

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on October 17, 2016

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:05 PM in the Harpersfield Township Administration Building. Clifford Henry, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Clifford Henry	Present	Raymond Gruber Jr	Present
James Pristov	Present	Sharon Rohrbaugh	Present

Employees: Peggy Miller; Cody Craine; Steve Opron; Everett Henry

Visitors: Aaron Miller; Amy Varckette; Nina Houghton; Jeff Lang; Kaleb Smothers; Corry Colton; Josie, Mary, Joe Cornelly

The minutes from the regular session held on October 3, 2016, were reviewed. Ray made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Peggy received a complaint regarding a resident on Berringer Place constructing a garage that will put the structure to close to the property line. Peggy inspected the situation and as she had not issued a zoning permit contacted the Ashtabula Building Dept and after discussing the matter it was decided that the Building Dept would put a stop work order on the construction.

Steve reported that the new tires have been put on the one ton dump truck (F550); traction grit is in the shed; will get the safety salt as needed; generally equipment is ready for winter.

Everett commented that the Fire Prevention presentation was well received by the Cork Elementary students.

Everett informed the Board that currently Trumbull Township does not have an acting fire department. Tom Clay, contacted Everett and wants HVFD to be first responders under umbrella of mutual aid. Everett agreed to this request for a couple of months. He would like both Township Boards and HVFD to meet and come to an agreement on this coverage. He added that in the past when Trumbull Township had a similar situation they were charged per call. Ray will contact Trustee Tamburrino and question their plans.

Everett stated the Unit 674 needs repairs and has quotes: \$2100 to repair plus labor and \$2300 for new part plus labor. It was agreed to go with new parts for \$2300.

Everett commented that the firemen responded to a structure fire on Bishop Road; the structure has been abandoned for a long time and not sure who the current owner is; the fire was suspicious in nature. Cliff stated he would investigate on ownership. Everett added that they responded to a call for a hunter that had fallen out of a tree stand and ended up being life flighted to Cleveland.

Board agreed to allow Everett to contact Andy Kaschalk to start the grant procedure for turn out gear.

Everett added that Joe Virant is interested in joining the fire dept.

Everett announced that the firemen will have a structure fire training on November 6; multiple fire departments have been invited to attend. This is valuable training especially for any new firemen.

Jim made a motion to pay the bills: #9167 through #9187; totaling \$9,456.42; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Jim reported that he will present the matter of \$4,000 that CT Consultant will charge to re-write some parts of our current zoning text. He attended a walk thru of the bicycle path with representatives from ODOT and they will create a plan to get the path from Rt. 534 through Spire to Clay Street.

Ray reported that with extra funds raised from the American Flag project he purchased nine more flags to be stored and used to replace any damaged flags. He plans to take the flags down after Thanksgiving to avoid damage from winter weather etc.

Ray made a motion to set a \$100 reserve for each of the two trucks that we are taking to the auction on November 5th; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray commented that he is still working on the bed tax resolution and has asked for the assistance of Catherine Coulter, Assistant County Prosecutor, she is reviewing our 1981 resolution and will suggest amendments; he hopes to have it ready so be effective January 2017.

Ray stated that if anyone is aware of a senior citizen in the Township in need of transportation, especially during winter months, to contact the (Geneva) senior center for help.

The Cornelly family attended the meeting to get information regarding the septic system being installed for the "cabins" behind the bowling alley. As it is currently planned by EPA, it will drain into the stream that drains into their pond which they use for household water. Cliff will contact Nate (Soil and Water) and the Ashtabula County Health Dept (since they use the pond for water).

Meeting adjourned until November 7, 2016

Clifford Henry

Raymond Gruber Jr

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh