

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on December 9, 2019

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 7:55 PM in the Harpersfield Township Administration Building. Cliff 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: Cody Craine, Everett Henry, Larry Lister

Visitors: Ron Valitsky, Julie Henry, Gary and Ruth Somnitz, Ed Spoor, Alice Vervais, Rich and Renee Hanyok, Jeff Lang

The minutes from the regular session held on November 25, 2019, were reviewed. Jim made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Gary Somnitz was chosen as 2019 Citizen of the Year and was presented with a plaque.

Cody reported that the Ashtabula County Engineer will conduct the survey and will engineer the plans to widen Gladstone Dr.

Everett reported that the Volunteer Dependent Board will be: Greg Henry, Chairman; Monte Stoltz, Secretary; Larry Lister, outsider

Ray made a motion to pay the following bills: #11328 through #11406; totaling \$37,637.21; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #254-2019 through #269-2019; totaling \$25,020.18.

Jim moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees of Harpersfield Township, in accordance with the provisions of law has adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 2020.

Whereas, the Budget Commission of Ashtabula County, has certified its action thereon to the Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board and what part thereof is without and what part within the ten mill limitation; the fire truck bond levy has been reduced to .6 mills; therefore, be it Resolved by the Board of Trustees that the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted.

Ray seconded the Resolution and the roll call vote was as follows: Pristov, yes; Gruber, yes; Henry, yes

The Board has decided to remain with the current health reimbursement plan with Zane Benefit.

Jim made a motion to purchase a 2019 Case mini excavator for \$68,600 from Southeastern Equipment; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray made a motion to move \$39,000 from the misc line item to the machinery line item – both in the General Fund; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray made a motion to renew the road agreement between Harpersfield Township and Trumbull Township for Matson Road and Leslie Road.

Harpersfield shall do the following:

Apply dust control and stones as needed to Matson and Leslie Roads

Plow snow off of Matson and Leslie Roads

Trumbull Township shall do the following:

Shall allow the use of mower, tractor and man power for a total of 60 hours for work to be done within Harpersfield Township during the year 2020

Both Townships shall:

Each township gives their road supervisors the authority to coordinate the above mentioned efforts Any maintenance/replacement, road sign, lighting, drainage & routine repairs that are needed to Matson or Leslie Roads (outside of dust control and stone and plowing) will be conducted by each township. Trumbull shall maintain their portions of the roads and Harpersfield will maintain their portions of the roads.

Each township shall be responsible for compensating their own employees for work done in either township

Responsibility in the event where there is resulting damage to snow plow or trucks will be the responsibility of Harpersfield Township and damage to tractor or mower will be the responsibility of Trumbull Township

This agreement shall become effective January 1, 2020 and shall expire on December 31, 2020
Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor and the agreement will be forwarded to Trumbull Township Trustees.

Ray stated that he received a request from Pat Linehan to purchase the scrap trailer that doesn't have a title for \$300. As the Board was unsure of the legality of doing this without advertising or auction, Ray will contact the County Prosecutor for opinion.

Ray commented that we will make an amendment to the Cemetery Policy/Indigent burial as the State of Ohio has reinstated the reimbursement cost for a municipality that occurs an indigent burial.

Ray sent a letter to Gregory Ladd who is refusing to pay the permissive tax on a house he rents out. He had previously been sent a letter informing him of the township's policy and he has chosen to not respond and continues to rent out the house.

Cliff commented that the Spire sale is finalized.

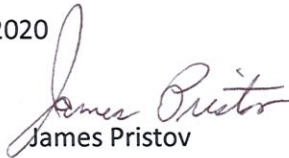
The Board agreed to hold the organizational meeting on December 16, 2019, at 6 PM in the Administration Building.

Cliff said goodbye after serving as township trustee for 24 years; Ray said a goodbye to Everett and thanked him for his service as Fire Chief for 30 years!!!!

Alice Vervais requested if it would be possible to cut the hill (hump) out of Bishop Road. Cody will look at it and decide if possible.

Meeting adjourned until January 27, 2020

Raymond Gruber Jr


James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh

(Clifford Henry will be unable to sign – no longer Trustee in 2020)