

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

Held on February 9, 2026

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7:00 PM to 8:13 PM in the Administration Building. Lisa Linehan, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Edwin Spoor
Mickey Mihalick

Lisa Linehan

Employees: Larry Lister and Cody Craine

Visitors: Tim and Bonnie Burzanko, Kim Gregory, Joe Cybulski, Jeff Lang, Lorrie Scott, Debbie and Mark Mihalik, Mary Jo Basti, Cheryl Martin, Dave Snyder, Bill and Sherry Cybulski, Joe Cybulski Brenda Sanders

Ed S. reported for Frank that there were 13 calls for January and 22 to date. First fish fry was a success; 357 dinners were sold. Fire Banquet went well.

Cody reported he is pulling 672 truck out of service for work that needs to be done.

Cody stated he wants to replace 7-year-old mower. He has a quote for \$11,059.00 from Best Truck.

Lisa made motion to approve new mower; Ed seconded. The Board voted unanimously in favor.

Larry reported that the Spire wants to put a maintenance building on the NE corner of their property. Larry is meeting with them this Wednesday to discuss.

Lisa made a motion to pay the bills; check number 15054 thru 15088 and ACH 7-2026 thru 24-2026 in the amount of \$103,525.97 Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Mickey reported that an award letter for the NOPEC energized community grant in the amount of \$4,841.00 was received. Lisa is going to call NOPEC for additional information.

Ed S. attended NAD meeting. Calls for this year 344; 6.8 minutes average response; 5.1 response for Harpersfield.

Ed S. gave update on Columbarium project and presented options to the board. Discussions will continue.

Ed S. and Lisa attended the OTA Winter Conference and stated that it was very informative. Property taxes was a hot topic. Ed and Lisa both stated that it will be a huge loss for the Township if Property taxes are abolished. Lisa stated that David Thomas is continuing to work on solutions to control this issue. July 1st is the deadline to get enough signatures to put the issue on the November ballot.

Ed S. stated there is a Safe Streets grant meeting February 12th at 5:30. Ed Spoor, Larry Lister, Cody Craine, Allison Anderson and Michele Schroeder will be on the Board.

Ed S. reported that the South River Road water project should be starting in the next couple of weeks.

Ed S. stated that the Trustees were invited to Windgate videography session – Ed Pristov and Larry attended.

Ed S. reported that OTARMA Grants are available.

Lisa reported for Ed P. that he attended the JEDD meeting.

Lisa also reported for Ed P. that the following members were recognized at the Fire Banquet:

Dan Golf 5 years

Matt Rajiha 40 years

Ed Spoor 35 years

Bob Wilhem 50

Delno Henry 55 years

Special recognition to Jim Pristov

Hans Stolz received Fireman's helmet recognition for service.

Lisa reported:

1. SPIRE meeting: We are still in negotiations with Spire regarding their winter use of the trail.

2. ACTA: Last month's ACTA meeting was canceled due to the weather. This month's meeting will be on the 19th at the Engineer's office.
3. Reminder that the public portion of the Verdantas meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 18th at 6:30pm at the Harpersfield Community Center. Verdantas will be presenting the changes to the zoning text that the committee has been working on.
4. I updated all the township properties/cemeteries from Sharon's name and address to our administration building's address on the auditor's website. It was determined that the cemetery at the end of Van Pelt was never deeded to Harpersfield. According to the auditor's office, it was reserved as a cemetery by Calvin Hutchins in 1852 and Harpersfield now maintains it.
5. Spire's window to appeal the BZA decision closes on Monday, February 16th.
6. Insurance – Our current quote *doubles* our health insurance premium for the township. Formfire needs to be updated for Ed Spoor, Jared, and Frank before Melanie can get competitive offers from other insurance companies. The deadline to sign up for insurance is the end of this month, so Formfire needs to be updated yesterday. This likely will require a special meeting at the end of this month to finalize details.

Lisa and Ed S. discussed giving the Spire cul-de-sac back to the Spire. Ed S. reached out to Jake at Planning Commission to discuss. There will need to be a meeting to discuss rules. Lisa stated that the employee personnel manual needs to be updated. Lisa and Cody will get together to discuss the changes that need to be made.

Kim Gregory thanked Cody for the good job his department does on the Township roads.

Debbie Mihalik said that Dave Thomas is really working hard on Property Tax reform and she is grateful for that because it has been ignored for too long.

Debbie is checking on zoning complaint for their neighbor. Larry said that he will make another call, send them a notice and that they may end up going to court.

Sherry Cybulski asked who is putting the new road in on Old Orchard. She expressed safety concerns about 84 cars coming in and out on Old Orchard. Tom Sands is supposed to be attending next meeting for further discussion with his updated drawings.

Brenda Sanders expressed concerns about the road going in on Old Orchard and what is going in underground in the new development.

Tim passed out handouts referencing SB 104 defining regulations of short-term rentals and also discussed his concerns about abolishing Property Taxes and the implications that will have on the township.

Ed S. made motion to adjourn; Lisa seconded; Board voted unanimously in favor.

Lisa Linehan

Ed Spoor

Ed Pristov

Mickey Mihalick