

**Perry Township Board of Trustees**

**Regular Meeting**

**June 7, 2022 7:00 pm**

**Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Welcome/Invited Guests**

1. Retirement of Captain Ron Riggs

Trustee Nelligan introduced Captain Riggs. Trustee Nelligan stated the background of Captain Riggs and his accomplishments. She thanked him for his outstanding service and asked him to say a few words. Chief Sedlock also spoke a few words on Captain Riggs's years of service and wished him the very best. Trustee Miller presented Captain Riggs with a plaque.

2. Swearing in of Fire Prevention Officer Mark Murphy ~ followed by a 10-minute recess

Trustee Nelligan asked Mark Murphy to please raise his right hand.

I, Mark Murphy, do solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, Resolutions of Perry Township, Ohio; the rules, Regulations, Standard Operating Guidelines, Standard Operating Procedures, and Policies of the Perry Township Fire Department; and will faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge the duties of Firefighter Fire Prevention Officer of the Perry Township Fire Department and this I do as I shall answer unto God.

**Public Speaks: Scheduled Speakers:**

**Excused absence:**

1. John Masalko ~ Road/Park Superintendent
2. Mike Pomesky ~ Police Chief

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:**

1. Trustee Nelligan added to the executive session an ORC 121.22 (G) (1) to discuss employing a consulting service.

**Public Hearings/Invited Guests: none**

**Communications:/Announcements**

1. Perry Township Rotary Community Parade & 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Perry Township Oktoberfest, Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Visit [perrytwp.com](http://perrytwp.com) for event details. Online registration is now open.
2. The Perry Township History Club is having a drive-thru fundraiser on June 11, 2022, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. This is to help restore the building.

**Public Speaks on items up for Action:**

**Unfinished Business**

Trustee Nelligan added to the agenda to discuss a billing service agreement for EMS

**Department Agenda Items (Information/Action Items)**

**Administration:**

**Consider FMLA request of employee A**

Administrator Martin stated the Board was in receipt of an employee requesting FMLA. The leave will begin on June 2, 2022, possibly thru 12-2-22. The applicant has met all the appropriate criteria for FMLA and is aware of his or her responsibility to inform the department head of their FMLA leave for scheduling purposes. Administrator Martin asked the Board to consider making the motion to authorize employee A for the request of FMLA.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to accept the FMLA request of employee A. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

**Consider accepting tree removal, stump grindings, and seeding quotes of problematic trees as recommended by an arborist**

Administrator Martin stated per the recommendation of TJ Dutton Certified Arborist please consider the following tree removal at Perry Park:

- Removing thirteen (13) problematic trees from Perry Park in the amount of \$12,100.00.
- Grinding of thirteen (13) stumps in the amount of \$1,440.00.
- Clean up of grindings, provide topsoil, seed, and straw in the amount of \$3,450.00

Quotes for each of these services have been obtained from Haymaker Tree and Lawn Company. The total amount for serves is \$16,990.00.

Administrator Martin asked the Board to please consider making a motion to authorize Haymaker Tree and Lawn Company to perform the tree removal and remediation of removal sites in an amount not to exceed \$16,990.00

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to accept tree removal, stump grindings, and seeding quotes of problematic trees as recommended by an arborist and to authorize Haymaker Tree and Lawn Company to perform the tree removal and remediation of removal sites in an amount not to exceed \$16,990.00. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Consider accepting Capital Budget grant approval in the amount of \$300,000.00 for drainage remediation at Meredith Park**

Administrator Martin asked the Board to accept the Capital Budget grant approval in the amount of \$300,000.00. Perry Township would have a contribution match amount of 10% being \$30,000.00 toward this project. The Board did submit the Capitol budget grant on March 16, 2022, the completed grant request is in the amount of \$519,745.00 for both Meredith Parks water drainage improvements and the asphalt track again a 10% match. In the next 60-90 days the Board will receive the formal award letter in the amount of \$300,000.00 accompanied by all the grant details from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Administrator Martin asked if the Board would accept the \$300,000.00 of the award until the details are received?

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to accept Capital Budget grant approval in the amount of \$300,000.00 for drainage remediation at Meredith Park. No Second.

The Board discussed accepting the Grant and deciding on how the Board will employ it. The Board would need further information.

Fiscal Officer Chessler stated the motion did not go forward.

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

**Road and Park Department:**

**Zoning:**

**Police Department:**

**Fire Department:**

**Consider hiring Mark Murphy as a full-time Fire Prevention Officer**

Chief Sedlock asked the Board to consider hiring Mark Murphy as a full-time Fire Prevention Officer. Chief Sedlock stated Mark has been a valuable asset to our department for 27 years. His start date will be June 20<sup>th</sup>. Contingent upon satisfactory results from his background check. Chief Sedlock noted most of the results have been received.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to hire Mark Murphy as a full-time Fire Prevention Officer with a start date of June 20, 2022. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Resolution 2022-**

**Consider accepting the Perry Township Fire Dept. Bounce House inflatable Loaner Agreement and Liability Waiver Motion**

Chief Sedlock asked the Board to Consider accepting the Perry Township Fire Dept. Bounce House inflatable Loaner Agreement and Liability Waiver Motion. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to accept the Perry Township Fire Dept. Bounce House inflatable Loaner Agreement and Liability Waiver Motion

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

**Law Director:**

**Fiscal Officer:**

**Consider Pending Warrants**

Week ending 5-24-22 for bills in the amount of \$36,246.73 and week ending 5-31-22 for bills in the amount of \$181,415.03 for a combined total of \$217,661.76

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to approve the pending warrants for week ending 5-24-22 for bills in the amount of \$36,246.73 and week ending 5-31-22 for bills in the amount of \$181,415.03 for a combined total of \$217,661.76. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

**Consider invoice from State Auditor in the amount of \$5,317.50**

Fiscal Officer Chessler stated he is presenting an invoice from the State Auditor for the annual auditor. The invoice is in the amount of \$5,317.50. Fiscal Officer Chessler asked permission to authorize payment of the State Auditor invoice.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to pay the invoice from the State Auditor in the amount of \$5,317.50. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

**Consider reimbursement for ARPA funds for premium payments to non-union employees**

Fiscal Officer Chessler stated you have information that his office prepared to change the breakdown of the amounts that will be coming from the various accounts that we have pursuant to the Board's desire to make premium payments from the ARPA funds and broken down according to the amount which would be coming to each department. The total is \$81,262.50.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion for reimbursement from the ARPA funds to the premium payments to non-union employees in the amount of \$81,262.50. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

**Board of Trustees Updates – Roll Call**

**Trustee Miller – Consider quote from Canton Data Print in the amount of \$9,282.20**

Trustee Miller stated the invoice is the Canton Data Print in the amount of \$9,282.20. Trustee Miller indicated this is for the next additions to the newsletter. This total will in conclude the printing and postage.

Trustee Miller made a motion that the Board accepts the invoice from Canton Data Print in the amount of \$9,282.20. Trustee Miller indicated this is for the next additions to the newsletter. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

#### **Resolution 2022-**

Trustee Nelligan made a resolution based on the discussion that the Board has had regarding the services provided by our Perry Township Fire Department. There has not been a fee increase in charges for EMS and the Board had a discussion and made a resolution to raise our BLS (Basic Life Support) to \$450.00, ALS (Advanced Life Support) to \$650.00, ALS2 (Advanced Life Support 2) and Mileage from \$10.00 to \$12.00. This puts us in line with area cities and townships. These rates will go into effect on June 1, 2022. Residents will be capped out to no more than \$300.00 out of pocket.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to accept this resolution under R.C. 505.84. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

#### **Resolution 2022-**

##### **Trustee Nelligan Renew Agreement with Life Force**

Trustee Nelligan stated the Township needs to renew its agreement with Life Force. The Township had a one-year contract. This will go into effect on June 1, 2022, and make a motion to renew the agreement. Seconded by Trustee Miller

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

#### **Problem Properties:**

##### **Executive Session(s):**

1. ORC 121.22 (G) (1) personnel to discuss employing an employee consultant firm to include the Board and Law Director
2. ORC 121.22 (G)(5) personnel to discuss FMLA benefits to include the Board, Law Director, and Administrator

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

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

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at: 7:39 pm

The Board adjourned from Executive Session at: 8:50 pm

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to authorize Chief Sedlock to proceed with disciplinary action  
Seconded by Trustee DeChiara

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

**Department Matters Not Requiring Board Action:**

**Administration:**

**Fire Department:**

**Police Department:**

**Road Department:**

**Parks/Recycling:**

**Zoning:**

**Law Director:**

**Announcements:**

**Public Speaks-Open Forum:**

**Adjournment:**

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Nelligan made a motion to adjourn the meeting  
at 8:50 pm; Seconded by Trustee Miller

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

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Lisa Nelligan, President

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Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer