

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on August 11, 2025

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7:00 PM to 8:10 PM in the Administrative Building. Edwin Spoor, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Edwin Spoor
Lisa Linehan

James Pristov
Mickey Mihalick

Employees: Larry Lister, Cody Craine, Frank Henry

Visitors: Dave Snyder, Paul Lombardo, Mark Mihalik, Debbie Mihalik, Ed Pristov, Angela Henry, Tim and Bonnie Burzanko, Kim Gregory, Faye Douglas, Doug Dean, Lorrie Scott, Angelo Tutulo

Jim made a motion to approve the minutes; Lisa seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Geneva Schools Superintendent, Paul Lombardo was a guest at the meeting. He introduced himself and talked about his background.

Frank reported 25 calls for June and 29 calls for the month of July, 139 calls for the year. 65 truck is ready to go, 62 is getting water in it. Countryside is going to be doing some work on it. The bill will be a few thousand dollars.

Frank reported he completed the final inspection with Corkscrew Taphouse.

Frank stated the golf outing went well with about 25 teams.

Frank will be doing the Cork school inspection tomorrow morning and will meet up with spire next week to inspect the dorms.

Cody cleaned up property line at Unionville Cemetery. He stated that the 2010 Mack needs front springs, will be a couple thousand dollars. The work will be done in house.

Cody stated that paving bids came in from county. Harper Valley can be done in house because it's under \$75,000.00 and LaFever North came in at 101,000.00.

Larry did 7 permits this month; Up to 40 permits to date. He commented that Chipotle is supposed to be starting ground work next month and hopes to open by spring of 2026, if not before. Motel 6 needs to come in for sign permits. Sandy from Spire told Larry that Corporate does not like putting the name Harpersfield on the signs.

Larry stated that Spire has been using heavy equipment to go over trail. Larry would like the Trustees to send a letter and ask them to replace what they damaged.

Larry stated he has 21 complaint forms regarding the Spire owned Airbnb's on Beringer Road. He said they are illegal because they didn't go before the Zoning Commission; it's a commercial business in the R1-district. Larry stated that he, Lisa Linehan (runs an Airbnb) and Ken (on zoning board and resident on Beringer Road) will have to recuse themselves. Larry stated it's not zoned for commercial. Jim said that they would have to talk to the Prosecutors Office about the situation. Larry stated that 802.1 states it's a conditional use. Larry sent out a violation letter to 2378 County Line Road. Larry will call him and walk the property with him and point out the issues.

Mickey reported that the 2nd half of the property taxes were received and distributed.

Lisa made a motion to pay the bills; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor; check numbers 14776 thru 14809 and electronic payments in the amount of \$55,280.08.

Mickey reported that the October Trustee meeting is being changed from October 14th to October 20th.

Mickey stated that if the township wants to get a credit card, there would have to be a credit card policy.

Lisa Reported:

1. Calendar: all invoices have been paid. Corkscrew Taphouse will submit their ad by tomorrow morning and then the calendar will be ready to send to the printer.
2. SPIRE meeting: All empty storage containers have been broken down and are in the process of being moved. There are still approximately 27 left with unclaimed belongings. The team is awaiting approval from legal to dispose of those belongings, hopefully this week. The Emergency access road is still a bit rough, but according to Justin, Frank Henry deemed it usable. There is talk about widening the road and utilizing

the driveway at 534 that was installed to work on the water tower site in order to help with egress. SPIRE's grant writer is looking into the possibility of obtaining state or federal monies for grindings or asphalt.

3. Health Insurance: Melanie is sick and cancelled her time with us tonight. I have rescheduled her for our September 8th meeting at 6:30.
4. August 4th Zoning Meeting: The board ultimately tabled the cargo container amendment and will seek input from consultants with Verdantas during the zoning grant sessions.
5. Can we use NOPEC grant money to replace florescent bulbs with LED lights at the old township building?

Old Business:

1. Ohio Conference on Travel @ The Lodge:
 - a. We missed the deadline to participate in the VIP event (we had discussed sponsoring a winery tour), but the opportunity still exists to support the Harpersfield wineries who are hosting a special event themselves for the VIP night – Ferrante's wine and food pairings, Kosicek's tasting in the vines, Donnie Winchell from Ohio Wine Producer's Association will host a wine tasting, location TBD.
 - b. Maker's Night with 300 gifts: Calendar, Community Magazine, Gift Baskets, small baskets of grapes
 - c. Stephanie pointed out again that there is space at the Lakeside Social on that Thursday where we could still host a wine-tasting table. Any interest?
 - d. Can we get Harpersfield Township shirts?
 - e. Verdantas:

The working group has been finalized and the first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:30 pm

Jim reported he attended JEDD meeting. Spire stated their goal is to have 500 kids. Traffic light will be installed Spring of 2026. Next JEDD meeting is September 17th at 1:00 in Geneva Counsel Chambers.

Jim attended NAD meeting. He reported there were 37 calls with a 5.4-minute response time, 204 calls for the year.

Jim received an email from a resident regarding a dead deer that was at her mailbox in the road. Cody took care of it. If it's on the roadside, the road department will take care of it, if it's in the yard, the owner is responsible.

Ed reported that he filed for the \$1,000.00 Cemetery grant.

Larry and Ed met with Sandy from Spire. They want to build outdoor pickleball, basketball and volleyball courts for public use.

Ed said that we are still in the running for the trail grant that runs from 534 to 45 along the freeway. Ed talked with someone that is very familiar with the grant and is confident that the township will receive the \$80,000.00 for this grant.

Dave Snyder asked if the Spire will extend their contract with Geneva schools if the levy fails for the new football stadium. Mr. Lombardo responded by saying that the schools have a good working relationship with the Spire, they are supportive and they are meeting with them monthly and that there is an opportunity to extend the lease.

Mark Mihalik said that there was a comment made by Jerry Klco last month stating there was an accident at County Line Road and 307 and that it was caused by a sign. Mark got a police report from OSP stating that the accident was not caused by the sign. Mark has moved his sign 120 feet from the intersection. across the street. Larry asked Mark if he was going to get a permit for that sign. Mark said that he talked to Lisa about it. Mark recommended that the trustees put money in the budget to hire a full-time zoning inspector at a salary of \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00 to attract someone that wants and loves the job and can help everyone with the zoning mess we have going on here. Debbie stated that they feel singled out by their community and not supported as a business and as a resident of Harpersfield.

Ed Pristov stated that rules for signs is on the zoning boards list of things that they want to address on the zoning text update to clear up any confusion.

Angelo Tutolo stated the apron needs to be widened on State Road and 534 West.

Jerry Klco commented that they passed the accident that Mark Mihalik referred to. His wife stuck her head out the window and asked if they were okay and someone mentioned something about the sign causing the accident. He stated that we need regulations to be followed.

Meeting adjourned until September 8, 2025


James Pristov


Lisa Linehan


Edwin Spoor


Mickey Mihalick