

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on June 15, 2020

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:35 PM in the Harpersfield Township Administration Building. Ray Gruber Jr, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Raymond Gruber Jr	Present	Edwin Spoor	Present
James Pristov	Present	Sharon Rohrbaugh	Present

Employees: Frank Henry

Visitors: Jim and Peg Bunner; Jim Carlson; Sarah Ackerman; Roger Shahan

The minutes from the bid opening and the regular session held on May 11, 2020, were reviewed. Jim made a motion to accept the minutes for both the bid opening and the regular session as written; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Frank commented on repairs for Unit 678 (Cody repaired back brakes) and 672 (auxiliary rear pump needs repaired).

Ray reported for Cody that the hydraulic pump went out on the grader and repair shop is having trouble finding the parts.

Jim made a motion to appoint Sharon as the Board's designee for attending the Sunshine Laws training; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon has been in contact with Windstream; if we eliminate land lines and the phone numbers will ring into each offices cell phones (cloud based phone service) it will cut our phone bill more than half per month. The Board agreed to pursue this.

Jim made a motion to pay the following bills: #11694 through #11745; totaling \$61,648.40; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #93-2020 through #121-2020; totaling \$67,153.34.

Ed reported that the Spire dorms are being built and the water tower is moving forward. He commented that the Community Center hall will resume renting on July 15, 2020 at half capacity.

Jim received a tariff program being offered by First Energy regarding the replacement of street lights to LED fixtures. The Board reviewed the options. Ed made a motion to accept "Option 3" (agreed upon conversion of non-LED lights to LED lights as they fail); Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray and Jim met with project Rep regarding the repairs of State Road (caused by the construction work at the dam). They had disagreements about how the paving repairs should be done (they wanted to just do patches instead of entire road). They agreed to one inch asphalt on entire road width from first house on the hill to dam.

Ray has been in contact with the Ashtabula County Commissioners regarding the land transfer (north of the Adm Building. He explained the multiple steps involved but it is moving forward.

Ray signed the OPWC "in kind" verification that will allow the Issue 2 project on Clay Mill to move forward.

Ray participated in a conference call dealing with Ohio PACE and gave a re-cap of what will happen if Spire moves forward with requesting a loan.

Ray was in contact with Nat Paskey regarding a drainage issue on Wildwood Drive; Mr. Paskey's recommendation is to do nothing at this time—EPA and Clean Act would come in to play if this matter is pursued.

Ray has been keeping a watch on the CARES act to find out if the Township can get reimbursed for the two weeks the road crew were off for the start of the Co-Vid shut down.

Ray did some research with ODOT regarding the scheduled construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Rt. 534 and Rt. 307 in 2022. He shared data and pictures so that the Board would be aware of the plans.

Jim and Peg Bunner commented on the "accident memorial" issue that arose when Larry confronted an individual that has a memorial on someone else's property (and it has been there for nine years). Everyone agrees that it is an emotional issue but Peg suggested that we put a time constraint on how long the "memorial" can be there. The Board decided to put an article in the newsletter that it is the property owner's choice to let the "memorial" stay on their property or that it must be removed.

Jim Carlson requested permission to pave ten feet of Alexander Drive when he paves his road (for his new subdivision); the Ashtabula County Engineer has parked and pinned the road. Ray will discuss with Cody.

Roger Shahan commented on the debris left behind after the construction work at the dam. Ray will talk to the project manager.

Ed spoke with Milt Berry who voiced "good job" to road crew for the ditching job done on South River Road (near Garford Road).

Meeting adjourned until July 13, 2020

Raymond Gruber Jr

Edwin Spoor

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh