

# HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

## REGULAR SESSION

Held on September 12, 2022

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:50 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: Martin Pitkin; Cody Craine

Visitors: Renee & Rich Hanyok; Paula Pristov

The minutes from the regular session held on August 15, 2022, were reviewed. Jim made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Cody reported that a culvert and catch basins have been replaced on Old Orchard Drive; the cinder shed has been repaired (from the previous accident); roadside mowing is complete for this year and he would still like to work on the administration parking lot to get at least the base done this year.

Cody stated that he received a quote of \$25.70 per ton from Arms Trucking for cinders for 2022-2023.

Cody informed the Board that he received a bid package from the Ashtabula County Engineer for the paving of Old Orchard Drive and Pamona Drive. The Board decided to hold bid opening on September 26, 2022, at 6:30 PM.

Sharon reported that after four years of frustration she finally resolved the JEDD III financial statement issue with Geneva City!!!! We have reached an agreement and now know how much the Township owes the City on the JEDD III sewer loans (we are responsible for half of the loans). Sharon gave the Board copies of the reports and commented that our share of the OPWC loan is now \$60,000 and that we have that money in our JEDD III fund; she suggested that we reach out to the City to ask if paying this off now would complicate the loan structure. The Board discussed this and Ray made a motion to question the City to see if this would be possible to cancel part of the loan we owe them; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Jim moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a tax budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 2023,

WHEREAS, the Budget Commissions of Ashtabula County has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without and what part within, the ten mill limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees that the amount and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said Township the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation.

Resolved, that the fiscal officer of this Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Ashtabula County Auditor.

Ray seconded the resolution and the roll call upon adoption resulted as follows:

Pristov, yes	Gruber Jr, yes	Spoor, yes
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Sharon gave the Board a copy of the repair bill that Larry submitted to be reimbursed; it is a bill for repairs for his lawnmower that he uses to mow the bike trail. After discussing the situation, Jim made a motion to reimburse Larry 75% of the repair bill; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray made a motion to pay the following bills: #13131 through #13166; totaling \$27,563.47; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: ##172-2022 through #201-2022; totally \$46,177.44.

Ray informed the Board that Tim Martin, Ashtabula County Engineer, signed the grant agreement with ODOT for the bike trail extension. The \$25,000 grant is to cover the material; the Township has to pay the labor. Cody will request that the County Engineer survey and stake out the project.

Ray reported that ODOT gave a presentation regarding the roundabout. The Board commented that it was very informative.

Ray stated that he received confirmation that the Township will receive grant funds for the cemetery footers for 2023.

Ray informed the Board that the TIF public hearing will be held on October 10, 2022, at 6 PM.

Ray received information that a volunteer worker is not covered under workers compensation.

Ray was contacted by resident at 5597 Old Orchard Drive that wants to purchase property from the Township. After reviewing the map, it was determined that land is the road right of way for Gladstone and cannot be sold.

Ray stated that Jonathan (Spire) met with the Ashtabula County Commissioners to discuss building new roads in the Spire complex. The County Commissioners are interested in working with Jonathan to construct the new roads. Sharon questioned if the roads would be turned over to the Township for future maintenance; Ray did not know the answer to that and will discuss with the County Commissioners.

Ed commented that a water line will be constructed to the second house on State Road north of South River Road.

Ed stated that a poll was taken at the recent clean up day event and that the majority opted for fall.

Renee and Rich commented that there is a horrible bump on County Line Road at the I90 overpass. The Board stated that the bridge is ODOT and that either Lake or Ashtabula maintain County Line Road. It was suggested to contact the Ashtabula County Engineer for guidance.

Meeting adjourned until September 26, 2022

Edwin Spoor

Raymond Gruber Jr

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh