

## **HARPERSFIELD TOWNSHIP**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

Held on June 8, 2026

The Board of Harpersfield Township convened in regular session from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM in the Administration Building. Lisa Linehan, Chairman, called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present: Lisa Linehan; Ed Spoor; Ed Pristov and Mickey Mihalick

Employees: Larry Lister, Jared Petro and Frank Henry

Visitors: Matt Rahija; Roger Bartunek, Kim Gregory, Lorrie Scott, Mary Jo Vasti, Dave Snyder and Jim Pristov

Ed P. made a motion to approve minutes; Ed S. seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Ed S. made a motion to pay the bills; checks #15199 thru 15240 and ACH 147-2026 thru 187-2026; Ed P. seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Frank reported 18 fire calls for last month and 96 fire calls to date.

Jared stated that he received the bid packet from the Engineers Office for Lafevre, Harper Valley and State Road.

Jared reported that Rocky Road Paving gave him a quote in the amount of \$48,000.00 for spot repair paving on State Road.

Jared reported that he is meeting with Suit-Kote tomorrow to discuss regrinding Brandt Road.

Mickey asked Jared what the order of priority is for paving. Jared said it should be Harper Valley first, Lafevre second and State last.

Jared reported that all roads have been chip sealed with no issues.

Ed S. commented that the cemeteries and roads look good and complimented the road department for doing a great job.

OPWC loan was discussed for Clyde Hill repairs. Ed S. will be talking with the Tom Partridge with Ashtabula County regarding applying for an emergency loan where the Twp. would only be responsible for 10% of the total loan thru the grant. Ed stated that if we are approved, we could get up to a \$400,000 grant and the twp. would only be responsible for 10%.

Lisa made a motion to pursue OPWC grant not to exceed twp. contribution of \$40,000.00; Ed P. seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor. Ed S. will take the lead to move forward.

Larry reported he has issued 16 new permits this year.

Ed S. attended NAD meeting last week. They had 28 calls; 163 calls year to date and up 22 calls from last year for the twp. with 6.1 minutes response time.

Ed S. stated that the flags are on the bridge and thanked all who participated in helping put them up.

Ed S. attended Geneva Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Ed S. stated he will be attending the Safe Streets meeting Thursday at 4:30.

Ed P. reported that he attended the JEDD meeting May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Ed P. reported that he and Ed S. attended a meeting held by Ashtabula County Commissioners regarding solar and wind farms on the commercial side. The Commissioners would like to provide a map of Ashtabula County where commercial solar and wind farms would be allowed. SB 52 gives the commissioners the authority to decide where those farms can be located but would like input from the townships. The townships have until September 1, 2026 to submit a resolution with recommendations for locations of these farms.

Lisa reported:

1. SPIRE meeting: Spire reopened the trail parking discussion with the offer of 10 permanent spaces at their expense to be placed to the south of the Marriot hotel. They have agreed to a perpetual easement.
2. Zoning text update – we are getting close to initiating the public meeting portion of the new zoning text. Verdantas supports adding the temporary farm stand language and will insert that for us in our draft.
3. Spire's BZA appeal - Still waiting for a judge to be assigned. No court date has been set yet.

4. Odor complaint regarding smell coming from the old Dale's building – the source of the smell was rotting grain that had been washed out of semitrucks. The owners are working to mitigate the odor.
5. America 250<sup>th</sup> – The Heritage Society is assembling a float for the parade in Jefferson on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### Old Business:

Larry reported that several rose bushes had to be replaced from damage caused by Spire on the bike trail. He said that the trail is now mulched and looking very nice.

Lisa reported that the Columbarium project has been put on hold until we see what happens with cost of Spire appeal.

Ed P. reported on progress with cyber security plan. He will put together a draft resolution for next meeting with some required training.

Ed P. stated that he drafted a job description for zoning inspector.

Larry stated that there is Zoning Commission and BZA training being held on August 28<sup>th</sup> at the Geneva State Park Lodge. Lisa will forward that information to Zoning and BZA members.

#### New Business:

Lisa reported that there has been a request from Sheetz to do a TIFF for the stop light. Ed S. will contact the representative to discuss.

Lisa asked about a new flag for the 307 cemetery. The flag is in bad shape and needs to be replaced. Ed S. said he will ask Geneva City for assistance in installing rope and flag.

Lisa stated that she found an electrician that will put the lights up for free in the Old Town Hall for Heritage Society thru NOPEC grant funds.

Lisa asked Ed S. to talk with the Road Crew about meeting with Trustees quarterly from 6:30 - 7:00 before regular trustee meeting. Ed will talk with them.

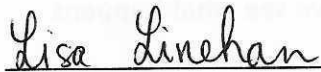
Matt Rahija announced dinner on the bridge sponsored by Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Association in conjunction with HVFD August 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00. County Engineer will be closing the road at noon. Matt will string lights and put sound system in. There will be a silent

auction and basket raffle with seating for 300 people. Pulled pull and fried chicken dinner. Cost is \$60.00.

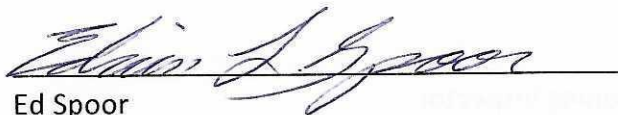
Roger Bartunek stated that he and his wife are new to the area and mentioned that ambulance services were needed last December and they were very pleased with their service. He said he was well taken care of. He also suggests contacting the legislatures to receive free flags.

Mary Jo Vasti asked about access to the medical office at Spire due to the security gates. Larry explained that there will be access.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.



Lisa Linehan



Ed Spoor



Ed Pristov



Mickey Mihalick