

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on October 12, 2020

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

Raymond Gruber Jr

Edwin Spoor

James Pristov

Sharon Rohrbaugh

Employees: Cody Craine, Larry Lister, Frank Henry

Visitors: Everett and Julie Henry, Sara Ackerman, Jeff Lang, Jeff DiDonato

The minutes from the public hearing and the regular session held on September 28, 2020 were reviewed. Ed made a motion to accept both sets of minutes as written; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Larry reported that Spire Institute will add five more dorms in November and Vineyard Woods is adding two new cabins.

Larry commented that in order to change the filter on the roof A/C unit you have to remove 16 screws; he is concerned that it will cause issues in the future and would like to have two doors put on the unit instead; the Board agreed to allow this upgrade.

Larry informed the Board that David Rose purchased the property on Bishop Road (this had the vacant house structure on it); he plans to demolish the building next year.

Larry was asked to issue a zoning permit for a house at 4575 Clay Street; when he pulled up that address he found that there was a zoning permit issued for a house at that address; he was informed that they chose to build a pole barn instead and have been staying in the structure occasionally and now want to build the house. Larry informed them they cannot have two houses on the same parcel. Larry will question the Ashtabula County Building Dept if they issued any permits for any structure at that address.

Sharon informed the Board that the Township will receive \$93,692.94 in CARES funds and that she attended a seminar and found out that we can use those funds to replace the firemen turn out gear. Jim made a motion to use the CARES funds to purchase safety gear for the firemen (jackets; pants; helmets with face shields); Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor. Frank will get quotes and move forward on this purchase.

Jim made a motion to pay the following bills: #11895 through #11913; totaling \$6,930.67; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #212-2020 through #227-2020; totaling \$78,152.08.

Jim reported that the cost to install street lights at Bishop Road and LaFevre Road and LaFevre Rd and Rt. 307 will be \$1000 each; the poles are there just light fixtures will be installed. After a discussion, Jim made a motion to move forward with installing the two light fixtures on existing poles at a cost of \$1,000 each; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Jim stated that the Ashtabula County Health Department will not allow the carriage rides at the Christmas in the Park.

Jim was contacted by residents on State Road that are requesting better signage when the road is closed again when the bridge construction starts. He wants it posted road is closed to residents only so they will not come to end and turn around in his driveway.

Ray reported that the work has been completed on the footer repairs and he will file the final report with the Department of Commerce who gave us the \$1,000 grant funds.

Ray reported that he signed the TIF resolution and Attorney Lucas will forward it to the State to be filed. Department of Taxation and the Ashtabula County Auditor will send forms for annual reporting in March.

Ray reported that American Electric has completed the upgrades to the lighting at the garage and now all lights are LED.

Ray commented that Terry Palmer, Ashtabula County Health Department, has attempted three times to inspect the living conditions at the old grange building to no success.

Ray questioned Geneva City as to reason for the high income tax for JEDD III in June; their explanation was that a business paid their annual corporate taxes.

Julie asked if the Board would be able to donate funds for the personal hygiene share a xmas that she did last year and would like to do again this year as she expects more need this year with the co-vid situation affecting so many people out of work. After discussing this, Jim made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the project; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Jeff DiDonato, owner of Lake Erie Cremation and Funeral Services, attended the meeting to introduce himself and to inform the Board that he wants to be a positive asset to the community. He informed the Board that he held dog training classes for people that got dogs during the co-vid shut down and now the puppies have grown into unruly dogs; he plans to have a paper shred day on November 7th (10 to noon); and want to do a food drive for Thanksgiving. The Board suggested he put his events on the Township website.

Everett commented that it might be a good idea to watch the weather on election day and if rain is predicted to put up a tent for people to "social distance" out of the rain.

Meeting adjourned until October 26, 2020

Raymond Gruber Jr

Edwin Spoor

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