

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on October 8, 2018

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:15 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; Steve Opron

Visitors: Renee and Rich Hanyok; Jeff Lang; Kevin Bacon; Eric McKinney

The minutes from the regular session held on September 24, 2018, were reviewed. Ray made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Cliff seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Larry informed the Board that he has given Catherine Colgan, Assistant County Prosecutor, all the information regarding the Michalick's neighbor. The last letter that he sent out had a deadline of October 5, 2018. He will notify Catherine to proceed with legal actions.

Larry stated that he has spoken with the resident at 1970 Rt. 534 and he informed him that he will not proceed with legal actions at this time but will continue to monitor the situation. He added that he spoke with Catherine and if the situation becomes a problem he will not have to start the legal process all over again but can start where he left off.

Larry reported that he received a letter from David Pelly regarding his "shooting range". The Board backed Larry's decision that Mr. Pelly can shoot on his property but a "shooting range" open to the public is not legal in that zoning district. We have received numerous complaints from neighbors and it was standing room only when we had a zoning hearing.

Cliff made a motion to allow Larry to attend a zoning conference/workshop at a cost of \$150; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Steve informed the Board that the road department took 88 tires to the County held tire program. He added that the dust control is complete for this year.

Ray made a motion to purchase a new 10 foot snow plow blade for the new F550 dump truck from Best Truck Equipment Inc. at cost of \$5299; Cliff seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray made a motion to purchase a band saw from NAPA for \$1499; Cliff seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor. Steve stated that the one at the garage is 30 to 40 years old and is not working properly and parts are no longer available.

Cliff made a motion to pay the following bills: #10544 through #10574; totaling \$98,178.17; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #186-2018 through #200-2018; totaling \$11,051.04.

Ray gave a summary of the Board of Revision hearing regarding Spire's valuation. Spire did not make the PILOT payment that was due September 28, 2018. Dawn Cragon, Ashtabula County Treasurer, has requested the Ashtabula County Prosecutor send a letter to Spire giving 15 days to respond with a plan before starting foreclosure procedures.

Ray made a motion to amend the Employee handbook—Drug & Alcohol section—POLICY #4 to be amended:

4. Begin under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, **including medical marijuana** on Township property is prohibited.

Cliff seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray made a motion to lower the speed limit on Burkholder Drive to 25 mph; Cliff seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray and Cliff received complaints about the "air cannon" noise. Catherine Colgan, Ashtabula County Assistant Prosecutor, stated that they are an accepted practice to protect crops and there is no enforcement as agriculture is exempt and does not fall under "noise exempt". The vineyard grower agreed to monitor the usage.

Cliff commented that the Board of Zoning Appeals turned down the variance request for the "tiny house".

Cliff made a motion to pass a resolution requesting ODOT to lower the speed limit on Bishop Road. The Ashtabula County Engineer did an investigation and confirmed the allegation that the statutory speed limit of 55 mph is unrealistic. The County Engineer will now request that ODOT review the engineering and traffic investigation and to determine and declare a reasonable and safe speed limit on Bishop Road. Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters; Cliff seconded; roll call: Gruber, yes; Henry, yes; Pristov, yes

Cliff made a motion to adjourn the executive session; Ray seconded; roll call: Gruber, yes; Henry, yes; Pristov, yes

Meeting adjourned until October 22, 2018

James Pristov

Raymond Gruber Jr

Clifford Henry

Sharon Rohrbaugh