

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

February 4, 2025, 6:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President Miller. All Trustees were present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome & Recognition of Invited Guests

- a) Oath of Office for Melissa J. House ~ Police Officer
- b) Oath of Office Matthew Weiland ~ Fire Captain
- c) Recognition of Melissa Wagner ~ Firefighter/EMT
- d) 10-minute recess

Excused absence:

- a) Fiscal Officer Chessler

Communications/Announcements Details are available at Perrytwp.com – None

Additions/Deletions to Agenda – Roll Call by Department:

Fire: None

Administration: None

Public Works: Correction of material quote, 3 additional quotes that came in

Police: Purchase of 3 Dodge Durango's & executive session ORC 121.22 (G)(4) Collective Bargaining to include Board, Law Director, Police Chief

Zoning: None

Law Director: an item following executive sessions, consider a collective bargaining agreement with the Union with the Road Department and related employees for 2025-2027

Fiscal Officer: None

Trustee DeChiara: None

Trustee Miller: Executive session ORC 121.22 (G)(4) to include the Board, Law Director, and Public Works Director to rule on the Road Contract

Trustee Nelligan: None

Public Speaks on Agenda Items Up for Action: None

Consent Agenda Items: None

Old Business:

New Business:

- a) **Fire:** Consider a rate of pay increase for Captain Matthew Weiland in the amount of \$25.81 per hour. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the promotion of Matthew Weiland to Captain and the wage adjustment that goes along with that. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

b) **Police:**

- i) Consider hiring Melissa House, a full-time police officer with a start date of Feb. 7th, 2025, at a starting salary of \$26.52 per hour and uniform allowance in the amount of \$1,200.00. Trustee Miller made a motion to hire Melissa House as a full-time police officer with a start date of February 7, 2025, with wage and uniform allowance according to the contract. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- ii) Consider a motion to request Melissa House's sick time transfer of 423 hours. Trustee Miller made a motion to transfer Melissa House's sick time of 423 hours. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- iii) Consider a motion to approve the 2024 Federal Law Enforcement Trust Fund annual filing statement. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the 2024 Law Enforcement Trust Fund annual filing statement. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- iv) Consider a motion to authorize the purchase of ammunition from Keisler Police Supply in an amount not to exceed \$29,054.60. Trustee Miller made a motion to authorize the purchase of ammunition from Keisler Police Supply in an amount not to exceed \$29,054.60. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- v) Consider the authorization of three (3) Dodge Durango's from Sarchione Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram at a cost not to exceed \$138,478.50. Trustee Miller made a motion to authorize the purchase of three (3) Dodge Durango's from Sarchione Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram at a cost not to exceed \$138,478.50. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- vi) Consider a motion to authorize the uplifting of 3 Dodge Durango's at a cost not to exceed \$51,958.62. Trustee Miller made a motion to authorize the uplifting for public safety not to exceed \$51,958.62. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

c) Public Works:

- i) Consider purchasing two wall heaters for maintenance rooms in the CXT restrooms at Perry Park and Summerdale Park at a cost of \$2,240.00. Trustee Miller made a motion to purchase two wall heaters for maintenance rooms in the CXT restrooms at Perry Park and Summerdale Park at a cost of \$2,240.00 from Abbott Electric. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- ii) Consider accepting material quotes for 2025. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the material quotes for 2025, including the 3 additional that just came in. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

d) **Zoning:**

- i) Consider adopting a Cannabis Operators resolution preventing cannabis operators within the unincorporated areas of Perry Township. A discussion was had. Trustee Miller made a motion to extend the moratorium for adult use cannabis for an additional six (6) months. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

e) **Administration:** None

f) **Law Director:**

- i) Resolution of Necessity~ Road Levy. Two options were presented. Trustee Miller made a motion to adopt a resolution to proceed with a 2.9 mil levy to include the condensed text provisions for the purpose of construction/reconstruction of roads, streets, and bridges. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

g) **Fiscal Office:**

- i) Consider Pending Warrants for the week ending 01/21/25 for bills in the amount of \$318,076.82 and the week ending 01/28/25 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$ 213,180.39 for a combined total of \$531,257.21. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the Pending Warrants for the week ending 01/21/25 for bills in the amount of \$318,076.82 and the week ending 01/28/25 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$213,180.39 for a combined total of \$531,257.21. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- ii) Consider appointing Fiscal Officer~ Chessler to the Tax Incentive Review Council. Trustee Miller made a motion to appoint Fiscal Officer Chessler to the Tax Incentive Review Council. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

h) Trustees

1. Trustee Nelligan: None
2. Trustee DeChiara Jr.: None
3. Trustee Miller: None

Public Speaks:

Jenn Miller

Jenn Miller stated her address as 4895 3rd St. N.W. Canton. Jenn stated she came to talk about the cannabis developments in the Township. Jenn discussed allowing dispensaries and the Road levy in the Township.

Tim Allison

Tim Allison stated his name and address as 1007 Prescot Ave. N.W. Tim stated he needs assistance with keeping vehicles on the road because he has had multiple damages to his home in a short period of time.

Executive Session

- a) ORC 121.22 (G)(1) employee compensation matter to include the Board, Law Director, and Administrator
- b) ORC 121.22 (G)(1) employee matter potential discipline to include Board, and Law Director
- c) ORC 121.22 (G)(4) Collective bargaining to include the Board, Law Director, and Police Chief
- d) ORC 121.22 (G)(4) Collective bargaining to include the Board, Law Director, and Public Works Director

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn into executive session at approximately 6:35 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

Adjournment:

The Board returned from the executive session at 9:41 p.m.

Trustee Miller made a motion to accept Brooke Tallman's resignation effective December 23, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

Trustee Miller made a motion to adopt an internal HSA advance authorization policy. Vendors working with the Board are in the process of funding employee HSA accounts until such time as that funding is in place. The Board authorizes pre-tax advances to eligible employees for qualified medical expenses accordingly. A blanket certificate is opened in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 dollars for the advance of HSA funds. Any employee incurring an allowable expense may submit a bill for such expense for payment or reimbursement. Confidential info shall be redacted from any bill submitted. A ledger of any advances shall be kept, and advances shall be deducted from corresponding HSA contributions on behalf of the Board. At such time as the funding of the employee HSA accounts is complete, this authorization shall terminate, and the blanket certificate will close. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve a collective bargaining agreement with Ohio Council 8 and local 935 Perry Organized workers both of the American Federation of State County and municipal employees AFLSIO dated February 4, 2025. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

Trustee Miller made a motion for the Administrator to retract any stated request that conference attendees submit a rewritten summary of any sessions attended. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

Trustee Miller made a motion to appoint the Fire Chief pursuant to RC505.38 for the purpose of investigating personal matters involving Jared Baer to determine if any form of charges are in order under RC733.35. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

With nothing further to come before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

Matt Miller, President

Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer