

The Board of Trustees of Harris Township, Ottawa County, met in regular session on Monday, December 16, 2019, with the following members present: Trustees Jerry Haar, Carol Baker, and Chairman Beverly Haar. Fiscal Officer Laura Hazel was absent due to a family emergency. Chairman Beverly Haar called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Residents in attendance: John and Diana Blausey

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on December 2, 2019 were read and approved on a motion made by Jerry Haar and seconded by Carol Baker. **Motion carried.**

REPORTS:

Cemetery:

1. Wreaths Across America ceremony was held at Union Cemetery on Saturday, December 14, 2019. A number of firefighters participated.

Roads:

1. A new gas line was installed to the garage compound in preparation for the SR 51 bridge replacement project.
2. Jerry and Jason plan to remove the electronic gate later this week.
3. A quote for surveillance camera at the garage compound was received from Northcoast Security for \$1960 for 2 cameras and recording equipment. There would be no annual maintenance fee. No decision was made pending discussion with fiscal officer.
4. Mike McGinnis is researching a cell phone program offered to government agencies by AT&T to replace the need for employees to use personal phones for township business.

Fire/EMS:

1. The county prosecutor approved the purchase order with Sutphen for the new truck and the contract was signed by the trustees. Chief Wilburn reported that the truck has been placed on Sutphen's production schedule.
2. Kurtis Baumgartner resigned from the EMS effective 12/13/19.
3. Squad #449 was taken to Brondes Ford in Maumee for engine light repair (under warranty).
4. Net amount of \$100 each was approved unanimously for Jim Wilburn, Mike McGinnis, and Amanda McGinnis as additional one-time salary bonus.

Zoning:

1. The Blauseys questioned the letter received from Dan Laity, zoning inspector, about zoning issues at their properties on the corner of Weis and Hessville and the corner of Yeasting and Linkert Roads. Dan, who was not at the meeting, had previously reported to the trustees that he is working with the county prosecutor and the EPA about property conditions. The trustees are waiting for information prior to taking any action. In the meantime, the Blauseys said they are trying and will continue to make adjustments to their properties in an attempt to be compliant with any zoning issues.
2. Beverly is still reaching out to township residents to fill a zoning commission vacancy for 2020.

Other:

1. Jerry Haar will need his bond renewed prior to being sworn in for his new term. Carol will contact OTARMA about details in getting the bond.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Jerry Haar, and seconded by Carol Baker. Chairman Beverly Haar declared the meeting duly adjourned at 8.:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Haar, Chairman

Carol Baker, Trustee