

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on January 23, 2023

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 9:15 PM in the Township Administration Building. Ray Gruber, Chairman called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Raymond Gruber Jr

Edwin Spoor

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh

Employees: Cody Craine; Frank Henry; Marty Pitkin

Visitors: Renee and Rich Hanyok; Harry Capala; Johnny Haeseler; Stefan Lechintar

The minutes from the public hearing held on December 19, 2022; the regular session held on December 19, 2022; the organizational session held on December 29, 2022; the work session held on January 10, 2023 were reviewed. Ed made a motion to approve the minutes from public hearing, regular session, organizational session, and the work session as written; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Frank informed the Board that the ESO software should be live February first. He mentioned that it was mentioned in his training sessions that an iPad would be beneficial to report the fire inspections and fire call reports with pictures. Sharon contacted Verizon and can get one for \$500 and can be added to our Verizon cell phone plan for \$37 per month for unlimited data; the Board agreed to this purchase.

Frank discussed a fire truck spec sheet that Cody had obtained from Fire Fly Fire Equipment and they currently have the truck available for sale for \$569,000; Frank will show it to the firemen and decide if it is something they want to pursue.

Marty gave a sample of the new letterhead he created; he felt it was more professional and gave more contact information on it when sending it out for zoning violations etc.

Marty informed the Board that he has been in contact with Spire and they are requesting information about the zoning regulations for creating a subdivision off of Clay Street with smaller lots to get more houses in the subdivision (builder to be Ryan Homes). Marty stated that this is in a RAD area and only houses for faculty can be built in RAD and not single family homes.

Marty and Ray were contacted about tires and trash on the hillside that can be seen from Harpersfield Park area. Ed stated that the trash has been there for at least 40 years. Ray will contact property owner.

Marty questioned if the Board had a chance to review his zoning fee schedule. The Board stated that they need to see the current fee schedule to compare it to Marty's recommendation. Ray added that our Township cannot be compared to Concord as they have a bigger budget etc. Marty agreed to list the current fee schedule and the Board will review.

Cody informed the Board that he obtained a couple of diagnostic scanners to demo and has decided on the best option to work for the variety of equipment we have. It will be purchased from NAPA at a cost of \$4509 (the cost will be split between road and fire departments). Jim made a motion to allow the purchase; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Cody commented that the pick up truck service box has been installed and they are very pleased with it.

Cody researched cemetery fees and showed the Board our current fees and what he recommends we increase to. Included on the sheet were comparison prices with other areas. He stated that we need to raise the fees to cover the cost of material and labor. The Board reviewed his recommendations and Ed made a motion to accept the proposed fee change to be effective February 1, 2023; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Purchase lot fee for resident: \$400

Non resident: \$600

Fee for full burial: \$500

Fee for cremation: \$200

Footer fee: \$70 square foot

Cody informed the Board that he has purchased the necessary cement blocks to build the foundation for the salt building.

Cody commented that Warren Fire Equipment has updated the fire extinguishers.

Jim made a motion to pay the following bills: #13404 through #13421 totaling \$\$24,721.82; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ed announced the Zoning Board officers:

Zoning Commission:

BZA:

Ken McLeod, Chairman

Angie Riffle, Chairman

Ed Pristov, Vice Chairman

Don Bowling, Vice Chairman

Dave Snyder agreed to extend serving on the Zoning Commission until 2027.

Pete Hommel agreed to extend serving on the BZA until 2027. Larry Lister agreed to replace Paula Pristov until 2026.

Jim announced the first fish fry dinner will be Friday, February 24th! There will be five dinners this year held every other Friday.

The Board agreed to have clean up day on September 9th and the NOPEC community grant will be used for this expense.

Ray commented that the grange property is going up for Sheriff's sale on February 3rd.

The Board decided to not renew our ZOOM subscription for 2023.

Ray stated that he has been working with Burnham and Flower to get insurance for Jared. He is aging off of his father's policy.

Ray commented that the recycling bins program will go out for bid on March 1st and the goal is that the bins located at our road garage parking area will be moved to a new location and at that time will no longer be in our township.

Ray wrote a letter to Chad Root, ODOT, expressing the views of the Board regarding the traffic light for Spire entrance; traffic light at Clay Street and Rt. 534; and a jogger's crossing on Rt. 534 to Old Orchard Drive.

Ray gave a recap of the work session held with Spire:

Location of traffic light

Sport gaming licenses

Purchase of Motel 6

Plans of the five farms purchased south of I-90

Spire now owns 800 acres

Spire school has 84 students attending from 22 countries

Meeting adjourned until February 13, 2023

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