

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

April 16, 2024, 6:00 pm

Call Meeting to Order

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Welcome & Recognition of Invited Guests

Recognition of Michael Turner, Advanced Firefighter EMT ~22 years of Service.

Chief Sedlock spoke about Michael Turner and his time with the Perry Township Fire Department. Chief Sedlock presented Michael Turner with a plaque and wished him good luck. Michael Turner spoke and thanked everyone at the township.

Oath of Office and hiring of Kali Bates

Trustee DeChiara gave the oath of office for the hiring of Kali Bates.

Recess ~ 10 Minutes

Trustee Miller made a motion to hire Kali Bates. The hire date is April 16, 2024, first shift date is April 21, 2024. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Excused absence:

Communications/Announcements Details available at Perrytwp.com

- a) Perry Township Clean Up Day ~ Sat. April 20th, 8 am to 4 pm at the Perry Township Road Garage ~ 1500 Jackson Ave SW Massillon. Employees will be available to unload items. Visit www.perrytwp.cm for details.
- b) Perry Senior Residents ~ Let's Get Together Monday, April 22, from 4 pm to 5:30 pm at Perry Township Administration Office ~ 3111 Hilton St NW Massillon, Hosted by Linda Cameron. For details contact Linda at LINDAKC1126@GMAIL.COM
- c) Free ~ Movie and Ice Cream in the Park ~ Community event on Sat. June 8th, 2024 from 5 pm to 8 pm at Hartwick Park. Sponsored by AQUA.
- d) 10th Annual Perry Township Oktoberfest and Rotary Parade ~ Sat. September 21st Parade kicks off at 11:30 am at the rear of Central Stadium on 13th Street SW. and concludes at

Hartwick Park where the Oktoberfest ~ sponsored by AQUA begins at 12 pm and concludes at 3 pm Event details at www.perrytwp.com

Public Speaks on Agenda Items Up for Action

Consent Agenda Items

Old Business:

Additions/Deletions to Agenda – Roll Call by Department:

Fire: None

Administration: Administrator Martin would like to add two items to the agenda. Invoices for CXT and Canton Data Print.

Road: None

Police: None

Zoning: Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell stated he had one deletion and one addition:

There was a citation at 2952 12th Street however, the owner did evict the individual and there was a dumpster on site 2 weeks ago, all items have been removed. There is still roof repair needed and since the house is vacant, they will be responsible for maintaining grass. Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell wants to remove the citation as they've made a good-faith effort to do work.

Addition- Parcel known as Trent St. NW– Mr. Monaghan was present and wanted to appeal his citation that was issued on April 2nd, 2024.

Law Director: 2 Informational items. Updates on recreational marijuana legislation. A draft of a resolution to address the request for an engine break on a prohibition on RT. 30.

Fiscal Officer: none

Trustee DeChiara: none

Trustee Miller: none

Trustee Nelligan: none

Public Speaks on Agenda Items

Mr. Monaghan

Mr. Monaghan stated his address as 5224 Trent St. NW. He gave the Board a history of his issues on his property since it began last fall. His reason for the appeal is that the deadlines were unreasonable especially because of the weather. He feels the fine is causing hardship and stress and feels he is being treated unfairly. He is appealing the \$100.00 fine. Trustee Miller stated he would extend Mr. Monaghan's fine for another 30 days. Zoning inspector Jeff Whystell stated the fine would be payable by May 16th, 2024.

Trustee Miller made a motion to suspend the \$100 fine for 30 days and the work that needs to be completed by May 16th, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

New Business:

Fire

Consider accepting an EMS grant reimbursement check from the State of Ohio in the amount of \$3,015.52

Trustee Miller made a motion to accept an EMS grant reimbursement check from the State of Ohio in the amount of \$3,015.52. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

Consider authorizing payment of the Life Force Management invoice in the amount of \$4,315.41

Trustees asked Chief Sedlock if this would be the last invoice from Life Force Management. Chief Sedlock indicated that he was unsure and they could not give him a definite answer.

Trustee Miller made a motion to authorize a new purchase order to cover the balance of the Life Force Management invoice in the amount of \$4,315.41. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Police

Consider purchasing 28 Tasers through Axon in the amount of \$27,797.04

Trustee Miller made a motion to purchase 28 Tasers through Axon in the amount of \$27,797.04. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Public Works

Consider approval of DRS Hickory Hollow Farms LLC in the amount of \$3,993.44.

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve DRS Hickory Hollow Farms LLC in the amount of \$3,993.44. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

Zoning

Consider a motion to declare 929 Bellarbor Ave. N.W. a nuisance and issue a financial citation of \$100.00

Trustee Miller made a motion to declare 929 Bellarbor Ave. N.W. a nuisance and issue a financial citation of \$100.00. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Consider Mowing Contractor approvals for the 2024 Season

Trustee Miller made a motion for Mowing Contractor approvals for the 2024 Season. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Administration

Consider FMLA leave request for Employee A

Administrator Martin has received a request for Employee A for FMLA leave from June 5th, 2024 to July 16th, 2024.

