

The Board of Trustees of Harris Township, Ottawa County, met in regular session on Monday, July 18, 2022, with the following members present: Trustees Jerry Haar, and DJ Greenhill; and Fiscal Officer Laura Hazel. Trustee Beverly Haar was absent. Vice-chairman Jerry Haar called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Employees in attendance:

- Road Superintendent, Cary Johnson (entered at 8:00 pm, left at 9:58 pm)
- Cemetery Sexton, Andy Rodriguez (entered at 7:33 pm, left at 9:58 pm)
- Fire Chief, Jim Wilburn (entered 8:05 pm, left at 9:58 pm)
- Assistant Fiscal Officer, Carol Baker (left at 9:58 pm)

Guest in attendance:

- Ottawa County Commissioner, Don Douglas (left at 9:14 pm)

The minutes of the regular meeting held July 5, 2022, were read by Vice-chairman Jerry Haar and approved on a motion made by DJ Greenhill and seconded by Jerry Haar . **Motion carried.**

FINANCIAL

A motion was made by Jerry Haar and seconded by DJ Greenhill that the attached list of bills totaling \$6,660.90 be approved as the lawful obligations of Harris Township and that the Fiscal Officer be permitted to issue warrants in favor of the same. **Motion carried.**

REPORTS

Financial/Administrative: *(Fiscal Officer's report)*

1. Trustees reviewed invoices, signed checks and vouchers, reviewed and initialed payroll, reviewed and signed purchase authorizations.
2. **See "cemetery, item #3"** for the approval of a supplement appropriation to Fund 2041, Line item 2041-760-740-0000 Machinery/Equipment for the 3rd mower purchase of \$10,879.00

Zoning: *(Inspector's report)*

1. Zoning permits issued:

#710 Novinsky, 18859 W. SR 105, dog fence
#711 Wegert, 17690 Ravine Dr., new residential construction
#712 Keller, 20105 W. Portage River South, new residential construction
#713 Opfer, 2840 S. Walnut Hill Dr. accessory building (shed)
#715 Schimming, 14311 SR 105, accessory building (pole barn)
#716 Schimming, 14311 SR 105, new residential construction
#719 Rohrbacker, 18361 W. Sugar View Dr., pool

Variance Requested: Downard, 18513 W. SR 105, building setback

Cemetery: *(Sexton's report)*

1. Deed #664 issued; Transfer deed #665 issued
2. Sexton made aware of a \$2,500 grant from the Licensing and Ohio Cemetery Dispute Resolution Cemetery Grant Program with an August 1, 2022, application deadline. After discussion on possible uses, J. Haar moved and Greenhill seconded that an application be submitted and if awarded the grant would be used to repair old monuments and foundations in Union Cemetery. **Motion carried.**
3. The lawn mower that had been back ordered since spring arrived at the dealership. The original plan was to upgrade and replace a current mower. However, the delay caused more hours to be put on the mower to be traded in, which reduced the trade-in allowance. The cost of new mowers has increased and availability is an issue. Additionally, the sexton expressed concern about possible breakdowns leaving only one mower to maintain the good order of cemetery grounds. Having a third mower would reduce the buildup of hours on each mower and would extend the longevity of each machine. This purchase required approval of a supplemental appropriation to Fund 2041, Line item 2041-760-740-0000 Machinery/Equipment for the 3rd mower purchase of \$10,879.00. J. Haar motioned and Greenhill seconded to add a 3rd mower to the cemetery fleet at a cost of \$10,879, approve the supplemental appropriation to Fund 2041, and issue a purchase order to Bill's Implement Sales. **Motion carried.**

Roads: *(Road Superintendent's report)*

1. The road salt bid was awarded to Morton Salt (same vendor as last year) for \$53.63/ton. Twenty-five tons were ordered for the upcoming season.
2. Trustees will review road resurfacing projects. Witty Rd and Opfer Lentz being considered for possible OPWC grant funding. Other roads discussed during the 2022 road tour included repairs to Weis, Yeasting and Slemmer. Applications for Issue II (OPWC) are due to the Engineer's office by September 9th for projects being planned for 2024.

EMS/Fire: *(Chief's report)*

1. Trustees entered into an "automatic" mutual aid agreement with Portage Township which avoids delays in response times.
2. Three additional 800 MHz radios are out of service. Replacements will not be ordered, as MARCS radios are on order.
3. One more helmet must be ordered for an EMS Officer/Medic who needs it when reporting to fire emergencies.
4. Christa Watson and Mariah Mariano have been recommended for hire as part-time EMT's pending background and driving record checks. Trustees approved.
5. Greenhill motioned and J. Haar seconded appropriating money from the general fund for an employee assistance program for 2022 and the issuance of a purchase order to Memorial Professional Services Ltd/ProMedica EAP for annual material fee of \$500 and \$100/month for (50) employee service plan. **Motion carried.**

Building & Grounds: *(Jim Wilburn, building supervisor) — no report*

Announcements, Communications, Other

1. Carroll Township will host the quarterly meeting of Ottawa County Trustees on July 28, 2022.
2. Commissioner Douglas offered to discuss any concerns or questions regarding Ohio Senate Bill 52 regarding large wind farms and solar projects in townships in Ottawa

County. A resolution restricting and/or prohibiting constructing such facilities in Harris Township was moved by Greenhill and seconded by J. Haar. **Motion carried.**
(See resolution attached)

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Jerry Haar and seconded by DJ Greenhill. Vice-chairman Jerry Haar declared the meeting duly adjourned at 9:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Haar, Vice-chairman

Laura Hazel, Fiscal Officer

(Expenditure attachment on next page)

The following payments were reviewed:				
No.	Post Date	Total	Purpose	Payee
565-2022	7/13/22	\$75.54	Compressor switches	Business Card
31147	7/14/22	\$249.13	Payroll withholding	Ohio Child Support Payment Central
31148	7/14/22	\$142.30	Payroll withholding	Michigan State Disbursement Unit (MiSDU)
31149	7/13/22	\$600.00	junk hauling 6/10, 6/13 (2)	Elliott Scrapping LLC
31150	7/13/22	\$806.25	EMS contractual billing June	GREAT LAKES BILLING ASSOCIATES, INC.
31151	7/13/22	\$1,526.84	off road diesel 6/23, 7/6	LUCKEY FARMERS, INC.
31152	7/13/22	\$250.20	toilet paper & trash bags	Nichols Paper & Supply Co.
31153	7/13/22	\$112.94	hand tools, mower cleaner	Oak Harbor Hardware
31154	7/13/22	\$258.44	JD Alamo Versa side mower parts	STREACKER TRACTOR SALES
31155	7/18/22	\$446.69	EMS supplies	BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC.
31156	7/18/22	\$200.00	painting at station	Erika Kaylor
31157	7/18/22	\$1,297.32	fuel/gas	GPM Investments, LLC
31158	7/18/22	\$13.88	JD6400 relay	John Deere Financial
31159	7/18/22	\$26.91	O2, medical	O.E. MEYER CO.
31160	7/18/22	\$34.38	civil defense siren electricity	TOLEDO EDISON
31161	7/18/22	\$65.00	FBI/BCI: K. Watson	Village of Elmore, Police Dept.
31162	7/18/22	\$479.85	ResQGuard & ResQPod EMS supplies: Lifeband 3 pk	ZOLL Medical Corporation
31163	7/18/22	\$75.23	EMS wireless hook ups/data plans for EMS squads	Verizon Wireless
		\$6,660.90	TOTAL	

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF OTTAWA COUNTY, OHIO TO DESIGNATE ALL of HARRIS TOWNSHIP, OTTAWA COUNTY, OHIO AS A RESTRICTED AREA, PROHIBITING THE CONSTRUCTION OF LARGE UTILITY FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE TOWNSHIP / HEREIN.

The Harris Township Trustees of Ottawa County, Ohio, met in regular session on the _____ day of July, 2022

Trustee GREENHILL moved the adoption of the following

WHEREAS, the General Assembly passed new legislation regarding large utility facilities by way of Senate Bill 52 ("SB 52"), which became effective October 1, 2022 and has been established as Ohio Revised Code Section 303.57 – 303.62; and

WHEREAS, SB 52 allows for more local regulation of large utility facilities (including solar projects that produce greater than 50 megawatts of power), defined as significant wind farms as defined in ORC 4906.13; large wind farms, and solar farms as defined in ORC 4906.01; and

WHEREAS, SB 52 vests local authority with the Board of Commissioners of the County where the project is proposed to be located; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, Ottawa County, Ohio is interested in receiving recommendations from the Townships related to the location of potential project

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, Harris Township, Ottawa County, Ohio has considered the makeup in said Township and has determined that **NO** areas of Harris Township are suited for large utility facilities:

- No areas of Harris Township are suited for economically significant utility farms,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Harris Ottawa County, Ohio that the trustees hereby recommend to the Board of Commissioners of Harris Ottawa County, Ohio that all be designated as a **restricted** area for large utility facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fiscal Officer of Harris Township, Ohio is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution, as well as a map of the recommended restricted areas to the Board of Commissioners to consider in its determination of regulated areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board of Trustees relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

Trustee JERRY HAAR seconded the resolution and upon the roll call the vote resulted as follows:

Joseph K. ... : YES
Jerry Haar : YES
Beverly Haar : ABSENT

Adopted this 18th day of July, 2022

I, Laura J. Hazel, Fiscal Officer of Harris Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution of the Board of Harris Township Trustees duly adopted on July 18, 2022 and is on file in the official records of said Board.