

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

December 6, 2022, 7:00 pm

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Welcome/Invited Guests

1. Previously held Budget Hearings Time line 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Fiscal Officer Chessler indicated that the Board previously announced and scheduled meetings with the Department Heads to go over their budget requests that started at 6:00pm in 15 minutes intervals. Fiscal Officer Chessler gave a brief summary of the specific appropriations for each of the following department

Road Department

Park Department

Police Department

Fire Department

Zoning

Administration

2. 7:00pm JEDD Hearing ~ Joint Economic Development District between the City of Canton and Perry Township

Trustee Nelligan began by speaking on the overview of the Jedd. Trustee Nelligan asked if there was anyone in attendance that wishes to speak in favor of the Jedd. Trustee Nelligan asked if there was anyone in attendance that wishes to speak against the Jedd. There were no responses. Law Director Mathews stated the draft was circulated by the City of Canton with some items that Trustee DeChiara particular had addressed seeking some revisions as well as clarifications to the terms. Law Director Mathews stated we have since received some clarifications. The important revisions are that the water and sewer rate inside the Jedd territory would be charged at the Canton rate so it would not be the surcharge. There will be no tiff that the City of Canton will seek to apply to the territory that would reduce the township's real estate tax recoveries and then there was clarification about the distribution of the income tax. The agreement technically reads that the split of 2 ½% would be 2 with City and 1 ½ to the township. But actually, it will be one-half of the percent to the township, 1 to the city, and 1 will be reserved for incentives to enhance the JEDD territory. Law Director Mathews stated this will start with tax recovery on any employees living in Canton and that money will stay with Canton. He also made clarifications that the other terms remain the same and it appears that the agreement will benefit

the township greatly. The benefit limitation on annexations is in section 12. Law Director Mathew sent a Motion if the Board is inclined to proceed. He also drafted a resolution to document in a more formal sense. Law Director Mathews indicated that the agreement needs to be revised to incorporate these full terms.

Resolution 2022-

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to approve and authorize the execution of the Joint Economic Development District contract between the City of Canton and Perry Township. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes.

Excused Absence: none

Additions/Deletions to Agenda-Roll Call by Department

The Fiscal Officer asked the Board to add to the agenda the JD Stripping contract.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to add to the agenda the JD Stripping contract. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes.

The Fiscal Officer asked the Board to approve the JD Stripping contract and the fiscal office to pay the invoice with the recommendation of the Law Director and Road Superintendent.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to approve the JD Stripping Contract in the amount of \$52,635.30. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes.

Public Hearings/Invited Guests:

Public Speaks on Agenda items up for Action:

Communications:/Announcements

Unfinished Business

Department Agenda Items (Information/Action Items)

Administration:

Consider paying Canton Data Print for the Community Magazine invoice in the amount of \$5,840.85.

Administrator Martin presented an invoice from Canton Data Print. This pertains to the most recent invoice in the amount of \$5,840.85.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to consider paying the invoice to Data Print for the Community Magazine invoice in the amount of \$5,840.85. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes.

Road Department:

Park Department:

Zoning:

Police Department:

Fire Department:

Law Director:

Fiscal Officer:

Consider Pending Warrants

Fiscal Officer Chessler stated the following pending warrants for week ending 11-15-22 for bills in the amount of \$199,499.76 and week ending 11-22-22 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$328,663.60 for a combined total of \$741,282.64.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to approve the pending warrants for week ending 11-15-22 for bills in the amount of \$199,499.76 and week ending 11-22-22 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$328,663.60 for a combined total of \$741,282.64. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes.

Consider Approval of Transferring Funds

Fiscal Officer Chessler asked the Board for approval for transferring funds. This is for the payment of dental and vision claims. These are claims at the end of the year in an amount in excess of what was appropriated. He asked the Board to make that transfer for those 4 funds. The total will be \$16,000.00.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to transfer funds from the General Fund, Road and Bridge Fund, Police District Fund, and the Fire District fund totaling the amount of \$16,000.00. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes.

Board of Trustees Updates –

Massillon Jail Transport update

Trustee Nelligan indicated that last year former Police Chief, Michael Pomesky and I met with Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry of Massillon. They talked about restructuring the jail transport contract or at least the amounts. They discussed going to a per transport, per fingerprint model instead of a flat rate. This year Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry reached out and would like to lock in with Perry Township in a 3-year contract. Trustee Nelligan stated this will mirror what Jackson Township has approved. Currently, we are paying \$150.00 for transport and \$25.00 for fingerprinting. Trustee Nelligan did an annualization of what we have spent this year. And what this would look like in 2023-2024 with a 3% increase. This is

what they are proposing for the next 3 years. If we would approve this 3% each year. She will get us a clean contract for this year.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to approve a 3% each year contract with Massillon City Jail Transportation. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes.

Problem Properties:

Executive Session(s):

1. ORC 121.22 (G) (1) to discuss personnel and compensation topics to include the Board, Law Director, and Fiscal Officer.
2. ORC 121.22 (G) (1) to discuss personnel topics to include the Board, Law Director and, Township Administrator
3. ORC 121.11 (G)(1) to discuss personnel topics to include the Board, and Law Director
4. ORC 121.11 (G)(1) to discuss personnel topics to include the Board, and Law Director

Trustee Nelligan made a motion that the Board adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(3) Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes.

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 8:42 pm

The Board adjourned from Executive Session at 9:40 pm.

Department Matters Not Requiring Board Action:

Administration:

Fire Department:

Police Department:

Road Department:

Parks/Recycling:

Zoning:

Law Director:

Announcements:

Public Speaks-Open Forum:

Linda Cottrill

Linda Cottrill stated her address as 3576 Erie Ave. SW Massillon. Mrs. Cottrill stated this road has been used by her company, DBA Cottrill Trucking and wrecking Co. which she owned for more than 80 years. It was not without the knowledge of Perry Township and the different zoning inspectors about this area. She indicated that there has never been any maintenance done by Perry Township. She has solely improved and maintained it. She has attempted to have the road abandoned so that they could continue to use it but was denied. It was determined that a new business was to be developed nearby and wanted to develop this road for their sole purpose of ingress and egress. The company, Scheetz wants to move North of them. She explained they denied her to vacate the road. Basically, it's putting her out of business. The Board suggested having her wait till after the assessments are completed. In conclusion, Scheetz Co is moving forward with the project and improvements in that area.

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2023 Budget meeting:

Fiscal Officer Chessler gave a brief outline of the budget hearings and further discussions with departments were heard.

Adjournment:

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Nelligan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm; Seconded by Trustee Miller

ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes.

Lisa Nelligan, President

Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer