

HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

Held on October 20, 2025

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7:00 PM to 8:06 PM in the Administration 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

Visitors: Dave Snyder, Jim Rauckhorst, Tim and Bonnie Burzanko; Gary Somnitz, Jeff Lang, Kim Gregory, Ed Pristov, Mr. and Mrs. Cybulski, Lori Scott

Jim made motion to accept the minutes as written; Lisa seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Cody stated that he installed the new lights inside and outside of the Old Town Hall building, removed trash and cleaned the gutters.

Cody stated that he put leaf springs on the 2010 Mack today.

Cody stated that the county will approve Harper Valley Lane extension to the township on November 1st.

Cody stated that the County did drainage work on Jobie Trail and Lafever. The work was paid for by a Federal Grant that the county received.

Cody stated that they removed 2 trees from Old Orchard that were called in by residents.

Cody is supposed to meet with Tom Sands regarding the Apartments on Vandavear.

Mr. and Mrs. Cybulski expressed concerns about safety issues, including backing out of their driveway onto Old Orchard with the increase of traffic due to the new condo development. The Trustees suggested that Tim Martin will need to be contacted regarding their concerns.

Lisa made a motion to pay the bills; Jim seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor ; check numbers 14909 thru 14929 and electronic payments in the amount of \$14,172.99.

Lisa reported:

Zoning report:

1. SPIRE's proposal for a new cul-de-sac to accommodate their gate system – county engineer says the six parking spots for the trail will not pass because cars can't back out into the roadway. Additionally, I believe it's in the best interest of the township, in exchange for gifting the portion of the road, that SPIRE repaves the remaining township-owned section.

2. The owner of the flower stand that was moved to The Farmer, Butcher, Chef parking lot came in for a 2-week permit. The permit can be renewed twice for the remainder of this year, both for 2-week time spans.

My report:

1. SPIRE meeting: We are down to 18 storage pods. I am working on getting them to remove the remaining 6 extra.
2. I propose collaborating on a collective Harpersfield wineries ad in SIP magazine. Estimate for a full-page is about \$3800, shared among the area wineries. I suggest we donate \$500 to sponsor the ad.
3. September and October county trustee meetings: Jefferson is planning a large, one-day event on July 4th to celebrate America's 250th birthday. They are looking for trustees to submit historical narratives. They are also looking for re-enactors. Scott Yamamoto says the tax estimator is live online at the auditors website. Visit it to see the potential impacts of levies on the ballot next month. Casey Kozlowski announced that the commissioners have established a website for the jail – <https://www.ashtabulacounty.us/829/Ashtabula-County-Public-Safety-Center>
4. I attended the Covered Bridge Festival last weekend at the Harpersfield Covered Bridge. My family passed out water on Sunday during the 5K race and I gave a speech that afternoon when the Heritage Society dedicated the metal span of the bridge as a century bridge. The Heritage Society had a nice plaque made and it is installed on the metal span just where it joins the wooden span on the west side of the bridge.

Old Business:

- A. Road department completed LED light installation at the old town hall.
- B. Ohio Conference on Travel @ The Lodge: The event was well attended and well-received. Jim and Larry represented Harpersfield the first evening, passing out calendars, Larry's community guide, local concord grape jelly, concord grape samples, and raffled a gift basket donated by Northwest Ambulance. Ed, Lisa, and Jackie were there the second night, pouring wine samples from 10 out of the 12 Harpersfield wineries. It was a very rewarding event and Harpersfield was extremely well-represented.

Jim attended the Fire business meeting and reported 20 calls last month. Jim stated that NAD reported 24 calls for Harpersfield for the month of September with a response time of 6.7 minutes.

Jim stated that the clam bake was a great success. 360 dinners were sold. \$13,000.00 was made for the Fire Department between the dinners and the raffles.

Ed stated that he received a call from Widd Raymond regarding putting up the flags on the bridge. Widd also mentioned the condition of the roundabout. Ed said that some residents, including Larry Lister have taken it upon themselves to maintain it which is the responsibility of ODOT.

Jim made a motion that we give \$500.00 to share a Christmas; Lisa seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor. Ed stated that we will receive a letter from Geneva Safety Forces requesting the donation.

Ed reported that the grant funding for the trail extension was denied. He will apply again when the grant reopens.

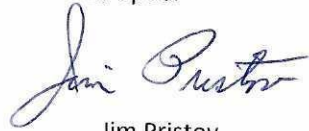
Ed reported that he attended the Chamber of Commerce fall dinner at Ferrante Winery.

Jeff Lange asked how much money is in the budget for the road department and why Bishop Road hasn't been done.

Lori Scott asked when the light at Starbucks will be installed. Lisa responded that Sheets has a traffic study started for the traffic light and may be taking over where Spire left off.

Meeting adjourned until November 10, 2025.


Ed Spoor


Jim Pristov


Lisa Linehan


Mickey Malick

