

# HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

## REGULAR SESSION

Held on March 27, 2023

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:50 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

Visitors: Greg Miller

The minutes from the regular session held on February 27, 2023 were reviewed. Jim made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

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

Frank gave an equipment update: repairs to Unit 672 (\$6,000); Unit 662 sustained slight damage while on the scene of wires down after a severe wind storm; Unit 678 had damage to work lights.

Frank gave a report that the firemen have a quote of \$659,000 for a truck with the specs that the committee has agreed on. Sharon will now contact Andover Bank for an amortization schedule and then reach out to the County Auditor for the mileage amount; the Board will then be able to review and decide whether to proceed with putting a bond levy on the ballot.

Cody informed the Board that Larry wants to order ten "no motorized vehicles" signs for the bike trail and that they are \$19.50 per sign. Sharon reminded Ed that he only authorized \$3,000 for the bike trail budget for this year and Larry has already spent \$250 for another dog poop station. After the Board discussed the bike trail budget, Ed authorized purchasing five signs.

Cody stated that the garbage cans in the cemeteries need to be updated; he would like to purchase six heavy duty outdoor cans and that they will be bolted down; the Board agreed to allow this purchase.

Ed made a motion to pay the following bills: #13502 through #13516; totaling \$28,683.62; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #36-2023 through #45-2023; totaling \$16,566.98.

Ed reported that on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, the Trustees held the "Citizen of the Year" event. This year Pat and Monte Stoltz were chosen as the Township's 2022 Citizen(s) of the Year!!!!

Jim reported that Ashtabula County Prosecutor O'Toole attended the Ashtabula County Trustees Association meeting and heard several Trustees voice complaints regarding the representation the Townships are getting from her office. She informed the Trustees that she has appointed a new Assistant Prosecutor to be the Township's contact and offered to have training sessions for the Matrix system.

The Board discussed hosting the Ashtabula County Trustees Association meeting to be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>. They would like to have it at Spire and offer tours for any Trustee interested in seeing the complex; Ed will talk with Jonathan on the cost to cater the meal.

Ray informed Cody that if he can keep the bike trail extension level the handicap pads will not be needed.

Ray met with Mr. Boyd and discussed the junk/trash that has been dumped on his property that is over the hill that can be seen from the Harpersfield dam area. Mr. Boyd said he brother-in-law put the items there and Ed added it was well over 30 years ago. Mr. Boyd informed Ray that he is on disability and not sure how he can remove the items; Ray told him he would try to help him out when the ground dries out.

Ray commented that he is still dealing with the Department of Taxation regarding classification of properties listed as residential in the TIF#1 district. Ray is attempting to find out how we can amend the properties to be added into the TIF as commercial.

Ray announced that NOPEC will hold a meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> from 4 PM to 5 PM in the Administration Building. The meeting is to give residents information to return to NOPEC for their electric supplier.

Ray informed Cody that he is looking into an EPA grant program that will send a company to our road garage yard to pick up tires but that we need a minimum of 100 tires to be at no charge.

Ray made a motion to accept the road salt resolution:

Resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT road salt contract awarded in 2023

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: Spoor, yes; Pristov, yes; Gruber, yes

Greg Miller was in attendance to talk to the Board about extending LaFevre Road to his newly purchased property. Ray received an estimate from the County Engineer of \$90,000 to rebuild the abandoned section of the road. After discussing the situation at length, it was proposed that the Township will supply the manpower and questioned Mr. Miller how much of the \$50,000 of the stone cost he would be willing to help with. Mr. Miller said he would discuss this proposal with his wife and get back to us.

Meeting adjourned until April 10, 2023

Raymond Gruber Jr

Edwin Spoor

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh