

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on June 17, 2024

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7 PM to 8:15 PM in the Administration Building. James Pristov, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

James Pristov

Mickey Mihalick

Edwin Spoor

Sharon Rohrbaugh

Employees: Cody Craine; Larry Lister; Frank Henry

Visitors: Dave Snyder; Gary Nahrstedt; Rich and Renee Hanyok; Kim Gregory; Lorrie Scott; Andy Kirk; Larry Kiser; Anthony and Theresa Kalvaitis

The minutes from the regular session held on May 20, 2024 were reviewed. Ed made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Frank informed the Board that five firemen have completed the 120 hour training class with three passing for certification.

Cody stated that the Old Orchard phase 1 ditching project is done including the damaged concrete aprons and the asphalt aprons that were completed by the road crew. He added that Harper Valley new extension is paved.

Cody informed the Board that the dust control will not be done until September this year as the roundabout complicated getting around the township and pushed us further down on their list.

Cody received a quote from Scott Rocco, Comfort Solutions HVAC Services, to install two 125,000 BTU tube heaters in the garage extension at a cost of \$18,400. Ed made a motion to have the heaters installed and part of the cost will be covered by the NOPEC grant, Mickey seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Cody commented that the road crew applied centerline stripping on Spire Drive.

Sharon added that we have received the centerline stripping estimate from the Ashtabula County Engineer for LaFevre Rd-Chestnut St-State Rd-West St-Bishop Rd-Walter Main Rd-Old Orchard Dr at a cost of \$2,873.29. Ed made a motion to have the County apply the centerline stripping on the listed roads; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Larry gave the Board a brief summary of what is transpiring with the structure on Rt. 307 that the property owner declares is another agricultural building. Larry accompanied by the Ashtabula County Building Dept and Ashtabula County Health Dept arranged by the Ashtabula County Prosecutor's office met the property owner to tour the building. After the tour all three departments agreed that it is a house structure and will now report back to the County Prosecutor for the next step.

Larry proposed a zoning fee change to the size of signs and length of time they can remain up after event is over. Following a discussion, Ed made a motion that the maximum size for event signs will be 2 x 3 feet and must be taken down three days after the event is over. If not, Larry will remove.

Larry informed the Board that he is getting a quote for repairing the rubber roof on the admin building as a leak has developed. He added that Avalon sprayed for insects at the Admin building.

Ed made a motion to pay the following bills: #14143 through #14178; totaling \$32,004.94; Mickey seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Sharon reported the following receipts: 132-2024 through 148-2024; totaling \$39,882.10.

Mickey reported that she attended a Sunshine Laws Certification Training webinar as the Township designee but did not receive a certificate of attendance.

Mickey commented that she received a quote of \$4000 for labor to repair exterior work on the old town hall building. Sharon would like an estimate of material costs before we proceed with this project.

Mickey is working on applying for a grant to build pickle ball courts; she has discussed it with Commissioner Koslowski and a contractor and would like the Board's thoughts on whether to proceed. After further discussion, Jim and Ed gave the green light for Mickey to continue with the grant application.

Ed stated that the bids have been awarded for the South River Road and Bishop Road water lines.

Ed commented that the roundabout is still on schedule to be opened the first week of July. He added that a footer was poured for the monument to be placed in the center section of the roundabout.

Jim commented that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Harpersfield Covered Bridge on August 3rd.

Ed will contact Bill Strubble, ODOT, regarding a request for a speed study on Rt. 84 between Chestnut St and Phillips Welding.

Larry Kiser was in attendance to complain about the upkeep of property owned by Spire on Berringer Place. The Board will contact Spire and see if they can get it taken care of.

The meeting adjourned until July 15, 2024

James Pristov

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