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the FMLA request of employee A. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Consider CXT invoice

Administrator Martin presented an invoice from CXT for 1 restroom delivered to Regis Perry Memorial Park in the amount of \$110,787.80. There was a discussion between the Board and Public Works Director, Anthony Davide on the status of the restrooms. The Board discussed using money from the ARPA funds. Discussion: Trustee Nelligan stated these monies will come from ARPA monies in the general fund.

Trustee Miller made a motion to pay CXT the invoice amount of \$110,787.80. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

Canton Data Print – Winter Community Magazine Invoice \$10,563.00

Trustee Miller made a motion to pay the Canton Data Print invoice in the amount of \$10,563.00. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Law Director

Resolutions

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Law Director Jim Matthews discussed with the board the financial resolutions he prepared. These were prepared for Fire, Police, Road, and General Fund.

Trustee Miller made a motion to adopt the Capital Project Fund, Special Revenue und, and Reserve balance account resolution as presented in writing by respective Fire, Police, Road, and General Fund rescinding and replacing the prior resolutions under the same subject under revised codes sections 5705.13 & 5705.132. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Adult Used Canibas

Law Director Jim Matthews presented information regarding Ohio Bill 354 for the Board to prepare for a possible resolution in the future. There was much discussion between the Board and the Zoning dept on future planning of this issue. Law Director Matthews feels the board and the Zoning Commission have a couple of months to do more research on the subject. Law Director Matthews plans on meeting with the Zoning Inspector and Zoning Commission on further developments. No action was taken on this subject.

Engine Brake on Route 30

Law Director Matthews discussed with the Board that state statutes and ODOT provisions that require a formal resolution that would act as a prohibition. The Board must submit to ODOT to get approval for signage.

Trustee Miller made a motion to adopt the resolution of prohibition of Engine Brake on the section of Route 30 & 62 between Perry Drive SW to the West and Whipple Ave Southwest to the East. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Fiscal Office

Consider approval of pending warrants

Trustee Miller made a motion approving the pending warrants ending week 4/2/2024 for bills/payroll of \$254,454.89 and week ending 04/09/2024 for bills in the amount of \$29,635.08 for a combined total of \$284,089.97. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Consider the resignation of Lisa Bray ~ Assistant Fiscal Officer, effective May 3, 2024

Trustee Miller made a motion to acknowledge the resignation letter of Lisa Bray effective date May 3, 2024. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Consider approval of Bank Reconciliations for March 2024

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the Bank reconciliation for March 2024. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Trustees

1. Trustee Nelligan-
2. Trustee DeChiara Jr.
 - a. Consider the discussion of Dispatching

Trustee DeChiara asked Chief Bryan Taylor if the Contract had been finalized. Chief Taylor indicated not at this time. Trustee DeChiara would like Fire and Police under one dispatching company. The Board discussed reviewing any contract before any decision. No action was taken.

b. Consider the discussion of purchasing a storage shed for Summerdale Park

Trustee DeChiara stated it was discussed last year to place a storage shed at Summerdale Park. There was much discussion and the decision was to wait until the restroom issue has been resolved. No action at this time was taken.

c. Edgewater Avenue N.W.-

Trustee DeChiara is concerned with parking on Edgewater Ave NW and a possible collision that could happen. He discussed this with Police Chief Taylor & the Public Works Director, Anthony Davide and they both agreed it could be an issue. Trustee DeChiara proposed a resolution for no parking in that section. The Law Director stated there needs to be more information. No action taken at this time.

3. Trustee Miller -

Public Speaks:

Jen Miller

Jen Miller stated her address as 4895 3rd NW. Jen Miller wanted to discuss helping resident Mr. Monaghan with the fine and agreed that the expectation with the timeline for finishing work was unreasonable. Ms. Miller also discussed asking residents for their opinions before making final decisions on Canibas.

Teresa Kaminski

Teresa Kaminski stated her address as 111 Miles Ave NW. Teresa Miller wanted to discuss helping resident Mr. Monaghan with the removal of the shed along with agreeing timeframe of removing the shed was unfair.

Frank Myers

Frank Myers stated his address as 300 Westland Ave N.W. Massillon. Frank Myers wanted to discuss helping resident Mr. Monaghan with the removal of the shed. Discussed bringing Mr. Monaghan's shed to the Perry Removal on April 20th, 2024. Frank Myers brought up not agreeing with the no-engine brake on Route 30 & 62.

Adjournment:

The Board adjourned from the regular meeting at 7:27 pm.

Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara

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

Executive Session –

Executive Session(s):

ORC 121.22 (G) (1) personnel hiring matters to include the Board, Law Director, and Zoning Inspector

ORC 122.22(G)(1) discipline, demotion to include the Board, Law Director, Chief Taylor, and Township Administrator

ORC 121.22 (G) (1) personnel employment to include the Board and Law Director

Adjournment:

The Board returned from the executive session at approximately 9:26 pm

Trustee Miller made a motion to remove Officer Ben Barrett from paid administrative leave along with converting his status within the police department to unpaid administrative leave effective April 17, 2024. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Trustee Miller stated that the Board acknowledged Chief Taylor has completed the probation period and to extend a discretionary bonus of \$1,500.00. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

With nothing further to come before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 pm. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Matt Miller, President

Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer