

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on September 9, 2024

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:50 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: Tim and Bonnie Burzanka; Dave Snyder; Kim Gregory; Lorrie Scott

The minutes from the regular session held on August 12, 2024, were reviewed. Ed made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Mickey seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Frank stated that the fire inspections were done for the new dorm building at Spire and the Cork School and both passed.

Frank commented that the Madison Fire District has a 2007 pumper truck that they will be selling for surplus. Frank suggested that we consider purchasing the truck instead of putting a levy on the ballot for a new truck as the price of a new truck is over \$750,000 and not a good time to ask the people to support a levy after the increase in property taxes this year. This truck is similar to a truck already in our fleet and is in very good condition. The Board agreed to allow Frank to pursue the purchase of the truck and some equipment that Madison Fire District will be selling also.

Cody stated that he is working on getting quotes for the administration building parking lot. He added that the road crew have replaced/repared 23 footers in the cemeteries. The road crew cleaned the ditches and cut back brush to road right of way on West Street.

Mickey made a motion to pay the following bills: #14256 through #14286; totaling \$28,419.44; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #210-2024 through #242-2024; totaling \$61,271.15.

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

Ed 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 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Commissions of Ashtabula County has certified its action thereto 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 Harpersfield 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; and be it further

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.

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

Mr. Pristov – yes

Mr. Spoor – yes

Ms. Mihalick – yes

Sharon gave the Board the Ashtabula County Engineer's estimate and the bid from Koski Construction for the paving of Roxbury, Alex Court, Pamona and Harper Valley to review and reach a decision on how to proceed. She recommended that we hold off on paving one of the roads at this time instead of cancelling the entire project. After discussing and reviewing the figures, it was decided to amend the

bid to have Harper Valley as an alternate bid. Sharon will contact the Ashtabula County Engineer for advice on to advertise for the bid.

Sharon reported that we received the safety salt information and we will be purchasing the product from Morton Salt at a rate of \$50.92 per ton. This is down from \$55.93 last winter.

Mickey informed the Board that we were not awarded the grant for the pickle ball courts.

Mickey commented that the preapplication grant that we are participating in with City of Geneva and Geneva Township has been awarded in the amount of \$212,000.

Ed stated that Tyler Hines is getting quotes for the windows for the old town hall building. The price for the "fixed" window in the kitchen area is \$627; the Board agreed to proceed with replacing this window.

Ed informed the Board that the cost to purchase a fire hydrant has increased since the policy was created in 2010; he made a motion to amend the policy from \$2500 to \$3500 per hydrant; Mickey seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Jim commented that he spoke with an engineer from ODOT and the plan to redo County Line bridge over I-90 is scheduled for 2028.

Dave Snyder voiced numerous zoning complaints: against what he determines unsightly container trailers; the lot on Cork Cold Springs Rd that has two house structures connected by a walk bridge; and the property across the street from the Community Center that he feels is unkept; the Board instructed him to discuss these issues with Larry, Zoning Administrator.

Meeting adjourned until September 23, 2024

James Pristov

Mickey Mihalick

Edwin Spoor

Sharon Rohrbaugh