

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on October 9, 2023

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

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh

Edwin Spoor

Employees: Frank Henry; Cody Craine

Visitors: Julie and Everett Henry; Sam Purkey; Dave Snyder; Rich and Renee Hanyok; Mickey Mihalick; Kim Gregory

The minutes from the regular session held on September 25, 2023, were reviewed. Ed made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Frank informed the Board that he will be conducting the Fire Prevention Program at Cork School on October 19, 2023.

Frank stated that up to four people are interested in taking the 120-hour fire training class. The cost is \$1680 for each person. It will be hosted by Rome Fire Department.

Cody stated that the bike trail extension is seeded which completes that project; the Ashtabula County Engineer will paint a crosswalk across Clay Street near Sherman Street.

Sharon commented that Larry requested that a zoning violation regarding the structure on West Street be submitted to the Ashtabula County Prosecutor. Sharon made a suggestion that we write the property owner a letter giving them two weeks to comply prior to submitting request to the Prosecutor; the Board agreed to the suggestion and Larry will be informed of their decision.

Larry inspected the "dog kennel" complaint on Gladstone and he saw no problem as it is a plastic fence that could be easily moved. Ed commented that if it can be moved he saw no problem that it is in the road right of way. Mr. Purkey was not pleased with this response and stated that he would put a shed up on his road right of way. Ed responded that he could but that if the road would be reopened the shed would have to be moved.

Jim made a motion to pay the following bills: #13756 through #13774; totaling \$12,067.55; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #205-2023 through #217-2023; totaling \$6,315.15.

Jim made a motion to pay the \$250 fee for the education subscription to grant all active members within the Township to access OTA webinars for the 2024 calendar year; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ed commented that the Spire housing that they plan to construct off of Clay Street can be built in the RAD as a multi-family unit. Spire may have to go before the BZA as the only want to build each unit at 700 square feet and our zoning text minimum is 900 square feet.

Ed stated that a company removing a portable toilet unit at the Spire hit and destroyed our dog poop bag station. Ed has been in contact with Spire to have the company replace the station.

Ed informed the Board that the BZA passed the variance for Get Go and that a traffic light on Spire Circle will be installed in conjunction with Get Go being built.

Ed gave an update on the walking trail that the first phase will connect the Greenway trail up to Barnum Road with grant funds.

Ed announced that Chops will open as a restaurant.

Ed stated that Geneva City is conducting a study on the sewer line issue as all of the JEDD sewer lines are larger than the ones they connect to in the City. Until the study is complete no new construction that need to connect to the sewer line can happen in the Township.

Jim commented that the Township received ten applications for the Trustee position vacated by Mr. Gruber. The Board is conducting the interviews and hope to have a decision at the October 23rd meeting.

Julie and Everett were in attendance to request a donation for the Hygiene Share A Christmas. Sharon informed the Board what funds were available in the donation line item and that we still had to have funds available for the Safety Forces Share A Christmas. After discussing the issue it was decided to give each program \$825 this year.

The meeting adjourned until October 23, 2023

James Pristov

Edwin Spoor

Sharon Rohrbaugh