022

Edwin Spoor

Raymond Gruber Jr

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh