

# HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

## REGULAR SESSION

Held on March 13, 2023

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:05 PM in the Township Administration Building. Ray Gruber, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Raymond Gruber Jr

Sharon Rohrbaugh

James Pristov

Employees: Cody Craine; Marty Pitkin

Visitors: Lynn Cummings; Mary Decker; Rich and Renee Hanyok

No minutes were presented as Ed was absent to approve them.

Cody would like to have the dust control bid opening on April 20, 2023; the Board agreed to hold the bid opening on April 10, 2023 at 6:45 PM. This year Cody would like 50,000 gallons of CRS and 10,000 gallons of AEP.

Cody has requested an updated estimate from the County Engineer for the paving of Pamona – Old Orchard – Roxbury.

Cody reported that he has heard nothing from Austinburg Township regarding purchasing their boom mower.

Cody informed the Board that he has replaced two culverts on Brandt Rd and County Line Rd. He is hoping to get started on the Adm parking lot soon. To date he has figured the road crew has completed 1.18 miles of ditching.

Jim made a motion to pay the following bills: #13477 through #13501; totaling \$10,149.89; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #28-2023 through #35-2023; totaling \$17,559.08.

Sharon mentioned her concerns regarding the \$750,000 bond that the fire dept want to put on the ballot for a new fire truck; the County Auditor informed her that without the interest being figured in it will be at least a 1 mill bond levy. At the current state of the economy and the inflation she is concerned about putting this on the ballot; Jim agreed and stated maybe we should wait; Ray did not want it put on ballot in presidential year. We will want to discuss when Ed is in attendance.

Sharon informed the Board that the permissive tax for 2022 was \$39,047; and she wanted to add that with Motel 6 being closed we can expect less for this year.

Jim mentioned that he had received a map and information about the bike trail closure that Spire is requesting for a track and field event.

Jim has contacted Spire to see if we could host the County Association meeting at their facility in May; he hoped to have more info at the next meeting.

Ray stated that Greg Miller will be in attendance at the next meeting to discuss the LaFevre Rd extension.

Ray asked if Cody had called about the cost of a generator for the road garage building and Cody would like to use the NOPEC funds to insulate the garage addition ceiling. The Board agreed to this and Cody will get some quotes.

Ray will continue to reach out to talk with Mr. Boyd about the junk on his property that can be seen for the Harpersfield dam area.

Ray informed the Board that he has been unable to get a response from the Dept of Taxation about the property that was put in TIF#2 as residential and is now a business. He is asking if we need to amend TIF#2.

Ray reported that NOPEC announced that the PUCO renewed their electric certificate for another 2-year period. NOPEC contacted Ray and would like to hold a one hour meeting to educate residents on coming back to NOPEC between April 15 through 28; Ray suggested April 18 or 19.

Ray received information from ODNR regarding the class 3 dam that is on the Spire Lake that needs to be inspected by the end of June. He will pass this info on to Spire as they have to clean up the area of high grass, trees and brush prior to the inspection to facilitate viewing.

Ray stated that he has ordered the flags for the I-90 overpass at a cost of \$2208.

Ray filed for the solid waste grant that will reimburse of for the expenses from Sept 2022 clean up expenses. Recycling bins will be removed from the road garage parking lot area on March 16, 2023 and will be moved to the Adm building parking lot after the parking lot paving project has been completed and Cody estimates that will not be until 2024. Ray wanted to vote on this and Sharon suggested this matter be tabled until Ed can give his thoughts on this matter as this move will affect a new neighborhood. Lynn Cummings and Mary Decker were in attendance to comment on the importance of the recycling program and both were pleased that there might be an option to bring it back to the Township.

Meeting adjourned until March 27, 2023

Raymond Gruber Jr

Edwin Spoor

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh