

# HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

## REGULAR SESSION

Held on August 12, 2024

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:45 PM in the 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; Frank Henry

Visitors: Witt Raymond; Paula Pristov; Kim Gregory; Rich and Renee Hanyok; Tim and Bonnie Burzanka

The minutes from the regular session held on July 15, 2024 were reviewed. Mickey made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Frank commented that the HVFD loaned their generator to the Brookpark Civic Center to aid the community in the loss of electricity for several days following a severe weather storm.

Sharon informed the Board that we received a letter from Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival requesting that the Township pay \$105 for a portable restroom at the Harpersfield Covered Bridge during the Covered Bridge Festival weekend. The Board discussed this and because there are permanent restroom facilities in the park and that the park is under the Ashtabula County Metro Park system; Ed made a motion to not pay for a portable restroom; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon stated that we have three street lighting districts that need to be renewed.

### Lighting District #6

Forty-seven property parcels located within a distance not to exceed 660 feet of the lighting district on Old Orchard Drive which extends from the center line of Rt. 534 to center line of LaFevre Road for the annual assessment amount of \$24.50 per property parcel for the cost of six street lamps. Mickey made a motion to renew Lighting District #6; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

### Lighting District #7

Forty-three property parcels located within a distance not to exceed 660 feet of the lighting district on LaFevre Road which extends from I-90 to Rt. 84 for the annual assessment amount of \$44.65 per property parcel for the cost of ten street lamps. Ed made a motion to renew Lighting District #7; Mickey seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

### Lighting District #8

Eleven property parcels located within a distance not to exceed 660 feet of the lighting district on State Road which extends from the center line of Rt. 534 to the center line of Old Harpersfield Road for the annual assessment of \$52.50 per property parcel for the cost of three street lamps. Ed made a motion to renew Lighting District #8; Mickey seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Mickey made a motion to pay the following bills: #14218 through #14253; totaling \$24,924.87; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #172-2024 through #209-2024; totaling \$302,539.98.

Mickey contacted Marilyn Niciu and she has agreed to clean the Admin Building meeting area on an as needed basis for \$100 each time. Ed made a motion to allow Marilyn to clean the meeting area as needed for \$100 each time; Mickey seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Mickey commented that she received multiple questions from a resident on South River Road: is it mandatory that a property owner hook into the water line? Ed answered "no"; are the recycling bins coming back to the Township and if not, why are the residents paying a \$5 recycling fee on their taxes? Ed and Jim both answered that there are no plans to return the recycling bins to the Township at this time and that the \$5 recycling fee is charged by the County not the Township.

The Board recently attended a meeting at which time Spire explained some of their future ideas for the complex. One of the ideas that the Board discussed is the gated entrance on Spire Way. Cody and Ed both agreed that it would be difficult for the Township to maintain the road (up to the gate) with the gate being installed at the present location Spire is suggesting to construct it and Cody added impossible to plow snow. They both voiced if Spire insists to put the gate at that location they can maintain etc. the entire road.

Ed commented that Phase 1 of the South River Road water line (Rt. 534 to Stoltz Rd) will be starting very soon with Bishop Road water line (Old Harpersfield Rd to LaFevre Rd) to follow shortly after.

Ed recommended that we amend our current hydrant policy as the price of hydrant has increased. He made a motion to pay the current cost of \$2500 for a hydrant for Barnum Road; Mickey seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ed reminded everyone that clean up day for Township residents will be Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at Doherty's with the traffic flow enter on Rt. 307 and exit on Rt. 534.

Jim asked Cody to inspect the sink drain at the old town hall building and Cody stated it needs to be cleaned out.

Jim commented that he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the opening of the refurbished covered bridge; the traffic signal lights have been removed and the parks are open to the public.

Meeting adjourned until September 9, 2024

James Pristov

Mickey Mihalick

Edwin Spoor

Sharon Rohrbaugh