

# HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

## REGULAR SESSION

Held on February 27, 2023

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

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh

Edwin Spoor

Employees: Cody Craine; Frank Henry; Marty Pitkin

Visitors: Jim and Peg Bunner; Steve and Melissa Carraro; Renee and Rich Hanyok

The minutes from the regular session held on February 13, 2023 were reviewed. Ed made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Frank reported that the new ESO software program is up and he is working with it to upload inspections and fire runs. He has uploaded all of the old reports to be archived. This software is all cloud based.

Frank would like to order two Motorola radios at a cost of \$4600 each. He will use the Ashtabula County EMA funds of \$7500 first and is asking if the Township will pay the balance. Ed and Jim agreed to allow this purchase with the Township paying the balance due.

Frank commented that Dan Goff has transitioned to the 240 hours training class and the cost to the Township is \$828.

Frank informed the Board that the firemen would like to put a \$725,000 bond on the November ballot to purchase a pumper/tanker fire truck. The Board agreed to proceed with the bond process.

Cody informed the Board that he was contacted by Simak and that as of April 1<sup>st</sup> the cost of stone will go up by 10%; they will honor our current quote for the month of March. The Board agreed to allow Cody to purchase the stone he estimates he will need for the summer projects during March to avoid the price increase.

Cody stated that he was contacted by Larry to purchase signs for the bike trail; he will price the signs and give the list to Ed to discuss the purchase with Larry prior to placing the order.

Cody commented that he was contacted by Austinburg Road Supervisor that they were selling their boom mower and questioned if we would be interested. Cody looked at it and with some repairs thinks it would be a good purchase and offered between \$6,000 to \$8,000. The Board agreed to this purchase and instructed Cody to contact Mr. Petro to inform his Board of Trustees of our offer.

Cody is planning to contact the Ashtabula County Engineer to work up a bid packet for paving Old Orchard, Roxbury, Pamaona. He added that he sent the County the road stripping list for this year.

Marty informed the Board that he issued a zoning permit for solar panels to be installed on an accessory structure. He recommended that we amend the zoning text to include solar panels.

Marty stated that he was contacted by a resident on Hemlock Lane regarding a neighbor's accessory structure. They believe that it was build on their property. Marty looked for but could not a zoning permit and informed the resident that it will be a civil matter.

Marty will contact Wendy's to inform them that repairs are needed to their sign.

Ed made a motion to pay the following bills: #13455 through #13476; totaling \$16,637.76; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #14-2023 through #27-2023; totaling \$22,880.30.

Ed stated that we do have to install walking plates on the bike trail extension on Berringer and possibly Sherman St.

Steve and Melissa Carraro attended the meeting to ask for permission to place GEO caching items along the bike trail. The Board did not know anything about this program. Steve explained that members have an GPS app that they use to find items that are placed on trails; parks; cemeteries; etc by other members. The items are not buried nor cause any property damage to be placed. Steve stated that he has placed items along the Greenway trail. It became very popular during covid to get families outside and spend time together. The Board gave permission for him to place the items along the bike trail.

Meeting adjourned until March 13, 2023

Raymond Gruber Jr

Edwin Spoor

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh