

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7:00 p. to 8:07 pm in the Administration Building. Jim Pristov called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

James Pristov

Mickey Mihalick

Ed Spoor

Lisa Linehan (absent)

Employees: Larry Lister

Visitors: Kim Gregory, Laurie Scott, Bonnie Burzanko, Dave Snyder, Mark and Debbie Mihalic

Jim made a motion to accept the minutes; Ed seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Frank reported 11 calls so far for the month of May. Pumps will be tested this Thursday.

Cody reported that paving of Alexander Drive started today and will finish up Thursday. Dust control is 3 weeks out, 10 or 11 miles worth.

Cody said that Tom at the County Engineers recommended getting rid of damaged guard rail on Old Orchard. He asked the Trustees what they wanted to do. The Trustees agreed to remove it. Jim made a motion to remove the guard rail; Ed seconded.

Cody purchased a trailer from GovDeals for \$1,400.00.

Jim received call from George Couch from Alexander Dr. He complimented Cody and the road department for doing a great job.

Larry sent out 4 violation notices. He and Jerry Klco will be attending a workshop in Niles for Zoning and BZA on June 13th.

Larry thanked Cody for putting the ballyards on the trail back up.

Jim made a motion to pay bills; Ed seconded; check numbers 14678 thru 14711 and electronic payments in the amount of \$294,731.39.

Mickey reported that a letter was received from the Senior Center thanking the Township for their \$2,000.00 donation.

Jim reported that the Fire Department fish fries were a success. Their golf outing is August 2nd. Jim mentioned it saved us a lot of dollars by getting the Fire Truck from Madison Township Fire Dept.

Jim attended the Township Trustee meeting. Nopec spoke about the electric rates increasing.

Scott Yamamoto spoke of the GIS and how they can look at your property running thru Al.

Jim attended JEDD meeting. Grey Meyers mentioned properties on Bishop Road and selling as package.

Ed reported the Route 307 water line going to Whispering Willows is about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way done. This runs from Laurello's to Whispering Willows to the Harpersfield/Austinburg line. Whispering Willows is paying for this. They will recoup their money as people tap in.

Ed reported that the water tank next to Dollar General is being prepped for the drop site. Should start around July. It is going thru Federal appropriations now.

South River Road water project; Stoltz road to Debonne and then Brandt Road to Pristava and then Atkins to Virants will be going out for bid around July.

Lisa was absent from meeting but reported:

1. I met with Allie Feldman last week. She is in charge of marketing for SPIRE. I reiterated our willingness to collaborate on social media – she will continue to tag Harpersfield in appropriate posts. She is also supportive of branding SPIRE as a business within Harpersfield. I will be volunteering at Spire this weekend for the USA Wrestling Championships.
2. Stephanie Siegel from the Ashtabula County Visitors Bureau will attend our June 9th Trustee meeting to hear our need for wineries and businesses in the township to be identified as such in their publications.
3. I will begin emailing potential advertisers for our Harpersfield calendar this week.
4. A resident on South River Road, east of 534, is again requesting the road be swept. She observed that the steps leading up to the cemetery on South River Road also needed to be swept. I popped over and cleaned them up with my leaf blower. She also reported that a dead tree needs to be cut down in the cemetery (see attached picture for the road department).

5. A resident who regularly uses the old town hall reported that the starlings keep breaching the inside of the building. They fly around inside, knock things over, leave droppings everywhere, then die inside the building. I stopped at the building and can confirm this is occurring. Can anything be done to secure the eaves?

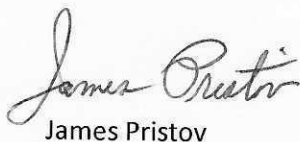
6. Jerry and I met with Bill Unger, Director of Properties, from SPIRE this morning. We went over our concerns regarding SPIRE's construction adjacent to the south end of Beringer Place, as well as the concerns regarding the short-term rentals owned by SPIRE on Beringer Place. Overall, the meeting was very positive. The construction is for the creation of a cross-country running course (see attached map). The construction is on-going, however, an aesthetically-pleasing fence running along the southern property border between SPIRE and Beringer Place is part of the construction plans. Regarding the short-term rentals on Beringer Place, those properties are now being maintained by Go Geneva. Bill is going to meet with that team and investigate their process. Jerry and I will be meeting with Bill and members of his team monthly going forward. We look forward to establishing clear channels of communication and a positive, cooperative working relationship that sees Harpersfield and its residents well-represented.

Bonnie Burzanko mentioned that the Spire mowers ruined the drainage in the ditches on Beringer Place. Cody will take a look at this.

Mark and Debbie, owners of Regal Vineyards Winery addressed the Board about their sign that was asked to be removed in October. They stated that 80% of their business comes from that sign. Mark said that he found 14 other advertising signs in the Township. He reached out to Larry and left multiple messages with him but he has not responded. Debbie read zoning text 1206 and believes this text allows them to have their sign up. They believe they should be grandfathered in and be allowed to have their signs up. Ed suggested they attend the next zoning meeting and address the Board. Mark stated that his neighbor has 14 vehicles on the property and is building a building without a permit and questioned why nothing is being done. Debbie asked how one part of zoning can be enforced but not all of it. Mark and Debbie said that they would write a letter to the Prosecutor and would attend the next zoning meeting.

Jim made a motion to adjourn; Ed seconded. Meeting adjourned until June 9, 2025.


Ed Spoor


James Pristov


Mickey Muraick


Lisa Linehan

