

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on December 19, 2022

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:45 PM in the Township Administration Building. Ed Spoor, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Edwin Spoor

Raymond Gruber Jr

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh

Employees: Frank Henry

Visitors: Rich and Renee Hanyok

The minutes from the regular session held on November 28, 2022, were reviewed. Jim made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Frank recommended that the Board allow Cody to purchase a diagnosis computer to aid him in repairs to the fire trucks and the road department dump trucks. It suggested the cost be split between fire and road departments. The Board agreed to allow Cody to research the cost of purchasing a unit.

Ray made a motion to pay the following bills: #13362 through #13392; totaling \$22,583.08; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #275-2022 through #280-2022; totaling \$14,065.30.

Sharon informed the Board that she received the 2023 Consortium DOT drug contract with State Road Medical Facility. Jim made a motion to renew the contract; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray mentioned that the latest news on the lodge was awaiting for Governor DeWine's signature and the lodge debt will be paid by ODNR to release the responsibility from Ashtabula County BUT the main part of the agreement will be that the operation of the Lodge will be locally controlled and not under ODNR.

Ray commented that he received an estimate from the County Engineer to improve the LaFevre Road extension for a future resident to build a home (the road needs to be extended from where it ends now to where this property is located – approx 1,000 feet). The estimate is \$92,000 and this is for a dirt road NOT paved! Sharon commented that she will have a hard time spending that amount for just one home. The Board decided to table any decision until Ray gets to speak with the property owner.

Ray stated that the Board held a public hearing for TIF District 2 and that no one from the public attended. He read the resolution:

A resolution declaring improvements to certain parcels of real property to be a public purpose, describing the public infrastructure improvements to be made to directly benefit those parcels, requiring the owners thereof to make service payments in lieu of taxes and establishing a tax increment equivalent fund; and related authorizations.

Ray moved for the adoption of the resolution; Jim seconded and the Board voted thusly:

Mr. Pristov, yes

Mr. Gruber, yes

Mr. Spoor, yes

Ray reported that ODOT has changed their opinion on the handling of the grant monies for the bike trail extension; the County Engineer will no longer be needed to send invoices and the monies will be sent directly to the Township.

Ray questioned the Board on the usage of the NOPEC Community grant; after discussing it the Board decided to apply it to the clean up day expense.

Ed stated that he met with Larry regarding the damage heavy equipment is causing to the bike trail. Ed spoke with the contractor and he has agreed to cut out the damaged section and repair. The damage is occurring because Spire is building a parking lot on the north side of the trail. When this is complete and Spire is using this for parking we have to come up with a solution for the safety of walkers enjoying the use of the trail. Ray will contact Metro Park for guidance.

Meeting adjourned until December 29, 2022

Edwin Spoor

James Pristov

Raymond Gruber Jr

Sharon Rohrbaugh