

# HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

## REGULAR SESSION

Held on September 12, 2016

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 9 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, Steve Opron, Everett Henry  
Visitors: Aaron Miller, Jeff Lang, Michelle Schroeder, Jim Bunner

The minutes from the regular session held on August 15, 2016 were reviewed. Ray made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Peggy stated that she was contacted by a realtor with an interested party for the Best Friend's and Best Motor car lot properties. Peggy commented that Thomas Fence Co is installing a chain link fence on the back side of HDT (between the back of the building and the wetlands). Peggy informed the Board that Valley Building is planning on constructed two more buildings (next year before construction is complete) and she is not sure on the status of the fence but she did inform them a zoning permit was needed.

A report was given regarding the meeting held with the Berringer Place residents and Ron Clutter to discuss the houses that he owns (on Berringer Place) and is using for students to reside in. Not all residents agreed/accepted Mr. Clutter explanations but agreed that the meeting opened lines of communications.

Steve informed the Board that Jared is ready to take over the position of Cemetery Sexton; Sharon will request the Bond.

Steve questioned the Board as to their plans for the 1983 Mack dump truck that has a crack in the frame. Ray will contact Ashtabula County Engineer to ask the procedure to declare the truck junk and take to junk yard. Everett suggested the same process for the old rescue truck.

Steve asked the Board if he could purchase 200 tons of traction grit at \$14.50 per ton; Ray made a motion to allow this purchase; Jim seconded; the Board unanimously agreed.

Steve commented that 1000 tons of #8 stone will not be used and should be cancelled from the purchase order.

Steve informed the Board that the small dump truck needs new tires before winter, the Board agreed to allow this purchase (approximate cost \$2150)

Everett announced that the Fire Department just received word that they were awarded the FEMA grant of \$154,000 (this includes a 5% match of \$7,333); these funds are to purchase new SCBA units. Jim made a motion to accept the FEMA grant; Ray seconded; the Board voted thusly: Pristov, yes; Gruber, yes; Henry, yes

Everett informed the Board that the turn out gear has been ordered; the funds for the turn out gear were through a grant received from the State Fire Marshal. The Cinder-Elas will pay for the purchase of 2 streamlight portable scene lights. HVFD will purchase streamlight survivor LED (pocket) flashlights.

Everett will contact companies to get the seals repaired on the overhead doors. He added that all of the fire truck radios are programmed to talk to Geneva Schools.

Everett informed the Board that he is looking into new software to use to submit the fire reports to the State.

Everett commented that the new rescue truck is in service and ready to go.

Jim made a motion to pay the bills totaling: \$88,179.52; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #138-2016 through #155-2016; totaling: \$18,567.12

Jim informed the Board that the Ashtabula County MetroParks received \$29,000 in grant funds to purchase new picnic tables; grills and trash containers to be placed at the Harpersfield Park area.

Jim also announced that we received notification from Ohio Dept of Transportation that the Route 534 Corridor Multi-Use Path project has been selected for funding in the Transportation Alternative Program. ODOT will provide 95% of the eligible costs in Federal funds, up to a maximum of \$558,488.85 in Federal funds through the TAP, in State Fiscal Year 2018. These funds were awarded for the first phase of the bike path (this phase will be constructed from Rt. 534 through Spire to Clay Street).

Mr. Brewster owns land and wants to give it to a land conservancy (property is located at the end of LaFevre Road). Ashtabula County Engineer Tim Martin is reviewing information about the road's right of way (from where the maintained road ends to the river).

Ron Gilbert informed the Board that the Zoning Commission voted and it is in their meeting minutes to not hire CT Consultants for any further writing of the zoning text. Cliff added that the JEDD Boards and CIC paid for the current study done by CT Consultants. Ron stated that the ZC Board does not want/nor determine the need for the Township to pay the fee for any zoning text recommendations/changes.

Ray commented on an issue that presented itself after Ronyak Paving completed the paving project on Berringer Place. A resident's driveway apron needed to be finished to look like everyone else's. The County Engineer said if he paved it there would be a hump; therefore, recommended that the driveway apron be sealed. The resident agreed to this and Steve said the Road Crew would take care of it.

Ray announced that there will be a hearing on October 3<sup>rd</sup> with the Ashtabula County Auditor regarding the status of Spire's property tax issue. The Board agreed to have Ray attend the hearing as the Township's representative.

Ray stated that he will be attending a meeting with the Ashtabula County Prosecutor to discuss the Zane Benefit issue.

Ray commented that he will use the extra funds received for the American Flag project to purchase additional flags to replace any damaged in future weather etc.

Ray will meet with Trumbull Township Trustee Tamburinno to continue to discuss the road maintenance agreement between the townships regarding Matson and Leslie Roads.

Ray will meet with Ashtabula County Assistant Prosecutor to discuss the collection of the 3% permissive tax for the bed and breakfast located within the township.

Upon recommendation of Cliff, Jim made a motion to appoint Pete Hummel as an alternate and Ken McLeod as an alternate on a trial basis to the Zoning Commission Board; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Michelle Schroeder attended the meeting to ask for the Board's assistance to get a mirror installed so that her daughter can see to get out of her "blind" driveway located on the north of a knoll on Rt. 534. The Board will contact ODOT and Illuminating Co. and see what can be done.

Jeff Lang questioned if anyone knew who was making the "cannon" noise at 3 AM. No one else had heard it and no idea of where it was coming from.

Meeting adjourned until October 3, 2016

Clifford Henry

Ray Gruber Jr

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh