

The Board of Trustees of Harris Township, Ottawa County, met in regular session on Monday, August 1, 2022, with the following members present: Trustees Beverly Haar, Jerry Haar, DJ Greenhill; and Fiscal Officer Laura Hazel. Chairman Beverly Haar called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Employees in attendance:

- Road Superintendent, Cary Johnson (entered at 7:55 pm, left at 8:50 pm)
- Zoning Inspector, Paul Perry (left at 8:45 pm)
- Fire Chief, Jim Wilburn (entered 7:55 pm, left 8:50 pm)
- Assistant EMS Chief, Mike McGinnis (left 8:50 pm)
- Assistant Fiscal Officer, Carol Baker (left at 8:50 pm)

Residents in attendance:

- Choya and Addie Hawn, new Harris Township residents (left at 8:09 pm)
- Ron Street (left at 8:09 pm)

The minutes of the regular meeting held July 18, 2022, were read by Chairman Beverly Haar. DJ Greenhill moved and Jerry Haar seconded that the minutes be approved. **Motion carried.**

## FINANCIAL

A motion was made by Jerry Haar and seconded by DJ Greenhill that the attached list of bills totaling \$31,891.62 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/vouchers, reviewed/initialed payroll, and reviewed/signed purchase authorizations.
2. The second half of the real estate assessment of \$346,821 has been received.
3. Research needs to be done on OneOhio Opioid litigation before any action can be taken.

### Zoning: *(Inspector's report)*

1. Seventeen permits have been issued thus far in 2022.
2. Zoning permit #720 issued to Dawn Hicks and Bridget Scherf, 776 S SR 590 for pool.
3. The boards working on the zoning resolution will not meet until the corrections have been completed and can be reviewed. The Commission has sent the proposed changes to Mesa at Ottawa County Zoning for review.
4. Zoning Board of Appeals will be meeting 8/25 at 7 pm to review variance request for Hawn accessory building (size).

### Cemetery: *(Sexton's report)*

1. The grant application requesting monument and foundation repairs in Union Cemetery has been sent in.
2. Deed #650 has been reissued.

**Roads:** *(Road Superintendent's report)*

1. Ron Street is experiencing flooding in his crawl space. He has already contacted the county engineers and is requesting township approval to insert a hard pipe under Smith Road to drain his property. Work contracted with Down Under Plumbing. Trustees had no objection but reminded him to extend the pipe so bank erosion does not take place.
2. Supt. Johnson will contact the county engineer's office for estimates on resurfacing Witty Road from Opfer Lentz to SR 51 and Martin Williston to see if they may qualify for Issue II funding. Application is due September 9.
3. The second round of mowing along township roads has begun.
4. Southeastern was contacted about the throttle sticking on the front-end loader.
5. Verbal agreement with Jerry Hetrick confirmed for the purchase of his dirt for \$1,000 for the Portage River Rd culver liner project.
6. Signage requested for hidden drive on Portage River South Rd.

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

1. ID numbers for reflective residence address signs need to be ordered.
2. Lt. Dan Dewyre has signed up for the fire instructor's class at Vanguard.
3. Asst. Chief Berkel is working with Cleveland Communications on contested invoices for repair of headsets.

**EMS:** *(Assistant EMS Chief's report)*

1. The power cot ordered for the new ambulance is being replaced by a new version. The current version will be obsolete in two years. Fortunately, the old and new versions will be compatible with squad design. B. Haar moved and Greenhill seconded that the new version be ordered at an increased cost of \$6,570. Motion carried.
2. Discussions about EMS coverage for the township have been on-going for several years. COVID's effect on burn-out and reduction of medical professionals is not only occurring in hospitals and nursing homes but also in hiring EMT's. Pay increases as incentives have strained the township budget and are ineffective because larger companies/cities are attracting EMT's, leaving Harris Township unable to compete. Our trustees and medical staffing want to continue dedicated, local, timely responses for our residents. It has become necessary to resolve the issue by hiring full time EMS employees to augment part time staff. This requires competitive pay and benefits including health insurance which is costly. The current levy is already stretched and becoming inadequate. Therefore, the renewal of the current 4.5 mill levy and an additional 4 mill levy to meet the projected costs will be necessary. *See attached levy resolution of necessity.*

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

**Announcements, Communications, Other**

1. County Commissioners meeting for proposed revisions to permanent assessment base for ditch parcels postponed until 8/2/22 at 9 am.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Beverly Haar and seconded by DJ Greenhill. Chairman Beverly Haar declared the meeting duly adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Haar, Chairman

Laura Hazel, Fiscal Officer

(Expenditure attachment on next page)

The following payments were reviewed:

