

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on March 8, 2021

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:30 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
Edwin Spoor	Present	Sharon Rohrbaugh	Present

Employees: Cody Craine; Larry Lister; Frank Henry

Visitors: Richard Leskovec; Paula Pristov; Jeff Lang; Ron Valitsky; Jackie Spoor

The minutes from the regular session held on February 22, 2021, were reviewed. Ed made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Frank informed the Board that he still has not received any quotes for a generator; he said a concrete pad will be necessary to set the generator and he suggested that we create handicap parking at that time.

Frank stated that he received a \$3900 grant from the power plant.

Larry informed the Board that Spire purchased 150 acres of the Stone farm on Rt. 307.

Larry is helping with a lot split on Rt. 307 West (28 acres to be split into two lots – 12 ½ and 15 1/2).

Larry requested that the Board contact the County Auditor and have the bike trail name changed from Spire Trail to Harpersfield Trail. There was discussion about giving the trail to the Ashtabula County Metro Park and Sharon informed the Board that one of the classes that she recently attended stated it was a no/no to dispose of property that was obtained with ODOT or govt funds and that to keep the township out of trouble we should verify if giving the trail to Metro Parks was a possibility. Ed made a motion to change the name to Harpersfield Trail; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously. Jim will contact ODOT to find the answer for the Metro Parks and Ed will contact the County Auditor for the name change. Ray stated that on March 16th he and Jim will meet with the Metro Park Board to discuss if they will take over the trail.

Cody informed the Board that Tim probed the cemetery lots in the old section of Unionville Cemetery and determined that all lots have been used and that Tim will notify the person that there are no longer any lots available. The Board agreed to this,

Cody would like to hire Brobst Tree Service to cut down dead trees across Van Pelt Road at an estimated cost of \$2500; the Board agreed to allow this.

Tim met with JoAnn MacWilliams' son and the family has decided to sell back the two cemetery lots that are involved in a discrepancy; Sharon stated that they have to return the cemetery deed and she will issue a new one for just the two remaining lots and refund the money for the two lots at the price that was paid at time of purchase.

Cody informed the Board that Sievers Security conducted the inspection on the road garage building and there were no issues found.

Cody commented that Phillips Welding repaired the damaged support beam in the road garage building.

Cody contacted Scott Rocco to repair the furnace in the old town hall building and he determined that the furnace was beyond repair and installed a new furnace at a cost of \$2200.

Cody would like to purchase two V spreaders for the Mack trucks to be used next winter season but need to be ordered this spring to get on the list to have them built. Ray made a motion to purchase two V spreaders at a cost of \$22,460; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Cody suggested that we extend Spire Drive for a "left" turn lane which can be done by painting.

Ed made a motion to pay the following bills: #12204 through #12240; totaling \$26,934.37; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.
Sharon reported the following receipts: #32-2021 through #43-2021; totaling \$40,147.25.

Sharon informed the Board that we received a refund from OTARMA in the amount of \$1864.46.

Sharon commented that Roto Rooter has sent a final bill for the installation of the new toilets and the touchless faucets. Sharon asked Cody to inspect that all were switched and the faucet in the old town hall was not done. Sharon is not comfortable in paying the full bill without all the work being done. Ed will contact Jim from Roto Rooter and find out the status of completing the work.

Sharon reported that the Mule that Frank is letting Geneva City Fire Dept. use does have insurance on it and it is only \$67 per year; the Board voted to keep the insurance on the Mule.

Ed will contact Dominion to request that they install a new meter to update it for the generator.

Sharon stated that our Road and Bridge levy can be put on the ballot this fall; Jim commented that he would like the County Auditor to prepare the estimated tax to help the Board decide if it will be for a replacement or a renewal. Sharon will contact the County Auditor and have the info for the next meeting.

Ray informed the Board that we were awarded a \$1,000 community grant from NOPEC that we will apply to the clean up day expenses in September.

Tim gave Ray a drawing of plans for the pavilion to be constructed at Harpersfield Cemetery to keep families from weather elements during a burial. Ray made a motion to waive the zoning permit fee; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ray chose the Ferrante Family for the 2020 Citizen of the Year award; he held the presentation at Ferrante Winery.

Ed commented that the Zoning Commission is continuing to work on the issue of rental units (which includes rental tents); the Commission is giving Larry guidance and working on describing requirements.

Ed informed the Board that the County is moving forward on the South River Road water line.

Jim commented that he was contacted from a resident that questioned what to do with leaves; a suggestion was to contact nurseries as they use them for mulch. He also commented that a resident will be starting a sausage business on Atkins Road.

Paula Pristov was questioned if she would be interested in being an alternate on the Zoning Commission Board; she replied yes. Ed made a motion to appoint Paula as an alternate on the Zoning Commission Board; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Jeff Lang again brought before the Board his complaint that there is not handicapped parking in front of the Adm Building and that the Board is not enforcing the junk vehicles that are becoming a problem throughout the township.

Meeting adjourned until March 22, 2021

James Pristov

Raymond Gruber Jr

Edwin Spoor

Sharon Rohrbaugh