

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

Held on April 13, 2026

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7:00 PM to 8:50 PM in the Administration Building. Lisa Linehan, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present: Lisa Linehan; Edwin Spoor; Ed Prisov; Mickey Mihalick

Employees: Larry Lister

Visitors: Tim and Bonnie Burzanko; Debbie Mihalik; Lynda Henry; Dave Snyder; Shawn Steigner; Lorrie Scott; Angelo Tutolo; Jeff Laing; John and Teresa Buckman; Scott Yamamoto; Ava Balazs, Tim Taylor, John Buckman, Mary Jo Vasti, Scott Yamamoto

Scott Yamamoto spoke briefly on upcoming property tax increase.

Ed S. made a motion to pay the bills; check #15114 thru 15156 and ACH 58-2026 thru 94-2026 in the amount of \$371,436.54; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ed P. reported for Fire Chief Henry – Lisa made a motion to approve the filing of the 2025 fire code and appendices; Ed S. seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ed P. stated that Mickey will be getting a bill for \$665.00 for a valve for a fire truck. Pump and SCBA testing will be forthcoming.

Ed P. reported that there were 25 calls for March; 67 for the year.

Ed P. stated that Frank received a text message from the Coroner Officer thanking them for retrieving the body from the pond on County Line Road.

Ed S. reported for Jared – Jared would like to list the following items on GovDeals: Old Bed off 350 truck, brush hog and grass hopper mower.

Ed S. reported that Jared broomed off the roads and they are ready for chip and seal. He cleaned up fallen trees, ditches and plow damages from the winter. He spent a lot of time on Harper Valley. Weather permitting, County Line Road will be open the last week in April.

Lisa read the Resolution authorizing participation in ODOT road salt contract awarded for 2026. Ed S. motion to accept resolution as written; Ed P. seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Mickey presented the Ashtabula County short-term rental contract to the Board. Lisa made a motion that Harpersfield Twp utilize Ashtabula County services in collecting the Twp. bed tax at a 1% fee; Ed S. seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Mickey asked the Board if they are interested in opening a Star bank account to earn a higher interest rate on some of the monies currently being held at the Andover Bank in a regular checking account. Ed S. made a motion to open the Star account; Ed P. seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ed S. attended NAD meeting. They reported 285 calls for the month; 51 of those calls for Harpersfield; 103 calls (for Harpersfield) year to date with response time of 7.8 minutes.

Ed S. attended Chamber dinner at VFW for NHS recognizing students at GHS.

Ed S. reported that Austin Massena was hired for the Road Department. He intends to get his CDL by end of this month. His start date is April 27th.

Ed S. attended Chamber Chinese Auction at GHS. He said that it was very well attended.

Ed S. stated that the Chamber Business Expo at GHS is April 23rd at 5:00.

Ed P. attended JEDD meeting last month. He stated that BZA approved Sheets (to be located between McDonalds and Dales). Construction proposed to start later this year.

Lisa reported:

1. SPIRE meeting: Spire is offering Harpersfield a 15-year license to use the public park parking spaces for trail parking. I have been in communication with the prosecutor's office on how we can legally get a better agreement. Still waiting for their final response.
2. ACTA: This month's meeting will be on the 19th at the Engineer's office and will feature David Thomas and Sarah Fowler Arthur to discuss property tax reform.
3. Zoning text update public meeting was held last month at the community center. Verdantas ran the meeting and sent out an FAQ to residents based on questions. This FAQ was also posted to our website and Facebook. The zoning commission has sent their feedback and Verdantas is currently revising the text. Public meetings and voting at the zoning commission and trustee meeting will be next steps.
4. Spire's BZA appeal - The county prosecutor's office has declined to represent Harpersfield Township, but have agreed to be our co-counsel. We are using an attorney out of Akron known for her work with communities dealing with short-term rentals. The township will have to pay 15% of her legal fees. No court date has been set yet.
5. Lighting and outlets in the upstairs of the old town hall - We have \$9,492 in NOPEC grant money. The grant can pay for the materials and the heritage society pay for the labor for the upgrades. The group would like to paint the walls downstairs.

6. We should put flags over I-90. Let's research the cost. Two citizens have offered to make a donation toward getting them up this year.
7. Odor complaint regarding smell coming from the old Dale's building. We will have Geneva City Sanitation workers take a look.

The Trustees agreed to have job posting for Zoning Inspector posted by July 1, 2026.

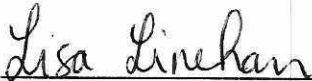
Tim Burzanko asked if anyone will be mowing the roundabout. Trustees will reach out to the State as it is their responsibility to take care of it.

John Buckman on Lafevre Road discussed excessive water causing damage to their home which he believes is coming from condo area drainage. The Trustees will have further discussions with the Buckmans.

Tim Taylor discussed zoning issues regarding his residence. The Trustees will have further discussions with Mr. Taylor.

Angelo Tutolo stated that the apron on State Road and 534 needs to be blacktopped and widened. Ed will contact Bill from ODOT to discuss what can be done.

Ed P. made a Motion to Adjourn; Lisa seconded; meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



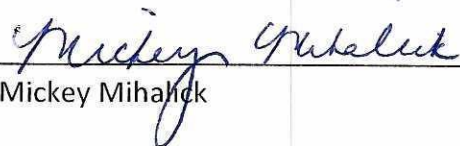
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