

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on March 22, 2021

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:35 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; Frank Henry; Larry Lister

Visitors: Ron Valitsky

The minutes from the regular session held on March 8, 2021, were reviewed. Ray made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Frank informed the Board that four individuals will be attending the 36 hour firemen class at ATech and that he agreed to host a class at our station for the students.

Frank stated that the bay heaters are not working and Scott Rocco determined that all four thermostats are corroded and need to be replaced; the Board agreed to this repair. Frank also informed the Board that there is a roof leak that needs to be repaired.

Frank commented that Bob Wilhelm will create the drawing for the generator pad and the ADA handicap parking and sidewalk in front of the Administration Building. The Board gave permission for Larry to contact Rich Sheppard to discuss the details to remove the electric pole that would be involved in the handicap parking area.

Larry informed the Board that resident Ashley Kirk is interested in sitting on the BZA as an alternate. Ed made a motion to appoint Ashley Kirk as an alternate to sit on the BZA; Ray seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Cody discussed the lane markings for Spire Drive with Amir with the Ashtabula County Engineer and he stated to leave it as it is.

Per Cody's request the Board agreed to have the dust control bid opening on April 12, 2021, at 6:45 PM for 50,000 gallons of CRS-2 and 10,000 AEP.

Cody requested that for safety reasons to hire Brobst Tree Service to remove 15 trees on the north side of County Line Road; the Board unanimously agreed to allow this.

Ray made a motion to pay the following bills: #12241 through #12262; totaling \$45,022.09; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: #44-2021 through #51-2021; totaling \$348,290.04.

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY

Resolution requesting certification from County Auditor
Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5705.03

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees of Harpersfield Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio, determine that it is necessary to levy a tax outside the ten-mill limitation; and

WHEREAS, before seeking to have a levy approved by the electors of Harpersfield Township the Board of Township Trustees must seek the certification of the Ashtabula County Auditor in compliance with Section 5705.03 of the ORC, submitted for the General election held on November 2, 2021.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ashtabula County Auditor is hereby requested to certify to the Board of Township Trustees:

1. The total current tax valuation of Harpersfield Township, and
2. The dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by 1.5 mills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of the proposed tax is general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of roads and bridges and is for five years commencing and appearing on the tax list for the years 2022 first due in calendar year 2023.

Such tax is authorized to be submitted to a vote of the electors of Harpersfield Township, pursuant to ORC Section 5705.21, and which shall be:

A renewal of an existing levy of 1.5 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ashtabula County Auditor is requested to issue the certification within ten days after receiving this Resolution.

Raymond Gruber Jr moved for adoption of this Resolution; and Edwin Spoor seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Gruber	voted yes
Mr. Spoor	voted yes
Mr. Pristov	voted yes

Having received the required two-thirds majority, Resolution 3-2021 was adopted March 22, 2021.

Ray informed the Board that he spoke with Atty Michael Lucas and we cannot add the Pizza Hut property to our TIF district because the infrastructure is already on that property.

Ray reported that Chris Westlake has been appointed to the JEDD III board as the employee representative.

Jim and Ray participated in a zoom meeting with the Ashtabula County Metro Park board and surrounding municipalities regarding the bike trail. Jim contacted ODOT to find out if the Township can give the bike trail to the Metro Park or to Spire and the response was NO – we can partner with the Metro Park for maintenance purposes but the Township must retain ownership. At this time, the Metro Park is putting all of their revenues into other projects and cannot assist us with the bike trail. The Metro Park Board did state that they would be willing to assist in finding grants for the other municipalities to obtain financing to continue the trail north to the lake. Currently GOTL is moving forward with their section and Geneva Township is planning to widen Austin Road and incorporate the bike path with that as an Issue 2 project. Metro Park is interested in completing the section that would run from the park (dam) to Spire. Larry agreed to continue maintaining and he can accept donations. The Board agreed to purchase four posts to mount doggie bags and four garbage cans to be install along the bike trail and to put up signage “Harpersfield Trail”.

Ray made a motion to participate in the ODOT road salt contract for 2021 in the amount of 225 tons; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ed contacted David Thomas, Ashtabula County Auditor, to change the bike trail from Spire Trail to Harpersfield Trail; he was informed that we have to show a ‘vested interest in the trail’; Sharon informed Ed that the funds for the trail were from ODOT; but that the Ashtabula County Engineer “ran the show” on that project (they advertised for and accepted the bids; the funds went through them and then the payment information was given to Township) so Sharon recommended that Ed contact County Engineer for the requested information for the County Auditor.

Ed contacted Jim Carney, Roto Rooter, and questioned why the faucet was not done in the old town hall building; Jim stated that it was backordered and agreed to deduct from his bill until work was completed.

Ed commented that the gas meter was changed and updated at the Administration building to be prepared for the generator.

Ed contacted ODOT regarding the I-90 lighting on the ramps and he was told that the interchange did not warrant more lighting at this time.

Ron Valitsky commented that looking out the window our Township sign looks like it is in need of updating. The Board agreed to have Larry contact Conrad Signs; Rich Sheppard to run electric from the building; and Larry stated that he will donate a new flag.

Meeting adjourned until April 12, 2021

James Pristov

Raymond Gruber Jr

Edwin Spoor

Sharon Rohrbaugh