

September 14, 2026

Harpersfield Township Trustee Meeting

Chairperson Linehan calls the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda is reviewed with no corrections.

August meeting minutes were reviewed with minor corrections made. Ed Pristov makes motion to approve the corrected minutes; Ed Spoor seconded the motion. All in favor, minutes approved.

Ed Pristov made a motion to pay bills; Check number 15270 thru 15284 and ACH 234-2026 thru 262-2026; Lisa Linehan seconded; the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Department reports

Fire

- No report

Road (Report by Ed Spoor)

- Damaged road repairs: Stoltz Road will be repaired at no cost to the Township. Brandt Road still being discussed.
- Plugged ditch on Old Orchard needs to be cleared – Road crew notified
- Paving Contract: Awaiting Koski bonding resolution; Ronyak willing and able to pave Haper Valley State Road.
- Harper Valley old cul-de-sac driveway paving discussed with homeowner and Township Road Department

Zoning

- No report

Fiscal Officer

- No report

Ed Spoor

- Screening near Round a Bout - Township to provide Daugherty fill dirt as available to build screening at Rt 534 and 307.
- Light on SPIRE flagpole appears to be corrected
- Safety Street Board – six (6) individuals selected looking for a few more
- NAD – 65 calls in Harpersfield, up 25 from last year

Ed Pristov

- Dinner on Bridge hosted by Harpersfield Volunteer Fire Department and County Covered Bridge Festival Committee was a success with many compliments
- Update on lighting out pole removed on Roxbury
- Speed limit concern on Fortier Road – Jared ordered “Caution Children at Play”; will monitor over time and on a personal level if necessary
- JEDD meeting on Wednesday in part will cover Sheetz and traffic light

Lisa Linehan

- SPIRE Security Gate and Trail Parking – Memorandum of Understanding approval process continues
- Columbarium – Behm Funeral Home will be on committee, others declined
- SPIRE BZA appeal – More information late in month

- Trash Day – 65 vehicles vs 76 in 2022. Community feedback - could do better in advertising the event and may consider handing out Calendars if available
- Vacation Policy – October 13th draft to be created
- Zoning Conference – Held at Geneva Lodge and attended by several zoning members and trustees. Topics were very informative. Feedback recommended general zoning law and our specific text training

Old Business

Sheetz Traffic Light

- Sheetz has reached out for assistance in financing the traffic light
- Based on ODOT study a light is not required but Sheetz has committed to install
- Previously light was to be located at LeFevre
- In conversation, Ron Clutter has suggested SPIRE (100K), Sheetz (150K), Harpersfield (50K), Geneva (50K), and JEDD (50K) contribute and individual businesses (hotel, Starbucks) not contributing.
- SPIRE is not willing to contribute – this hinders the willingness of Township to contribute
- Discussion on tax abatements and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) - County tax abatements to businesses provide no tax income for infrastructure development

Road Department temporary hire for snow plowing

- Call in with OTARMA to determine if a physical medical card is required

New Business

Zoning training

- In the past Larry has organized weekend training session covering “General” zoning law
- Ed P. suggested specific text training can be completed through section review and discussion

SPIRE large events and community impact

- August 29th HOCA event 4300 runners from approximately 150 schools; previously held at Riverside High School – event time 1500 to 2300
- Organized by Greater Cleveland Cross Country (GCCC) – experienced on even planning and implementation
- SPIRE to handle traffic control and GCCC to handle parking
- No traffic control present resulting in backups and safety concerns on I-90, RT 534 and surrounding roads
- Berringer Place residents experienced significant light glare, excessive noise and trespassing on property
- Trustees to follow up with SPIRE to address requirements for future SPIRE large scale events

Lefevre Road extension to driveway

- Determine who is responsible for installing – considering previous agreement between Township and property owner

Permits

- Harper Valley Lane permit for new home

Public Comment

Larry Kaiser

- Property adjacent to SPIRE
- Concerns with HOCA event - bright lights and noise until 11pm
- Repeated trespassing on his property during SPIRE events

- Traffic light is needed and supports

Gary Sommitz

- Thanks to Township trustees for approving zoning amendment
- New text is well organized and improved, will aid new Zoning Inspector and Board members
- Supports zoning training

Tim Berzanko

- Who to notify for lights out – notify Ed Pristov
- Street lights out on Berringer

Bonnie Berzanko

- Lights are varied color will they all be the same bright white – Ed Pristov stated all lights will be replaced with an LED on a case-by-case basis
- Consider having ODOT revisit Traffic light based on proposed location – Ed Pristov stated that ODOT has the latest study and location (SPIRE entrance); original location was LeFevre

Dave Snyder

- Thank Township for covering Zoning Conference training
- Light out at Cork Cold Springs and Voss Road

Jim Pristov

- Determine if Chipotle was given abatement or is the Township receiving a TIF – TIF can be used for infrastructure (light), contact Scott Yakamoto

Next meeting will be October 19th due to Columbus Day on October 12th

Ed Spoor makes motion to adjourn Lisa Linehan seconded the motion – meeting is adjourned at 8:02pm.

Approval:



Lisa Linehan, Chairperson