

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

Held on May 11, 2026

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7:00 PM to 8:30 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, Jared Petro, Frank Henry

Visitors: Tim and Bonnie Burzanko; Gary Somnitz; Jim and Louise Pristov; Lynda Henry; Dave Snyder; Lorrie Scott; Jeff Laing; Genny Costanzo (NOPEC); Jayne Pristov; Tom Sands; Freya DiPierro; Patty White; Kim Gregory; Paula Pristov

Jim and Louise Pristov were elected and recognized by the Trustees as Citizens of the Year. Lisa thanked them for all of their years of service to the Harpersfield Community.

Ed S. made motion to approve minutes, Ed P. seconded; The Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ed P. made a motion to pay the bills; check #15158 thru 15184 and ACH 96-2026 thru 114-2026 in the amount of \$197,173.54; Ed S. seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Genny Costanzo from NOPEC gave a presentation on gas and electric accounts.

Frank stated that he received a \$120.00 donation from the Geneva Senior Center. He thanked the center for their donation.

Frank reported 15 calls for April and 83 calls for the year. SCBA testing will be done soon. Frank will be scheduling annual pump testing thru Firefly for the 3 pumps. The valve came in for 65. Jared will try to get that put in as soon as he can.

Jared stated that he ran numbers for the damage caused by water lines on Brandt and Stoltz Road. The price for the damage (material and labor) is \$78,799.00. Suit-Kote plans to chip at the end of May.

Jared reported that he contacted Rocky Road Paving for quotes on spot paving on State Road.

Jared reported that Clyde Hill is open.

Jared stated that the county is planning to have paving bids by June 1st.

Mickey stated that she gave each of the Trustees a copy of the short-term rental agreement contract between the county and township to be reviewed and signed at the next meeting. She would like to give the owner/operators plenty of notice of the change in reporting bed tax.

Mickey stated that she will have the application for the Star Account ready to be signed within the next week.

Mickey stated that she has a virtual meeting Thursday with Health Equity to learn how to set up HSA accounts.

Ed S. reported that he attended the NAD meeting. There is a renewal coming up for the 2-mil levy already in place.

Ed S. reported that there were 32 calls in Harpersfield for the month; 135 for the year with a 5.9-minute response time.

Ed S. reported that the water project is complete on South River Road.

Ed S. stated that the flags will be going up on the bridge before Memorial Day. The funds for the flags were donated by Lynda Henry. Ed thanked Lynda for her donation.

Ed S. gave special recognition to former Trustees and community members Cliff Henry and Ray Gruber.

Ed P. reported that he has a Jedd Meeting May 20.

Lisa reported:

1. SPIRE meeting: Spire rejected our request that public trail parking be incorporated into the Harpersfield Trail easement in exchange for ownership of the cul-de-sac. The discussion has been tabled.
2. ACTA: This month's meeting will be on the 21st at the Engineer's office and will feature NOPEC as guest speaker.
3. Zoning text update – zoning commission will send their final revisions to Verdantas by May 15th. We are on track for our May 31st deadline per the grant funding. We can then hold our zoning commission and trustee public meetings on the changes at our convenience.

4. Spire's BZA appeal - Spire objected to Judge Schroeder presiding over the appeal, due to his ties to Harpersfield. We are waiting to be assigned a judge. No court date has been set yet.
5. Odor complaint regarding smell coming from the old Dale's building. Geneva City and the Health Department couldn't find the source. I am trying to arrange a plumbing inspection through the County Building Department.
6. Harpersfield Fire Department, in conjunction with the Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival Committee, is sponsoring a Lunch and Dinner on the Bridge. The catered meals will take place on August 22nd. Tickets are available on the township's facebook page or from any fire department personnel.

Old Business:

Cyber Security – Ed P. is working on this and believes something needs to be put in place by June 30th. He will update us at the next meeting.

Zoning Administrator Job Description – Ed P. is working with Larry on this.

The Calendar – Lisa stated that all but 4 business ads have been submitted. Invoices have gone out and money is being received. 8 new businesses are participating this year.

America's 250th Birthday celebration - Lisa stated that the Harpersfield Heritage Society is coordinating a float for the 4th of July Parade in Jefferson which will line up at the Ashtabula County Fairgrounds and end at Giddings Park.

New Business:

Lisa talked about agricultural road side businesses and is hoping to have updates added to the new zoning text. She is waiting to hear back from Verdantas.

Public Comments:

Gary Somnitz said that they are still looking for more families to be a sponsor in the calendar. The cost is \$25.00.

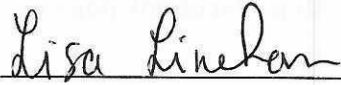
Jim and Louise Pristov thanked the Board for being selected Citizens of the Year.

Patty White asked why meeting minutes were not getting posted timely. It was explained that the Trustee meetings are only held once a month and that they cannot be posted until they are

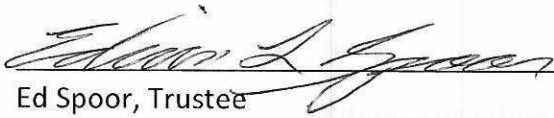
approved at the following Trustee meeting. She also expressed concerns with safety and traffic on 534.

Tim Burzanko commented about the resolution for agricultural stands and suggested noting that vehicles pull off of the road when visiting these stands.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30.



Lisa Linehan, Trustee



Ed Spoor, Trustee



Ed Pristov, Trustee



Mickey Mihalik, Fiscal Officer