HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR SESSION

Held on January 13, 2025

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm in the Administration Building. Ed Spoor, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

James Pristov	Mickey Mihalick
Edwin Spoor	Kanda O'Dell

Employees: Larry Lister, Frank Henry, Cody Craine, Frank Benetka
Visitors: Kim Gregory, Lorrie Scott, Rich and Renee Hanyok, Lisa and Patrick Linehan, Tyrone Robertson, Dave Snyder, Lynn Egensberger and John Steadman.

The minutes from the Organizational Meeting held on January 3, 2025 were reviewed. Ed made a motion to approve the minutes as written; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Jim and Ed expressed their deepest sympathy to the Rohrbaugh family and the Harpersfield Community upon the sudden and unfortunate passing of our Fiscal Officer Sharon Rohrbaugh. Jim said that Sharon's passing was a great loss to our township, she served as Fiscal Officer for 29 years and she will be greatly missed.

Jim reported that Mickey Mihalick resigned as Trustee on January 2, 2025. Her resignation was accepted by the Board at the Organizational meeting on January 3, 2025. Mickey was then appointed as Fiscal Officer by the Board. She was sworn in by Interim Fiscal Officer, Kanda O'Dell. The decision was made by the Board to appoint a new Trustee from the group of applicants that applied just over a year ago. Jim Pristov made a motion to appoint Lisa Linehan as Trustee; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor. Lisa will be sworn in as Trustee at the next meeting on February 10, 2025.

Ed thanked Kanda O'Dell (Austinburg Twp. Fiscal Officer) for stepping in as Deputy Fiscal Officer by helping the township in an emergency situation due to the passing of Sharon.

Frank reported bills to be paid. Active 911 bill was paid by Frank with Fire Department Funds and will need to be paid back by the Township.

Frank informed the Board that he will be applying for a $15,000.00 Fire Marshall Grant to be used for engine hose, nozzles, etc.

Cody reported that he applied for reimbursement from Ohio EMA during the winter storms in December. The cost of the storm was $25,027.30.

Cody informed the board that 175 tons of salt was ordered.

Cody will check with Koski on the $1,000.00 change order that was submitted. The bill for paving will not be paid until then.

Larry reported that Chipotle is moving forward with plans to open in the old Pizza Hut building. There has been no word from Spire regarding moving forward with plans to build a Speedway. Larry also reported on Motel 6 that work was in progress.

Larry asked about disposing of old equipment. Ed made a motion to dispose; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Jim reported that he attended the NAD meeting and that it was reported that 21 calls were received from NAD with an average response time of 6.1 minutes.

Jim stated that the Township Association Dinner will be held Thursday, January 16th.

Jim stated that the deadline for the Township Newsletter is January 22nd.

Ed reported that he is checking with other townships looking for better health insurance rates.

Ed mentioned that positions need to be filled on the Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Board.

Ed reported that Bishop Road water line will be installed in the next month or two; Lafevre to VanPelt. Providing Federal Funding is received, South River and Brandt water lines will start in April or May.

Ed made a motion to pay the Otarma bill for $55,117.00; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Raises were discussed for the Road Department. The discussion was tabled until the budget is reviewed. Ed made a motion that if raises were given they would be retroactive to beginning of year; Jim seconded motion; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Jim made a motion to increase Frank's salary from $11,800.00 to $12,200.00, $600.00 more for Fireman and to keep The 2 Captains and Assistant Chief at $500.00; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Jim made motion to increase Debbie Riffle's (Clerk of the Zoning Board) pay from $500.00 to $600.00 year and to continue to pay $50.00 per meeting; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ed made a motion to reimburse travel expenses for meals at $65.00 a day and mileage at .60 per mile; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

The Cemetery mowing contract is tabled and will be revisited.

Meeting adjourned until February 10, 2025.

James Pristov Mickey Mihalick

Edwin Spoor Kanda O'Dell