

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on October 23, 2023

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:15 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: Larry Lister; Cody Craine

Visitors: Mickey Mihalick; Sam Purkey; Widd Raymond; Kim Gregory

The minutes from the regular session held on October 9, 2023 were reviewed. Ed made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Jim stated that the Board received 11 applications for the vacant Trustee position; 3 people rescinded their application prior to the interview process; the remaining candidates made for a difficult decision as they each brought something good to the table! Both Ed and Jim commented that it was an interesting process to go through. After much deliberation both Ed and Jim unanimously chose Michele "Mickey" Mihalick as our new Trustee. Sharon did the "oath of office". Mickey will be our new Trustee effective November 1, 2023, to fill the unexpired term which is up in 2025.

Ed reported that the Township has been approached to support and pass resolutions for Harpersfield Hotel LLC to obtain a PACE loan for the construction and improvements to be made to the former Motel 6.

Resolution #1-1023:

A resolution determining to proceed with the acquisition, construction, and improvement of certain public improvements in Harpersfield Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio, in cooperation with Harpersfield Township (Ashtabula County) energy special improvement district and declaring an emergency.

Jim made a motion to approve Resolution #1-1023; Ed seconded; the Board voted thusly: Pristov, yes and Spoor, yes

Resolution #2-1023:

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 Harpersfield Township (Ashtabula County) energy special improvement district; and declaring an emergency.

Jim made a motion to approve Resolution #2-1023; Ed seconded; the Board voted thusly: Pristov, yes and Spoor, yes

Resolution #3-1023:

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 Harpersfield Township (Ashtabula County) special improvement district; authorizing and approving an energy project cooperative agreement by and among Harpersfield Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio Harpersfield Township (Ashtabula County) energy special improvement district, Harpersfield Hotel LLC, and PACE Equity LLC providing for the financing of those public improvements; authorizing and approving a special assessment agreement by and between Harpersfield Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio, the County Treasurer of Ashtabula County, Ohio, PACE Equity LLC, the Harpersfield Township (Ashtabula County) energy special improvement district, and Harpersfield Hotel LLC regarding those special assessments; and declaring an emergency.

Jim made a motion to approve Resolution ##-1023; Ed seconded; the Board voted thusly: Pristov, yes and Spoor, yes

Cody stated that Koski Construction is in the process of paving Old Orchard Drive with the top coat being applied tomorrow.

Cody has requested a quote from Brobst Tree Service to remove four trees from Maple Grove Cemetery.

It was agreed by the Board that when we pave the Administration/Fire Station parking lot next summer that we install a handicapped sidewalk.

Larry gave the Board updates to the property on West Street-the cabin is still in violation of zoning rules; Sonny Lanes has obtained a zoning permit for two signs; he had to attend court and give a deposition for the South River Winery as they are being sued for not having handicapped accessibility; a camper has been removed from property on Harpersfield Road and the property owner wants to build a barn where the pavilion structure was covering the camper, Larry said this was not allowable under zoning rules; he has received plans for a 4-story dorm at the Spire complex to be built across the parking lot from the aquatic building (east of the one story dorm buildings), this building will house 200 students.

The Board will hold a public hearing on November 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM for public opinion to consider a proposed amendment to change Schedule 1209.1 – basic sign regulations and add new Section 1012 with Subsections 1012.1 through 1012.4 and add definition for detached accessory dwelling unit(s) to Article 2 and add detached accessory dwelling Unit (s) to Schedule 802.1 showing as “C” (Conditional) in R-1 and R-2 district and Schedule 804.1, showing as “C” (Conditional) in LC, I/OP-TC and RAD districts.

Larry informed the Board of the passing of Ron Gilbert, he was a member on our Zoning Board for many years and will be sadly missed.

Ed made a motion to pay the following bills: #13775 through #13790; totaling \$10,245.08; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.
Sharon reported the following receipts: #218-2023 through #238-2023; totaling \$92,184.02.

Ed reported that the water tower and water line on South River Road will be moving forward and grant funds were obtained.

Jim made a motion to appoint Ed as an alternate on the JEDD Board; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Jim commented that the Clam Bake sponsored by the Ruritans and the HVFD was well attended. Jim added that the time capsule ceremony was a success and new items were added in waterproof bags and the capsule will be open again in 25 years.

The meeting adjourned until November 13, 2023

James Pristov

Edwin Spoor

Sharon Rohrbaugh