

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on March 28, 2022

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 9:50 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: Cody Craine; Larry Lister; Frank Henry

Visitors: Rich and Renee Hanyok

The minutes from the regular session held on March 14, 2022, were reviewed. Jim made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Frank informed the Board that the Fire House software used to report fire calls will no longer be supported and he is investigating for a replacement.

Frank stated that HVFD will not be burning the two structures at Spire nor will they burn the tall grass around the pond.

Frank reported that he received the ISO report and we are in the middle range; as this was his first inspection he will attempt to do some things differently next time to get a higher score.

Cody commented that Sievers Alarm Co conducted the annual inspection and that American Electric completed the installation of six outside lights on the Road Garage building.

Cody informed the Board that Neal (from the Ashtabula County Engineer's office) checked into the Cork Cemetery issue and that the survey markers are correct. He recommended that we confirm how many graves are involved and then contact the new property owner to get an easement (there are 3 to 4 graves that are not on Township property).

Cody received information from Southeastern Equipment Co regarding the backhoe. To replace the transmission with a reman transmission with a 3 year warranty; rental (to use while ours is being repaired) and trucking to and from Southeastern would be approximately \$23,000. If we would repair ours the trade in value would be \$36,000 and as is value \$14,000. The cost for a new backhoe approximately \$105,000. The Board discussed the options with Ed strongly agreeing with Cody that to fix ours does not make sense and recommends that we purchase a new backhoe with ours as a trade in. Cody will contact Southeastern for more information and final figures.

The Board agreed to have the dust control bid opening on April 11, 2022 at 6:45 PM; 60,000 gallons of CRS-2 and 10,000 AEP. Sharon is very concerned that the high price of diesel will affect the price of dust control product and will affect the road and bridge budget. She will have reports at the bid opening so the Board can make the decision to accept the bids or change the amount of product and re-bid.

Larry informed the Board that the camper trailer on property on State Road has been removed; the property sold; and the new owners will be building a house and cabin (to be used as a rental unit).

Ray made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters; Jim seconded; roll call: Pristov, yes; Gruber, yes; Spoor, yes

Ray made a motion to adjourn the executive session; Jim seconded; roll call: Pristov, yes; Gruber, yes; Spoor, yes

Jim made a motion to resume the regular session; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray made a motion to hire Frank Benetka III as the third road crew employee; Jim seconded; roll call: Pristov, yes; Gruber, yes; Spoor, yes

Ray made a motion to pay the following bills: #12921 through #12937; totaling \$145,321.86; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #45-2022 through #57-2022; totaling \$474,296.86.

Jim commented that Bryon Dutton (Austinburg Twp Trustee) sent out letters to determine the interest in created a fire district; if enough interest is shown there will be an informational meeting.

Ray made a motion to accept the road salt resolution:

Resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT road salt contract awarded in 2022

WHEREAS, Harpersfield Township hereby submits an agreement to participate in the ODOT annual road salt bid in accordance with ORC 5513.01 (B) and hereby agrees to all of the terms and conditions in its participation of the ODOT road salt contract.

By ODOT signing the road salt contract, it will form a contract between the awarded salt supplier and Harpersfield Township.

Harpersfield Township agrees to purchase a minimum of 90% of its 400 tons submitted salt quantity from the awarded salt supplier during the contract's effective period and Harpersfield Township hereby agrees to place orders with and directly pay the awarded salt supplier for all road salt it receives pursuant to ODOT salt contract.

Jim seconded; roll call: Pristov, yes; Gruber, yes; Spoor, yes

Ray informed the Board that he is continuing to work with ODOT for a grant to complete the bike trail sidewalk. He also contacted Congressman Joyce's office regarding a federal grant for paving Old Orchard and Pamona Drive.

Ray gave an update on the grange building; it has been determined that the camper is on Denise Curtis' property and she will contact Atty Gary Pasqualone for guidance on the proper steps to get the camper removed from her property.

Ray commented that the committee for the roundabout will meet on March 31, 2022.

Ray stated that he has been working on a brochure that will give businesses information on JEDD's, TIF's and CRA's.

Ed stated that the Board met with Jonathan in a work session to discuss his future plans to expand the Spire Complex. The Board decided that no Township funds will be put into the expansion project. Ray requested a copy of the ODOT grant Jonathan kept referring to that they want to apply for. They explained how they want to build a three lane entrance into Spire with a traffic light (across the street from Old Orchard Drive). After reviewing this project and how it will help Harpersfield residents traveling on Rt. 534, Jim made a motion to write a letter of support to build a resigned turn lane entrance to Spire (off of Rt. 534 – across the street from Old Orchard Drive) with a traffic light; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ed met with Jeff Jenks at the entrance of Harper Valley Lane to discuss the planting of the arborvitae along the cemetery fence. Ed informed Jeff that the giant specie will be too tall but the emerald should be fine. Ed stated that he thinks this will block the view of the cemetery and recommends that we allow Jeff to proceed. Ed also suggests that we tear out the cemetery fence as it is in poor condition and to close to a lot of the head stones causing an issue to mow. After a discussion, Ed made a motion to remove the fence; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor. Jim commented that this would be aesthetically pleasing and made a motion to allow Jeff to plant the emerald arborvitae (Jeff has also agreed to maintain the plants) along the east side of Harper Valley Lane; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Meeting adjourned until April 11, 2022

Edwin Spoor

Raymond Gruber Jr

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh