

RHARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

Held on March 24, 2025

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular sessions from 7:00 pm to 8:44 pm in the Administration Building. Lisa Linehan called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

James Pristov

Mickey Mihalick

Ed Spoor

Kanda O'Dell

Lisa Linehan

Employees: Larry Lister, Frank Henry

Visitors: David Snyder, Vance Grabelsek, Stella Grabelsek, Rich Hanyok, Renee Hanyok, Lorrie Scott, Kim Gregory, Jackie Spoor, Tony Larisha, Jeff Lang, Curt Rohrbaugh, Maggie Lipp, Keilana Mason, Jerome Klco, Amy Thompson, Ashlyn Thompson, Justin Thompson.

The minutes from the regular session held on March 10, 2025 were reviewed. Jim made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Lisa seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Frank reported that they got another firefighter (Scott Rowe) on the roster. He gave the information to Mickey.

Frank stated that he did not receive the equipment grant that he applied for. He said that he needs to spend between \$10,000 and \$14,000 from the Fire budget to equip the fire vehicle. Frank asked for approval from the Trustees to spend up to \$15,000.00 for nozzles, size mounts, flat strainer and hand tools. Jim made a motion to approve Franks request to spend up to \$15,000.00; Lisa seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Frank reported that they had 16 calls last month and are up to 56 for the year.

Frank thanked the community for the overwhelming support for the fish fries. Last fish fry sold 622 fish dinners.

Ed reported for Cody that they are getting quotes for mowers to use for the cemeteries. He is going to get one more quote from Mills. The road department will be handling mowing the cemeteries and will not go out for bid. Ed will reach out to Chuck and Sue to let them know we will not be bidding out the job this year.

Ed reported that Cody said there are several invoices coming in. Kanda let the Trustees know that the budget is very tight until tax money comes in.

Ed reported the road department has been sweeping the roads and only have a few left to do.

Ed stated that Cody will be meeting with Rocky Road Paving to work on Alexander. He will be working on stoning and padding it down to get ready for blacktop in May.

Ed reported that Clyde Hill will be opening next week.

Larry attended the Board of Health meeting regarding septic systems. The Board of Health is pushing it back on the Townships saying that whatever is in the zoning text is what they will go by. 200-foot frontage and 2 acre lots will remain the same for septic systems.

Larry reported that the traffic light at Spire entrance on 534 (by Starbucks) has been approved and the work will be done by Osborne. It will be at least 6 months before it is finalized.

Larry told the Trustees that the owner of the gas wells at Spire has been doing work on the trails. They have been driving their truck on part of the trail that have left oil spills. They all agreed the mess left would have to be cleaned up by the owner.

Mickey asked for a motion to approve permanent appropriations in the amount of \$2,227,696.55. Jim made a motion to approve permanent appropriations; Lisa seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ed shifted the meeting to the public to honor our Citizen of the Year. Jim said "It is with great pleasure to announce that Sharon Rohrbaugh is our citizen of the year for 2024." Sharon's husband, Curt commented on what an amazing person and special lady Sharon was and is greatly missed by all of us. The audience applauded and pictures were taken with Sharon's family.

Mickey said that the application was submitted to Ohio EMA for winter storms disaster recovery funds for just under \$28,000.00.

Lisa reported:

1. Ashtabula County Township Association meeting on Thursday:

- The health department received an EPA grant to do free site evaluations and inspections for any county resident with a septic system. Systems that are underperforming or failing will be given optional resources for mitigation. I understand that these inspections will not incur fines or mandatory repairs. This

is an optional opportunity and postcards are being sent to those who qualify for the inspection.

- Presentation from County Prosecutor April Grabman and her team on how to efficiently run a township meeting and compile minutes.
 - i. Gary would like to add a trustee as an editor to the facebook page
 - ii. We should adopt an official agenda for our meetings
- 2. Draft to Jonathon at Spire re: storage pods:
 - Needs approval
 - Does it need a letterhead?
 - Should probably extend the deadline
- 3. Health Insurance
 - Melanie from Joslin-Landis in Conneaut will share a 30-minute presentation on health insurance at our April 14th meeting beginning at 6:30.
 - Still waiting to hear from IEN Risk Management (Bryce Heinenbaugh), but they have not returned my call.
 - I recommend getting a new Agent of Record for our insurance – it takes our Acrisure agent an average of six days to respond to my emails.
- 4. NOPEC Grants
 - We need a resolution to accept the grant

Res. 1-25 Ed made a motion for a resolution for the NOPEC energy and community grant; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Jim attended a water advisory Board Meeting. They are talking about millions of dollars in grants for water and sewer.

Jim attended a JEDD meeting and said that it went well.

Jim brought up donations for the Senior Center in Geneva. Lisa made a motion approving \$2,000.00 to be donated to the Senior Center; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ed reported that he received an email from ODOT regarding the centerpiece at the roundabout and asked if the township is maintaining it. Ed responded that we are not responsible for maintaining the roundabout.

Ed called Jim Hockaday and received some funding sources to keep "Mickey's Pickleball Project" moving along.

Ed is working with Alex Iarocci on sources to get the trail extended to Austinburg by Laurello's. The goal would be to connect the Harpersfield trail with the Greenway trail.

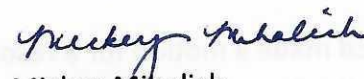
Ed attended the Chamber dinner at the VFW. Senior National Honor Society students were recognized. Vince Gildone addressed the students.

Jeff Lange spoke about the weight limit of trucks on the Township Roads and said that "no truck" signs should be up. Ed said that he will talk with Tim Martin.

Jerome Klco thanked the road department for the broom sweeping and complimented the fish fry. He also commented on the truck weight problem.

Meeting adjourned until April 14, 2025.


Ed Spoor


Mickey Mihalick


Jim Pristov


Lisa Linehan