

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP  
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

The Harrison Township Trustees met in regular session on September 4, 2018 at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Chairman, Eric Smith and he led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Fiscal Officer called the roll, and the following members and guests were present.

Trustee	Eric Smith
Trustee	Mark Van Buren
Trustee	Ray Foor
Fiscal Officer	Carolyn Elder
Zoning Inspector	Tom Frederick
Road Superintendent	Ben Patterson
Guest	Vickie Noble
Guest	Tony Sharp
Guest	Paul Degarmo, 93 Ashgrove Circle
Guest	Joel Paulin
Guest	Juli & Joe Paulin 7842 Outville Road
Guest	Brad Williams
Guest	Joseph Skaggs

From the floor – Joseph Skaggs

Mr. Skaggs is a resident of Beechwood Trails. He would like to place a 12' x 32' accessory building three to six feet from his property line. Zoning requires fifteen feet. Mr. Skaggs understands that if he does not comply with the fifteen foot requirement he would need a variance through the Board of Zoning Appeals. His concern is that his neighbor, Lee and Debra Morgan has the same kind a building that is not fifteen feet from the property line. Tom Frederick stated that the Morgan's permit was issued on 9/6/2016 and states that the accessory building would be fifteen feet from the back property line. The trustees ask Tom to check on this. Tom stated that Mr. Skaggs will need a variance.

From the floor – Vickie Noble, Zoning Secretary

Vickie stated that the Zoning Resolution is completely posted on the township website.

From the floor – Paul Degarmo

Mr. Degarmo has lived at 93 Ashgrove Circle in the River Forest Subdivision for 17 years. He referenced a letter from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency that the township received. The letter stated that on July 25, 2018 the Ohio EPA staff inspected a complaint located along Ashgrove Circle. The purpose of the inspection was to respond to a complaint of excessive storm water flows from a farm field located directly to the west of Ashgrove Circle. The flow from the field discharges to a ditch that runs along Ashgrove Circle. The ditch appears

to have sediment deposited which impedes the flow of water. The EPA requested that Licking County Soil and Water work with the City of Pataskala, Harrison Township and the property owner of the farm field to help limit the volume and velocity of flow discharging from the farm field. The EPA has no authority to address issues from the farm field.

Mr. Degarmo discussed issues over many years that have led up to the water issues at his property. He is concerned for his home and runs three dehumidifiers constantly for the moisture in the basement.

Trustees Van Buren and Smith explained that there have been issues for years and there needs to be a proper detention pond. Tom will follow up with Soil and Water.

**-Eric Smith moved to approve the following:**

- 1. Minutes of the August 6, 2018 regular meeting**
- 2. Payment advice # 64-2018, 67-2018, 68-2018 and 69-2018**
- 3. Payroll and bills, warrants 16476 through 16525**
- 4. The August Bank Reconciliation**

**Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Smith YES, Van Buren YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.**

From the floor – Joel Paulin

Joel Paulin reported on the completion on his Eagle Scout Project which was a Ga Ga Ball Pit in the Harrison Township Park. He worked on the project in July and August. He reported the total cost of the project was \$3,428.14. He raised \$1,954.00 and the township provided \$1,474.14. He spent 417 hours on the project and thanked the Board for the opportunity. He shared pictures of the project through completion.

**-Mark Van Buren moved to accept the Ga Ga Ball Pit Project, which was Joel Paulin's Eagle Scout Project as complete and ready to play. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Smith YES, Van Buren YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.**

Zoning Report – Tom Frederick, Zoning Inspector

The August permit and fee total was \$1,621.40.

Tom reviewed LCPC Application #2018-021-V for Mark & Betsy Hyde, Driveway spacing was approved. Another LCPC Application #2018-019-V for Allan Wool, Driveway spacing was approved.

**-Mark Van Buren moved to accept Rodney Osborne's resignation from the Harrison Township Zoning Commission with regret. The motion further states that Willard (Bill) Evenson will be moved from an alternate member to a full voting member of the Zoning Commission (term 9/4/2018 – 12/31/2020). Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Smith YES, Van Buren YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.**

Tom Frederick questioned the trustees of the cost for a cremation burial on top of a casket/vault. As stated in the Cemetery rules it would be \$500.00 for opening and closing cost.

Trustee Van Buren asks Tom to gather information on the number of reserved plots in the York Street Cemetery.

Tom reported that the 2017 MS4 Annual Report has been completed and filed.

Road Report – Ben Patterson, Road Superintendent

Ben reported that bids were in for the 2018/2019 ODOT Salt Contract. The supplier will be American Rock Salt Company LLC and the cost will be \$80.77 per ton. The township ordered 600 ton.

**-Ray Foor moved to approve \$50,000.00 for Road Salt purchased on the ODOT Salt Contract from American Rock Salt Company LLC with a cost of \$80.77 per ton. Mark Van Buren seconded the motion. Roll call: Smith YES, Van Buren YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.**

Ben reported that he had the JD Equipment invoice reduced.  
Paving has started on Palmer Road.

The fiscal officer read a letter from Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation stating that the township has been renewed in the One Claim Program for the new rating year beginning January 1, 2019. Ben will need to complete three hours of online courses.

Trustee Foor reported on a water line going north of Wesleyan Church Road on Shackelford Drive and a sewer line coming through Ellington Village to Dalgarn's and Crawford's property.

Trustee Van Buren reported that the new Fire Station on Morse Road in on schedule.

Trustee Smith reported that Ben had moved some sandstone to the Beechwood Trails Island.

The fiscal officer shared the summary of amounts required from general property tax approved by the Budget Commission and County Auditor's estimated tax rates for 2018 tax year collected in 2019.

**-Eric Smith moved to adopt Resolution 2018 09 04 01 which states: Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Smith YES, Van Buren YES and Foor YES. The resolution was adopted.**

The January 2019 health insurance renewal will be available in mid-September.  
Trustee Van Buren will contact Med Ben as another option.

The fiscal officer received a letter from the Pataskala Parks and Recreation asking for support by becoming a City of Pataskala Soccer League Sponsor.

The Fiscal Officer read various pieces of correspondence and passed out Financial Reports for the trustees to review. The August Bank Reconciliation was reviewed and signed.

Being no further business, Chairman Eric Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.  
Minutes are unofficial until approved by the trustees.

Respectively Submitted,

Carolyn I. Elder  
Harrison Township Fiscal Officer

Resolution 2018 09 04 01 is a part of the September 4, 2018 minutes.