Number	Post Date	Amount	Purpose	Payee
566-2022	7/21/22	\$154.74	MONTHLY VOLUNTEER for JUNE 2022	Derrick J Berkel
567-2022	7/21/22	\$93.70	MONTHLY VOLUNTEER for JUNE 2022	Jeff Berkel
568-2022	7/21/22	\$103.40	MONTHLY VOLUNTEER for JUNE 2022	Karen E Boone
569-2022	7/21/22	\$494.10	MONTHLY VOLUNTEER for JUNE 2022	Justin M Bretzloff
570-2022	7/21/22	\$190.78	MONTHLY VOLUNTEER for JUNE 2022	Brittany A. Dewyre
571-2022	7/21/22	\$79.06	MONTHLY VOLUNTEER for JUNE 2022	Daniel A Dewyre
572-2022	7/21/22	\$19.48	MONTHLY VOLUNTEER for JUNE 2022	Scott J Jones
573-2022	7/21/22	\$117.39	MONTHLY VOLUNTEER for JUNE 2022	Paul M Makulinski
574-2022	7/21/22	\$85.14	MONTHLY VOLUNTEER for JUNE 2022	Amanda R. McGinnis
575-2022	7/21/22	\$230.71	MONTHLY VOLUNTEER for JUNE 2022	Michael E. McGinnis
576-2022	7/21/22	\$205.20	MONTHLY VOLUNTEER for JUNE 2022	Michael J. Murray
577-2022	7/21/22	\$140.56	MONTHLY VOLUNTEER for JUNE 2022	Cameron P Overmyer
578-2022	7/21/22	\$117.12	MONTHLY VOLUNTEER for JUNE 2022	Jared J. Overmyer
579-2022	7/21/22	\$70.27	MONTHLY VOLUNTEER for JUNE 2022	Nathan A. Overmyer
580-2022	7/21/22	\$11.77	MONTHLY VOLUNTEER for JUNE 2022	Joshua M. Parlette
581-2022	7/21/22	\$196.65	MONTHLY VOLUNTEER for JUNE 2022	Deborah L. Pocino
582-2022	7/21/22	\$70.27	MONTHLY VOLUNTEER for JUNE 2022	Michael Probst
583-2022	7/21/22	\$112.62	MONTHLY VOLUNTEER for JUNE 2022	Brian Richards Jr.
584-2022	7/21/22	\$160.59	MONTHLY VOLUNTEER for JUNE 2022	Brandon E Rizzo
585-2022	7/21/22	\$11.70	MONTHLY VOLUNTEER for JUNE 2022	Glenn Sasscer Jr.
586-2022	7/21/22	\$139.71	MONTHLY VOLUNTEER for JUNE 2022	Liam J Treat
587-2022	7/21/22	\$874.73	MONTHLY VOLUNTEER for JUNE 2022	James M. Wilburn
588-2022	7/21/22	\$11.77	MONTHLY VOLUNTEER for JUNE 2022	Nicholas E Zimmerman
590-2022	7/21/22	\$766.06	Federal withholding and 941 contribution	United States Treasury
591-2022	7/28/22	\$571.84	BIWEEKLY HOURLY 07/10-07/23/22	Ron Distel
592-2022	7/28/22	\$1,481.48	BIWEEKLY HOURLY 07/10-07/23/22	Cary L Johnson
593-2022	7/28/22	\$450.21	BIWEEKLY HOURLY 07/10-07/23/22	Todd E Northrup
594-2022	7/28/22	\$1,112.97	BIWEEKLY HOURLY 07/10-07/23/22	Andres F Rodriguez
596-2022	7/28/22	\$521.16	BIWEEKLY HOURLY 07/10-07/23/22	Brittany A. Dewyre
597-2022	7/28/22	\$131.30	BIWEEKLY HOURLY 07/10-07/23/22	Michael G Dreka
598-2022	7/28/22	\$1,058.56	BIWEEKLY HOURLY 07/10-07/23/22	Alexander M Fertig
599-2022	7/28/22	\$171.25	BIWEEKLY HOURLY 07/10-07/23/22	Amanda R. McGinnis
600-2022	7/28/22	\$671.81	BIWEEKLY HOURLY 07/10-07/23/22	Michael E. McGinnis
601-2022	7/28/22	\$346.01	BIWEEKLY HOURLY 07/10-07/23/22	Tiffany A Molitoris
602-2022	7/28/22	\$850.25	BIWEEKLY HOURLY 07/10-07/23/22	Deborah L. Pocino
603-2022	7/28/22	\$59.66	BIWEEKLY HOURLY 07/10-07/23/22	Kelly N. Stoudinger
605-2022	7/29/22	\$976.09	MONTHLY SALARIED JULY 2022	Donald J Greenhill II
606-2022	7/29/22	\$795.30	MONTHLY SALARIED JULY 2022	Beverly K. Haar
607-2022	7/29/22	\$891.88	MONTHLY SALARIED JULY 2022	Jerald A. Haar
608-2022	7/29/22	\$1,431.05	MONTHLY SALARIED JULY 2022	Laura J. Hazel
609-2022	7/29/22	\$322.47	MONTHLY SALARIED JULY 2022	Paul L Perry
610-2022	7/29/22	\$233.90	MONTHLY SALARIED JULY 2022	James M. Wilburn
612-2022	7/29/22	\$1,139.80	Federal withholding and 941 contribution	United States Treasury
613-2022	7/29/22	\$659.56	Federal withholding and 941 contribution	United States Treasury
614-2022	7/29/22	\$672.92	Ohio withholding July	TREASURER STATE OF OHIO
615-2022	7/29/22	\$9.72	School District withholding July	Ohio School District Income Tax
616-2022	7/29/22	\$351.52	Elmore city withholding July	VILLAGE OF ELMORE
617-2022	7/29/22	\$31.97	Resident city withholding July	Village of Oak Harbor
618-2022	7/29/22	\$3.04	Resident city withholding July	Village of Pemberville
619-2022	7/29/22	\$58.32	Resident city withholding July	City of Northwood
31164	7/21/22	\$11.70	MONTHLY VOLUNTEER for JUNE 2022	Eric M Fulwider
31165	7/29/22	\$249.13	Withholding	Ohio Child Support Payment Central
31166	7/29/22	\$19.48	Withholding	Ohio Child Support Payment Central
31167	7/29/22	\$142.30	Withholding	Michigan State Disbursement Unit (MSDU)
31168	8/1/22	\$184.85	Phones/Fax/Wifi	Amplex
31169	8/1/22	\$45.00	Sanitation unit final servicing 7/13/22	C & L SANITATION, INC.
31170	8/1/22	\$238.82	natural gas	COLUMBIA GAS
31171	8/1/22	\$400.00	junk hauling 7/11/22	Elliott Scrapping LLC
31172	8/1/22	\$347.71	SCBA mask labels (29)	Harris-Elmore Fire Fighters Association
31173	8/1/22	\$643.21	Fuel Off-road diesel	LUCKEY FARMERS, INC.
31174	8/1/22	\$600.00	Employee assistance program	Memorial Professional Services, Ltd
31175	8/1/22	\$117.57	cem mower battery & DEF for road equip	Oak Harbor Auto Parts Inc.
31176	7/31/22	\$8,003.86	(25) Fire helmets w/flip down eye shield + freight, appvd 4/4/22	Phoenix Safety Outfitters
31177	8/1/22	\$280.09	landfill fees 7/11	Sunny Farms Landfill
31178	8/1/22	\$350.00	Labor & Matl to replace hyd hose assemblies	The Dexter Company
31179	8/1/22	\$101.00	EMS wireless hook ups/data plans for EMS squads, cell phones, iPads for fire & EMS	Verizon Wireless
31180	8/1/22	\$696.34	electric, water & sewage at fire station, garage, and cemetery	VILLAGE OF ELMORE
		\$31,892.62		

**RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX  
EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION**

Revised Code, Sec. 5705.19, .191, .192, .194, .21, .26

The Board of Township Trustees of Harris Township, Ottawa County, Ohio, met in regular session the 1st day of August, 2022, at the office of the Harris Township Board of Trustees with the following members present:

Jerald A. Haar

Beverly K. Haar

Donald J. Greenhill, II

Ms. Beverly Haar moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten mill limitation may be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of said Harris Township, Ottawa County, Ohio;

Therefore be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Township Trustees of Harris Township, Ottawa County, Ohio, two thirds of all members elected thereto concurring, that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for benefit of Harris Township, Ottawa County for the purpose

*providing ambulance service, emergency medical service, or both,  
under Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19 (U)*

A renewal of a rate of four and one-half (4.5) mills and an increase of four (4) mills to constitute a tax rate not exceeding eight and one-half (8.5) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to eighty-five cents (\$0.85) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a term of five years commencing in the tax year 2023, to be collected in calendar year 2024.

RESOLVED, that the question of levying additional taxes be submitted to the electors of said Harris Township, Ottawa County, Ohio, at the General Election to be held at the usual voting places within Harris Township, Ottawa County, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said levy be placed upon the tax list of the current year after the February Settlement next succeeding the election, if a Majority of the electors assent.

County Auditor, in order to obtain the total current tax valuation of Harris Township, Ottawa County, Ohio; the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by said tax levy if approved by the electors, and any other information necessary to assist the electors in their decision on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

Mr. Donald J. Greenhill, II seconded the Motion and the roll being called for the adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Donald J. Greenhill II	Yes
Ms. Beverly K. Haar	Yes
Mr. Jerald A. Haar	Yes

Adopted the 1st day of August, 2022.



Laura J. Hazel, Fiscal Officer,  
Harris Township, Ottawa County, Ohio

The State of Ohio, Ottawa County, ss.

Laura J. Hazel, Fiscal Officer of Harris Township, Ottawa County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as the same appears in the Record of the Proceedings of said Harris Township, Ottawa County, Ohio.