

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

March 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: None

Excused absence: None

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

Additions/Deletions to Agenda – Roll Call by Department:

Fire: None

Administration: None

Public Works: Consider a posting of “No Thru Truck” signs Brunnerdale N.W., Ashton Ave. N.W., Boron St., List St., Chadwick, and Roanoke St. N.W. Due to the continued truck traffic through allotment for the new development in Jackson Township.

Police: Executive Session under ORC 121.22 (G)(1) personnel to include Police Chief, Board, and Law Director

Zoning: None

Law Director: None

Fiscal Officer: None

Trustee DeChiara: None

Trustee Miller: Executive Session under ORC 121.22 (G)(1) personnel to include the Board, Law Director, and Fire Chief

Trustee Nelligan: None

Public Speaks on Agenda Items Up for Action: None

Consent Agenda Items: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

a) **Fire:**

- i) Consider the retirement of Harold Ritz~ a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic effective March 3, 2025. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the retirement of Harold Ritz full-time Firefighter/Paramedic effective March 3, 2025. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

b) **Police:**

- i) Consider a motion authorizing the quote from Bonsky Heating and Cooling in an amount not to exceed \$4,589.00. Trustee Miller made a motion to authorize the quote from Bonsky Heating and Cooling in the amount not to exceed \$4,589.00. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- ii) Consider a motion to accept the resignation of Melissa House full-time police officer effective February 21, 2025. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the resignation of Melissa House full-time police officer effective February 21, 2025. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- iii) Consider a motion to accept the Extradition Grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$2,304.25. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the Extradition Grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$2,304.25. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

c) **Public Works:**

- i) Consider paying the Young Freightliner invoice in the amount of \$3,690.33. Trustee Miller made a motion to pay Young Freightliner's invoice in the amount of \$3,690.33. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- ii) Consider accepting ARM Truck Corp's quote in the amount of \$120,742.60. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the quote from ARM Truck Corporation in the amount of \$120,742.60. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- iii) Consider trade of fire truck to the Road Department. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the trade of a fire truck to the Road Department. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- iv) Status of RFP~ Request for Proposal for Maintenance of Perry Township Park System. The Public Works Director wants to visit the parks and make sure he has everything listed that will need taken care of before the bidding goes out.

- v) No Thru Truck signs. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve No Thru Truck signs at locations previously listed by the Public Works Director in regard to the development in Jackson Township. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

d) **Zoning:** None

e) **Administration:**

- i) Consider the Electric Aggregation Program. Trustee Miller made a motion to adopt the resolution to authorize all actions necessary to support the continuation of its governmental Electric Aggregation Program with the opted-out provisions pursuant to section 4928.20, of the Ohio revised code directing the Township to enter into a supply agreement with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. to continue its electric aggregation program. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- ii) Consider Clemans Nelson's invoice in the amount of \$6045.00. Trustee Miller made a motion to pay the Clemans Nelson invoice in the amount of \$6,045.00. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- iii) Consider adoption of the Employee Handbook as reviewed and approved by the Law Director and HR Consultant. Trustee Miller said he would like to hold off making a motion until the Department heads have a chance to see the changes that were made. All other Trustees agreed.

- iv) Consider adoption of revised Drug Free Workplace Policy reviews and approval by the Law Director and HR Consultant. Trustee Nelligan made a motion to adopt the Drug-Free Workplace Policy which will be incorporated down the road to the new Employee Handbook. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

- v) Consider retirement of Township Administrator effective May 2, 2025. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the retirement of the Township Administrator effective May 2, 2025. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

f) **Law Director:**

- i) Consider a resolution confirming the agreement with the Police Patrol Union. Trustee Miller made a motion to adopt the resolution confirming the agreement with the Police Patrol Union. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

g) **Fiscal Office:**

- i) Consider Pending Warrants for the week ending 02/18/25 for bills in the amount of \$227,187.41 and the week ending 02/25/25 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$639,106.90 for a combined total of \$866,294.31. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the Pending Warrants for the week ending 02/18/25 for bills in the amount of \$227,187.41 and the week ending 02/25/25 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$639,106.90 for a combined total of \$866,294.31. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- ii) Consider a motion to authorize meeting minutes for the 01/07/25 Reorganizational meeting, 01/14/25 special meeting, and 12/17/24 regular meeting. Trustee Miller made a motion to authorize meeting minutes for the 01/07/25 Reorganizational meeting, 01/14/25 special meeting, and 12/17/24 Regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

h) **Trustees**

1. Trustee Nelligan: Stark County Regional Planning Master Plan update. Trustee Nelligan proposed to have a public meeting on April 1, 2025, at 5 p.m. hold a public meeting for a presentation from the Stark County Regional Planning on the Master plan. Trustee Nelligan would like to advertise the meeting to get some good input from the public.
2. Trustee DeChiara Jr.: None
3. Trustee Miller: None

Public Speaks:

Fran Sandra Whaley

Fran Whaley stated his name and address as 1130 Denmont Ave. S.W. Massillon 44646. Fran stated that a business went in across the street from her and she received the owner's sister's card and stated concerns with the semi-trucks and noise along with damage done to her yard.

Lukas Kinison

Lukas stated his name and address as 3736 Southway. Lukas stated he is the Vice President of Sales for his company. He stated the graphic artist is at the location 100 % of the time along with two area managers who spend 50 % of their time. Lukas has asked the team to stagger meetings as parking is limited, with no more than 8 cars on the premises at any time. Lukas stated he spoke with Fran when they first occupied the location and wanted to be good neighbors and replace some states that were damaged to the neighboring properties. Plus, wants to resolve any issues that arise.

Bruce Mencer

Bruce Mencer stated his name and address as 538 Roxbury. He is the coordinator for Perry Helping Perry, they are holding the 5th Annual Bicycle Giveaway event and provided printed material. They are holding the event on May 31st at the Mckinley Eagles and would like the Police and our Fire Departments to come out and present Bicycle Safety to those in attendance. He would like a response on whether they will attend by April 18th. Bruce believes they will have 150 kids in attendance.

Executive Session

- a) ORC 121.22 (G)(3) Conference with legal counsel concerning imminent or pending court action to include the Board, Law Director, and Township Administrator
- b) ORC 121.22 (G)(1) employment to include the Board and Law Director
- c) ORC 121.22 (G)(1) employment to include the Board
- d) ORC 121.22 (G)(1) personnel to include the Board, Police Chief, and Law Director
- e) ORC 121.22 (G)(1) personnel/Discipline to include the Board, Law Director, and Fire Chief

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn into executive session at approximately 6:46 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 10:16 p.m.

Trustee Miller made a motion to appoint the Fire Chief to investigate and prepare charges as deemed appropriate against Captain Roger Carpenter. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

With nothing further to come before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

Matt Miller, President

Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer