

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP  
LICKING COUNTY, OHIO  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING JULY 21, 2015

The Harrison Township Trustees met in regular session on July 21, 2015 at the Township Hall. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.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, 4774 Outville Road
Guest	Roberto "Bobby" DiTommaso, 6100 Gale Road
Guest	Jim Gullett, 6096 Gale Road

Sealed bids for the "Harrison Township Snow Plow Truck" were to be opened as the first order of business. The Fiscal Officer received no bids. The condition of the truck was reviewed and the Road Superintendent reported that it is in good shape. Selling the truck on GovDeals was discussed.

**-Ray Foor moved to adopt Resolution 2015 07 21 01 which states: RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE TOWNSHIP TO SELL PROPERTY BY INTERNET AUCTION 505.10(D). Mark Van Buren seconded the motion. Roll call: Smith YES, Van Buren YES and Foor YES. The resolution was adopted.**

From the floor - Bobby DiTommaso, resident living at 6100 Gale Road  
Mr. DiTommaso attended the meeting to express his concerns about a neighbor, Jim Gullett residing at 6096 Gale Road. Mr. DiTommaso stated that the Harrison Township Zoning Regulations, Article 14 Outdoor Lighting, includes a Maximum Light Pollution Luminance chart stating Maximum Vertical Foot Candles (measured at 5 (five) feet above grade at property line) along with the Receiving Area Classification. He believes there is a zoning violation at his neighbors barn. Mr. DiTommaso explained that there is security lights, flood lights and high intensity lights on his neighbors barn. He explained that the lights are bright enough that he has to close his blinds at night and he does not want this light on his driveway. Mr. DiTommaso read a letter from the Zoning Inspector and his response.  
Tom Frederick stated that Mr. DiTommaso's home sets approximately 700 feet from Mr. Gullett's barn with a tree line in between and approximately 75 feet from his driveway. Mr. DiTommaso's point is that the light measurement in the Zoning Resolution states measured at the property line.

From the floor - Jim Gullett, resident living at 6096 Gale Road

Mr. Gullett stated that the lights on his barn are standard lights and they are not invading any personal living space. He likes to be able to check his property during the night and the security lights make that possible. He stated that it is his right to have lights on his own property.

Trustee Smith stated that the Zoning Resolution does state measured from the property line in which case the driveway property line can be used. He stated that this is something that might need to be looked at but in this case, the current Resolution is in effect.

It was decided that the Zoning Inspector will take the light meter and obtain a light measurement on August 3, 2015 (date of next meeting) from the property. Discussion will resume at the next meeting.

From the floor - Vickie Noble, Zoning Secretary

Vickie Noble, Harrison Township Zoning Secretary, presented the Board with copies of the Homewood Corporation application and Harrison Township, Article 15 revisions. The Zoning Commission held a public hearing on July 7, 2015 and approved both items. The hearing was to consider a Zoning Amendment Application from Jim Lipnos of Homewood Corporation, 2700 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio 43231. The applicant was requesting to reduce the rear yard setback from 40 feet to 30 feet for lots in the Scotland Ridge Subdivision located on the east side of State Route 310 between Broad Street and Hollow Road. Following the Homewood Corporation hearing the Zoning Commission considered proposed revisions to the Harrison Township Zoning Resolution, Article 15 B-Business District. The Board has 30 days to act on both items.

**-Eric Smith moved for the Harrison Township Board of Trustees to meet in special session on August 18, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. The purpose of the meeting is to act on nuisance properties, approve bills, payroll and minutes. At 9:15 A.M. the Board will hold a Public Hearing. The purpose of this hearing is to consider a Zoning Amendment Application from Jim Lipnos of Homewood Corporation, 2700 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio 43231. The applicant is requesting to reduce the rear yard setback from 40 feet to 30 feet for lots in the Scotland Ridge Subdivision located on the east side of State Route 310 between Broad Street and Hollow Road. Following the Homewood Corporation hearing a Public Hearing will be held to consider proposed revisions to the Harrison Township Zoning Resolution, Article 15 B-Business District. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Smith YES, Van Buren YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.**

**-Mark Van Buren moved to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2015 regular meeting as well as payroll and bills, warrants 14085 through 14097. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Smith YES, Van Buren YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.**

Road Report - Ben Patterson, Road Superintendent

Ben presented estimates for new tires for the 2004 Pickup F250 Super Duty Truck:

Larry Harer, Inc.	\$784.93
G. T. Tire & Automotive	\$854.34

Estimates for new brakes for the 2004 Pickup F250 Super Duty Truck:

Larry Harer, Inc.                      \$1,403.52

Conkle's Truck Repair, Inc.      \$1,466.76

The trustees ask Ben to take the truck to Coughlin's (business in township) for an estimate on repairing the brakes and a set of new tires.

Ben announced that LTAP will be hosting a class on culvert inventory and inspection on August 6th in Columbus at a cost of \$45.00 per person. The trustees stated that it would be fine if Ben Patterson attended the session.

Ben is still concerned about the parking on streets and the issues that occur with the snowplows. The trustees have decided to wait and see if further issues arise.

Ben reported the bridge on Palmer Road close to Harold Martin was damaged from an accident and that he had reported it to the Licking County Engineer.

Ben stated that the paving project will start on July 27th.

Zoning Report - Tom Frederick, Zoning Inspector

Tom passed out a draft copy of Article 26, Architectural Standards that he has been compiling.

The trustees will review. Tom has spoke with Craig Van Horn, an architect concerning help with the committee.

Tom reported that he questioned Connie Klema if the BZA approved a third sign for Coughlin.

Tom has spoke with the Licking County Prosecutor about this issue. The trustees want Coughlin to apply to the Board of Zoning Appeals for the third sign since it was not on the original application.

Tom mentioned that the mound along the north side of the driveway into the township hall has some trees that needs attention after the harsh winter. The trustees told Tom to take care of the situation.

Trustee Van Buren reported that long term, the Fire District is looking at different options for better response times. Suggestions were two bays in the Prologis Park, possibly placing a medic at Branham Signs or quarters in the old Harrison Township Administration Building. It is felt that the Kirkersville Station needs to be closer to Watkins Road.

Trustee Van Buren has checked with the Prosecutor concerning the Fannin Annexation. The township would collect inside millage and residents would vote on township issues. Trustee Van Buren has started the process of an annexation agreement with the City of Pataskala. He also stated that the township cannot petition to close off the end of Apple Blossom Road but the residents can petition. He is waiting on instructions for the official process.

**-Mark Van Buren moved to approve renewing the bond for the Zoning Inspector, Tom Frederick. Ray Foor seconded the motion. Roll call: Smith YES, Van Buren YES and Foor YES. The motion passed.**

The Fiscal Officer shared correspondence from the following:

1. Ohio Public Works Commission, deadline for Round 30 is October 2, 2015
2. Licking County Recycling, offering a fall tire collection event. Trustee Smith will contact them and let them know that Harrison Township is interested.
3. IGS Energy, Update on PJM's capacity performance filing
4. Scott K. Ryan, State Representative, District 71, information concerning House Bill 64

The Fiscal Officer read various pieces of correspondence and passed out Financial Reports for the trustees to review. The trustees reviewed and signed the bank statements. The Statement of Pooled Securities as of June 30, 2015 was reviewed and signed.

Being no further business, Chairman Eric Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Minutes are unofficial until approved by the trustees.

Respectively Submitted,

Carolyn I. Elder  
Harrison Township Fiscal Officer

Resolution 2015 07 21 01 is a part of the July 21, 2015 minutes.