

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR SESSION

Held on July 14, 2025

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7:00 PM to 8:38 PM in the Administration Building. Edwin Spoor, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Edwin Spoor

James Pristov

Lisa Linehan

Mickey Mihalick

Visitors: Tony Brand, Jan Hoover, Tim and Bonnie Burzanko, Edward Pristov, Debbie and Mark Mihalick, Colton Harchalk, Renee Hanyok, Morgan Harchalk, Jeff Harchalk, Jeff Lang, Kim Gregory, Paula Pristov, Dave Snyder, Angelo Tutulo.

Renee Hanyok spoke with the Trustees and advised them that she is retiring from the printing business and that this next newsletter will be her last. She will provide the Trustees with recommendations for optional printing resources, etc.

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

Deb Baker was introduced by Lisa Linehan as a guest from Deb's Financial Literacy. She is available to anyone who is interested in discussing retirement, investing, insurance, 401k rollovers, etc.

Jim Pristov reported that he attended the fire meeting. They had 117 calls this year so far. They had 16 for the month of June. Golf outing is August 2nd. Braden Bilicic is in charge of the outing. The Fire Department will be doing training at HDT. The Fire Department meets every Tuesday.

Jim reported that the Road Department did work on State Road. Mr. Tutulo expressed his concerns regarding Route 534. Ed Spoor will talk with Bill Strubbe regarding his concerns.

Lisa reported for Zoning. Grant money was awarded to hire consultants to work on zoning text. Money has to be used by May of 2026.

Mickey received a letter from the Ashtabula County Engineers Office requesting a purchase order for center line road striping in the amount of \$2,901.44. Jim made a motion to prepare the purchase order; Lisa seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Mickey reported that she found the keys to the bank safety deposit box. The cost of the box is \$60.00 a year. The Trustees agreed to continue paying the fee to keep the box.

Lisa made a motion to pay the bills; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor; check numbers 14733 thru 14775 and electronic payments in the amount of \$202,468.24.

Lisa reported:

1. Calendar: all spots have been filled and invoices sent. Starting to get payments in. Gary Somnitz and Jim are working together to arrange some of the pages.
2. Health Insurance: We did get a new comparison from Seibert-Keck on competitive policies. Unfortunately, they really weren't competitive. Also, there was some question regarding what COSE is and how it helps us. Essentially it's a group plan we buy into in order to lower our insurance costs.
3. Newsletter deadline in this coming Monday, the 21st.
4. Myself, Jerry, and Larry will meet with SPIRE tomorrow at 9am. We are working on arranging a meeting with stakeholders about the emergency access road.
5. Had a call about our recycling dumpsters. Will we get those back? Ed stated that Cody does not want to have to "babysit" them. Ed agrees. The Trustees agreed that recycling dumpsters will not be coming back at this time.
6. Lisa discussed the welcome packets for new Harpersfield residents.

Jim stated that NAD had 26 calls with a response time of 8.5 minutes. For the year, there have been 167 calls compared to 172 calls last year.

Jim reported that there will be a Jedd meeting on Wednesday in Geneva at 1:00 PM.

Ed reported that he talked to the wineries and distilleries about using the Harpersfield name on their printed advertising. M Cellars and Tony Kosicek, Red Eagle, Black Door, South River are 100% behind promoting the area by using the Harpersfield community name. Lisa reported Harpersfield Vineyard, Benny Vino and Hundley are also on board. She is waiting to hear back from Springhill and Laurello.

Ed stated that the water tower federal funding is winding down. Ed will have a report that it is at least out for bid by next meeting.

Lisa made a motion to change the Trustee meetings to once a month beginning in September; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Lisa made a motion to accept Verdantas as the consultant to work thru the zoning text; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Debbie Mihalik asked the board about sign issues and containers. Ed responded that the zoning text will be reviewed with the consultants and that there will be plenty of public meetings for input. Debbie also

commented that she submitted a formal complaint with Larry regarding a neighbor and zoning issues. She hasn't heard anything about what has happened with her complaint. Lisa said that she will follow up with Larry.

Meeting adjourned until August 11, 2025.

James J. Putor
Elaine L. Putor

Lisa Linehan
Mickey Gubaluk

