

**Perry Township Board of Trustees**

**Regular Meeting**

**March 18, 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:** None

**Excused absence:** Chief Taylor, with Deputy Chief Jason Fisher filling in, along with Chief Sedlock, with Deputy Chief Jamie Grey filling in.

**Communications/Announcements Details are available at [Perrytwp.com](http://Perrytwp.com) –**

- a) Perry Township Clean-up Day, April 26, 2025, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Road Department
- b) Perry Rotary Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 19, 2025, 10:30 a.m.- 12 p.m. at the Perry High School Wellness Center

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda – Roll Call by Department:**

Fire: None

Administration:

- i) Request for executive session under ORC 121.22 (G)(1) employee benefits to include the Board, Fiscal Officer, Law Director, and Administrator
- ii) Ohio HB 2 budget agreement phase 1 Fasnacht Farm Park, ODNR grant
- iii) Electric aggregation agreement
- iv) Clemans & Nelson Invoice
- v) Ohio HB 47

Public Works:

- i) Speed Study for Klick Street SW, current speed is 40mph, and requesting to reduce it to 35 mph

Police: None

Zoning:

- i) Approval of the mowing contracts for the 2025 grass season

Law Director: Executive Session under ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider employment dismissal, discipline, demotion, or compensation of a public employee

Fiscal Officer: None

Trustee DeChiara: Executive Session on hiring personnel, to include the Board and Law Director

Trustee Miller: None

Trustee Nelligan: Announcements/Reminders

- i) Reminder that on April 1, 2025, at 5 p.m., a public meeting will be held with the Stark County Regional Planning, and they will be presenting the 2025 Perry Township Master Plan
- ii) On April 24, 2025, the Keep Seniors Driving Safely event sponsored by the Perry Township Police Department at 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at McKinley Eagles. Complimentary breakfast & Lunch. Registration through the Perry Township Police Department.
- iii) April 26, 2025, a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the improved Meredith Park at 10 a.m.

**Public Speaks on Agenda Items Up for Action:** None

**Consent Agenda Items:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

a) **Fire:**

- i) Consider purchasing turnout gear from 9.1.1. Fleet & Fire Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$7,159.77. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the purchase of turnout gear from 9.1.1. Fleet & Fire Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$7,159.77. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- ii) Consider the resignation of Jared Baer. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the resignation letter of Jared Baer, Full-time Fire Fighter. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan

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

b) **Police:** None

c) **Public Works:**

- i) Recognition of donated flagpole from Whipple Elementary School.
- ii) Consider Speed Study. Requested the County to do a speed study on Klick, due to numerous complaints stating that the new speed was posted at 40mph from Westmont to Kenering last year. The report came back, as they are requesting that the speed be lowered to 35 mph. The County needs a resolution passed so that it can be submitted to ODOT, and then the speed can be lowered. Trustee Miller made a motion to adopt the resolution reducing the speed of Klick Street from 40mph to 35mph. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

d) **Zoning:**

- i) Consider 207 Genoa Ave NW \$500 Citation, Home Rule O.R.C. 504.06. Trustee Miller made a motion to issue a \$500 citation under Home Rule O.R.C. 504.06 at 207 Genoa Ave NW. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- ii) Consider 4908 15<sup>th</sup> St SW Trash and junk vehicle abatement, Resolution O.R.C. 505.87. Trustee DeChiara asked how much the charge would be, Zoning Inspector Whytsell stated the charge amount is \$1940. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve trash and junk vehicle abatement at 4908 15<sup>th</sup> St SW. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- iii) Consider 556 Earl Rd NW Trash abatement, Resolution O.R.C. 505.87. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve trash abatement at 556 Earl Rd NW. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- iv) Consider 4666 Richville Dr SW- Demolition abatement and junk vehicle abatement, Resolution O.R.C. 505.86. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve demolition abatement and junk vehicle abatement at 4666 Richville Dr SW. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- v) Mowing contracts for the 2025 grass season. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the mowing contractor for the 2025 season. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

**e) Administration:**

- i) Consider the Stark Tusc Wayne Yard Waste grant contract in the amount of \$20,880.00. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the Stark Tusc Wayne Yard Waste grant contract in the amount of \$20,880.00. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- ii) Ohio HB 2 -Capital budget ODNR grant. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the Capital improvement recreation project at Fasnacht Farm, phase 1. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- iii) Consider the electric aggregation. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the electric aggregation agreement. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- iv) Consider payment for the Clemans and Nelson invoice for a variety of services for a total of \$6,696.20. Trustee Miller made a motion to make a payment to Clemans and Nelson for the invoice totaling \$6,696.20. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- v) Ohio HB 47- ODNR Grant, along with the purchase of 5 AEDs. Trustee Miller made a motion to adopt the House Bill 47 resolution. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the purchase of up to five AEDs, not to exceed the amount of \$90,370.00. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

f) **Law Director:**

- i) Executive session under ORC 121.22 (G)(1)

g) **Fiscal Office:**

- i) Consider Pending Warrants for the week ending 03/04/2025 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$784,269.47 and the week ending 03/11/2025 for bills in the amount of \$97,780.00 for a combined total of \$832,049.55. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the Pending Warrants for the week ending 03/04/2025 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$784,269.47 and the week ending 03/11/2025 for bills in the amount of \$97,780.00 for a combined total of \$832,049.55. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- ii) Consider a motion to authorize special meeting minutes for 01/14/25, 01/21/25, 01/28/25, 02/11/25, and regular meetings, 01/21/25 and 02/04/25. Trustee Miller made a motion to authorize special meeting minutes for 1/14/25, 1/21/25, 1/28/25, 2/11/25, and regular meetings 1/21/25 and 2/4/25. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- iii) Consider Bank reconciliation for January 2025. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the Bank reconciliation for January 2025. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

#### h) Trustees

- 1. Trustee Nelligan: Consider on-site counseling services with Clemans and Nelson. This would be a 4-month on-site service, commencing on April 1<sup>st</sup>, subject to renewal or termination by any party. Trustee Nelligan made a motion to have onsite counseling services with Clemans and Nelson for a 4-month on-site service commencing on April 1<sup>st</sup>, subject to renewal or termination by any party. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

- 2. Trustee DeChiara Jr.: Executive Session Hiring

- 3. Trustee Miller:

- a) Discussion on the Development of RT21. A discussion was held on the Development of RT21, no action was taken.
- b) Discussion on CRA Expansion. A discussion was held on the CRA Expansion. Trustee Miller made a motion to add an executive session under ORC 121.22 (G)(8) to consider confidential information related to a direct request for economic development assistance and necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible expenditure. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- c) TIRC Update~ Superior Dairy

**Public Speaks:**

Linda Cameron

Linda Cameron stated her address as 443 Canford Ave N.W. She said she received a letter from Massillon Cable TV. She stated she doesn't have the money to afford cable, so she has router service through the internet. She stated that in the letter, it states that due to the tv network broadcasting companies' rates have gone up they are charging the cable companies a higher rate for those who have cable service, but she is included in that and now must pay an extra \$5 a month for a service that doesn't have. She asked whether the opportunity would arise soon for any other service for internet/cable, so she could avoid being charged extra for a service that she does not carry. Trustees informed Linda that other internet service providers are available through different companies.

Linda stated that she has a friend who would be interested in the position of Township Administrator that will soon be coming available, and asked how she could go about applying for the position. Trustee Miller stated that when the job becomes available, it will be broadcast through different platforms.

**Executive Session**

- a) ORC 121.22 (G)(3) Conference with legal counsel concerning imminent or pending court action to include the Board, and Law Director
- b) ORC 121.22 (G)(1) hiring personnel to include the Board, Law Director
- c) ORC 121.22(G)(1) employment to include the Board, Law Director, and Fiscal Officer
- d) ORC 121.22(G)(1) Discipline to include the Board and Law Director
- e) ORC 121.22(G)(8)

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn into executive session at approximately 6:50 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 9:15 p.m.

With nothing further to come before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

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Matt Miller, President

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Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer