

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on November 19, 2018

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

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

Employees: Larry Lister; Everett Henry; Steve Opron

Visitors: Jeff Lang; Renee and Rich Hanyok; Ed Spoor; Linda and Bill Hazelton; Julie Henry

The minutes from the regular session held on November 5, 2018, were reviewed. Cliff made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Larry informed the Board that he received court documents that Jennifer Muny filed to appeal the BZA ruling; Catherine Colgan, Ashtabula County Assistant County Prosecutor, filed a rebuttal and all necessary items need to be to Catherine by December 7, 2018. The Township is responsible for a stenographer to transcribe the minutes of the BZA variance hearing for Lush Haven.

Larry stated that the Michalick's neighbors (property owner and renters) have been summoned to Common Pleas court on January 28, 2019; unless the zoning violations are corrected prior to that date.

Larry commented that he attended the zoning classes and thought they were very informative. While there is spoke with Kristen, employee of CT Consultants, who informed Larry that she teaches classes that are for zoning boards. Larry recommends that our zoning board members attend classes to gain knowledge of what their responsibilities are as zoning board members. The Trustees Board thought it a good idea and Larry will pursue setting the classes for spring of 2019.

Steve reported that Clyde Hill bridge was closed November 9, 2018, for the remainder of the winter.

Steve informed the Board that they returned hours with Austinburg Township (Austinburg helps us with our dust control so we helped them with a berm project).

Cliff made a motion to accept the quote from Simak Trucking for ice grits at a cost of \$16.75 per ton with this price good through March 31, 2019; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor. Steve would like to order 100 tons now; the Board agreed to allow this purchase.

Everett reported that he is researching using the same software that Geneva City uses to report the fire calls to the state. The cost will be \$1500 annually.

Everett commented that Monte Stoltz and Greg Henry agreed to remain on the Volunteer Fire Dependents Board; Cliff and Jim will remain as Trustees; that leaves an "outsider" (someone that is not on the fire department or the Trustee Board); Charles Virant has held that position for many years and Everett will ask him again. Everett asked Larry if he would be interested in case Mr Virant said no; Larry agreed that he would.

Everett invited the Board to a training at the dispatch center in Geneva City on November 27, 2018, at 7 PM.

Everett informed the Board that he received a phone call from Windsor Fire Chief asking if HVFD would agree to be auto aid on major calls for their Township. Everett agreed that the department would assist them. Jim asked what happens to our residents if you are in Windsor; Everett said he would only send one unit and Geneva and Austinburg would be alerted to be back up for Harpersfield Township.

Everett stated that the water heater situation has been resolved for Station 1; one was donated to the department and installation expense was donated as well.

Everett read a letter of resignation from Ron Valitsky; he is resigning as Assistant Fire Chief and has been with the department for 48 years!!!!

Everett questioned the Board and Larry if there is anything that can be done when a new subdivision is built to make sure they have illuminated/visible house numbers for emergency services. Cliff and Larry will ask the Zoning Commission to check into it.

Ray made a motion to pay the following bills: #10628 through #10647; totaling \$24,656.67; Cliff seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #222-2018 through #238;2018; totaling \$22,960.26.

Sharon requested a interfund transfer as she did not have enough funds in a line item to pay for the rope training class; Cliff made a motion to transfer \$1000 from repairs and maintenance to other expenses; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray reported that the Ashtabula County Commissioners voted to pass the new law that extends the PILOT to ten years. Now that the law has passed, Spire released the PILOT funds to all the entities for the second year. Ray will meet with Ashtabula County Auditor so discuss our distribution toward the Health Department (as these monies are based on our property tax valuation).

Ray commented that to install electric service on Bishop Road would cost \$50,000. If a business would decide to build on Bishop Road, First Energy and that business would split the cost. Therefore, Ray suggested that we back away from this and let a new business absorb the cost.

Ray informed the Board that the first video has been viewed over 1,000 times and there will be an article in the Gazette.

Ray stated that paperwork is moving forward for the consolidation of the three JEDD Boards.

Ray brought an article before the Board with information about the Harpersfield Covered Bridge. The bridge is 150 years old and the article was very interesting to read with a lot of facts about the bridge over the past 150 years. The end of the article does have sad news though; the bridge will be removed and replaced with a newer construction with the bidding process starting in the summer of 2020. The Board discussed this news and it was suggested to ask the community to support "saving the bridge" and keeping it as is. Ray will put an article in the newsletter to get community response.

Ray contacted Rep. John Patterson with suggestions/ideas for HB 575; that "authorizes a refundable income tax credit for volunteer firefighters and volunteer emergency medical technicians".

Ray commented that work has started on the dam abutment and next summer they will continue to work on the dam a section at a time.

Cliff stated that we will receive grant funds from NOPEC in 2019 -- \$8050 (plus 2018 carryover) to be used to make buildings more energy efficient. Some of the grant funds this year purchased a new furnace for Station #2.

Cliff commented on a green pick up truck (with a blown engine) that has been parked behind the Adm building for months. The truck belongs to Ron Valitsky and Cliff will contact him to ask that he remove it from Township property.

Cliff spoke with the Zoning Commission Board to ask that they review the Zoning Text Policy regarding RAD and B&B.

Jim commented that the bike trail is scheduled for final inspection on November 29, 2018.

It was announced that LeRoy NcNeely will retire from the Ashtabula County Engineer's office after 45 years. He has been a big help to the Township over the years and his knowledge will be missed.

Meeting adjourned until December 10, 2018

James Pristov

Raymond Gruber Jr

Clifford Henry

Sharon Rohrbaugh