

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on November 13, 2023

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:10 PM in the Township Administration Building. James Pristov, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

James Pristov

Mickey Mihalick

Edwin Spoor

Sharon Rohrbaugh

Employees: Cody Craine; Larry Lister; Frank Henry

Visitors: Gary Somnitz; Ed Pristov; Judge David and Michelle Schroeder; Sandy Cinkole; Assistant Prosecutor Michael Angiolelli; Kim Gregory

The minutes from the regular session held on October 23, 2023, were reviewed. Ed made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Frank reported that due to a power outage at Station 2 there was damaged that occurred to truck antennas and a garage door. He ordered boots and helmets for the five firemen that are taking the training course.

Cody reported that Old Orchard paving project is complete and that the Ashtabula County Engineer striped the road.

Cody informed the Board that the road crew removed the old insulation in the bay area of the garage and that Boak & Sons Inc will apply the insulation in two to three weeks and that their quote they gave us in April remained the same.

Cody stated that when they attempted to put the roof on the new salt building they discovered the company sent us the wrong base plates. He contacted them and they will send us the correct ones but that is going to set the time line back to have the building available for this winter season.

Cody reported that Brobst Tree Service will remove four trees from the Maple Grove Cemetery at a cost of \$1800.

Cody commented that the leaves have been removed from the cemeteries.

Cody informed the Board that he met with Jeff Jenks to discuss the condition of Harper Valley Lane. The construction equipment building the road extension have destroyed the existing road and it is to late in the year to repair the road. Jeff is aware that it will have to wait till next year.

Larry showed the Board the proposed map of the Harpersfield Flats (apartment complex being built by Spire). The proposal has to go before the BZA for a conditional use permit on November 29th at 7 PM.

Larry informed the Board that going forward he is planning to hold any variance or conditional use hearings on the third Monday of the month.

Ed made a motion to pay the following bills: #13792 through #13827; totaling \$152,862.99; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #239-2023 through #258-2023; totaling \$23,001.47.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE ASHTABULA 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 2024,

WHEREAS, the Budget Commissions of Ashtabula County has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the Ashtabula 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 the resolution to the Ashtabula County Auditor.

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

Spoor, yes

Pristov, yes

Mihalick, yes

Mickey reported speaking to Assistant Prosecutor Angiolelli regarding the bike trail. Michael was in attendance to give us some legal advise on how to proceed; his recommendation is to speak with Spire's legal department to resolve that this public trail is for non-motorized use only. Ed will get him the Spire legal contact info and Larry and Sharon will get him additional description information and pictures.

Ed reported that the Township has been approached to support and pass resolutions for Geneva Owner LLC (Spire) to install solar panels on the aquatic building.

Resolution #1-1123

A Resolution determining to proceed with the acquisition, construction, and improvement of certain public improvements in Harpersfield Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio in cooperation with the Harpersfield Township (Ashtabula County) Energy Special Improvement District and Declaring an Emergency.

Jim made a motion to approve Resolution #1-1123; Mickey seconded; the Board voted thusly: Spoor, yes; Pristov, yes; Mihalick, yes

Resolution #2-1123

A Resolution approving a petition for Special Assessments for Special Energy Improvement projects, and a supplemental plan for public improvements; and declaring the necessity of acquiring, construction, and improving certain public improvements described in the plan for public improvements in cooperation with the Harpersfield Township (Ashtabula County) Energy Special Improvement District; and Declaring an Emergency.

Jim made a motion to approve Resolution #2-1123; Mickey seconded; the Board voted thusly: Spoor, yes; Pristov, yes; Mihalick, yes

Resolution #3-1123

A Resolution levying special assessments for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, and improving certain public improvements in Harpersfield Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio, in cooperation with the Harpersfield Township (Ashtabula County) special improvement district; authorizing and approving an energy project cooperative agreement by and among Harpersfield Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio, the Harpersfield Township (Ashtabula County) energy special improvement district, Geneva Owner, LLC, and Greenworks Lending LLC providing for the financing of those public improvements; authorizing and approving a special assessment agreement by and between Harpersfield Township, Ashtabula County, the County Treasurer of Ashtabula County, Ohio, PACE Equity LLC, The Harpersfield Township (Ashtabula County) Energy Special Improvement District, and Geneva Owner LLC regarding those special assessments; and declaring an emergency.

Ed made a motion to approve Resolution #3-1123; Mickey seconded; the Board voted thusly: Spoor, yes; Pristov, yes; Mihalick, yes

Ed commented that more zoning Board members are needed; to reach out to residents and see if we can get people interested. Zoning Commission needs one member and 2 alternates and the BZA needs 2 alternates.

Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder attended the meeting to ask for help with their daughter's driveway on Rt. 534. It is located in a blind spot on the down side of a hill and she is having trouble getting safely out of her driveway. The Trustees can reach out to ODOT to ask if anything can be done as this is a hazardous situation. The other issue they brought up is a wash out of the berm on the southwest corner of Cork Cold Springs Rd and Rt. 534. The Board can reach out to ODOT or the County Engineer but we cannot assist otherwise as neither road is the responsibility of the Township.

The meeting adjourned until November 27, 2023

James Pristov

Mickey Mihalick

Edwin Spoor

Sharon Rohrbaugh