

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

April 1, 2025, 6:00 pm

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome & Recognition of Invited Guests:

- a) Retirement Recognition for Harold Ritz- 30 Years of Outstanding Service as Firefighter/Paramedic
- b) Kirk Norris-Stark County Health Commissioner, and Paul DePasquale~ Director of Environmental Health/Stark County Health Department Service Update
- c) 10-minute recess

Excused absence: None

Communications/Announcements Details are available at Perrytwp.com –

- a) 5 pm- Presentation of Comprehensive Plan by Stark County Regional Planning
- 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
- c) Perry Twp Clean-up Day Saturday, April 26th 8 am-4 pm
- d) Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Meredith Park- Saturday, April 26th, 2025, at 10 am- celebration of improved soccer fields and walking track
- e) 2nd Annual Perry Township Movie & Ice Cream in the Park- Saturday, June 14th 5 pm to 8 pm at Hartwick Park – Sponsored by AQUA

Additions/Deletions to Agenda – Roll Call by Department:

Fire: None

Administration: Workman's Comp Services

Public Works:

- i) Discussion regarding farming Fasnacht Farm

- ii) Union Contract per Article 3, section 4 of the Road Department union
- iii) Request to promote two foremen, Harold Moore and Andy Tormasi, pay rate effective today as per contract

Police: None

Zoning: None

Law Director:

- i) Discussion about adopting uninformed contracting rules
- ii) Discussion on contract limits
- iii) Bidding/ procurement

Fiscal Officer: None

Trustee DeChiara: executive session on Fire Department personnel under ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to include Board, Law Director, and Fire Chief

Trustee Miller:

- i) V2 Technology Client Service Agreement
- ii) Executive session under ORC 121.22 (G)(4) Collective bargaining to include the Board, Law Director, Fire and Police Chiefs

Trustee Nelligan: None

Public Speaks on Agenda Items Up for Action:

Chris Clark

Chris Clark stated his name and his address as 4908 15th Street S.W. stated he has some items to clean up on his property, although frustrated as it started as soon as he moved in. He would like to ask for an extension until the end of May. He is a single Dad of 3 children and struggling, and he will have everything cleaned up to the Township's standards. A discussion was held between the Zoning Director and the Board.

A discussion was held between the Board and Mr. Clark on a reasonable time frame for when to expect clean-up. They agreed on the date of May 6th, looking at the progress of the clean-up at the Board meeting and going from that meeting on whether any more extensions will be made if significant progress is shown to be made.

Donna Dudley

Donna Dudley stated her name and address as 1314 Miles Ave. S.W. She stated she had been working with Jeff after receiving a letter from the Zoning Inspector, and worked with Jeff, and an extension was given. She stated that all the vehicles, although licensed, have been removed, and much of the trash in the yard has been cleaned up as well. The Board and Zoning Inspector, along with Ms. Dudley, agreed on the 15th of April to meet up with the Zoning Inspector and show the progress of the yard to confirm that the yard is cleaned up and presentable.

Consent Agenda Items: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

a) **Fire:** None

b) **Police:**

- i) Consider accepting a donation from McKinley Eagles in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the purchase of new radar and lidar units. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the donation from the McKinley Eagles in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the purchase of new radar and lidar units. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

c) **Public Works:**

- i) Consider accepting a donation from the McKinley Eagles in the amount of \$13,314.30 to purchase a sign machine from TAPCO. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the donation from the McKinley Eagles in the amount of \$13,314.30 to purchase a sign machine from TAPCO. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- ii) Consider purchase of a compactor in the amount of \$7,010.86. Trustee Miller made a motion to purchase a compactor in the amount of \$7,010.86. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- iii) Consider scrapping an inoperable Combine. Trustee Miller made a motion to scrape the Combine out at Fasnacht. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- iv) Discussion on Fasnacht Farm. The Public Works Director stated he spoke with Ben Klick regarding farming at Fasnacht and estimated that Fasnacht is 19 acres. After this year, Ben would like a 3-year contract, so it would be 2025 to set up the land, and then in 2026-2028, then would harvest. A lease agreement was provided to Ben that farmers have been using, at 100 per acre.

- v) Union Contract per Article 3, section 4 of the Road Department. Discussion was had, but no motion was taken.

- vi) Consider promoting two foremen for Harold Moore and Andy Tormasi. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the promotion of Harold Moore and Andy Tormasi as foremen. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

d) Zoning:

- i) Consider a \$500 nuisance property citation at 4932 13th St. S.W., Canton 44710. Trustee Miller made a motion to issue a nuisance citation at 4932 13th St. S.W., Canton 44710. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- ii) Consider a Consider abatement appeal for 4908 15th St S.W. Canton 44710

The item was skipped

- iii) Consider abatement appeal for 556 Earl Road N.W. Massillon 44647.

The item was skipped

- iv) Consider abatement appeal for 4666 Richville Dr. S.W. Canton 44706

The item was skipped

e) **Administration:**

- i) Consider renewal with Sedgwick. Trustee Miller made a motion to renew Sedgwick as our third administrator for workman's compensation. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- f) **Law Director:** Discussion of uniform limits, bidding/procurement policies. A discussion was held regarding uniform limits, bidding/procurement policies with vendors. No action was taken.

g) **Fiscal Office:**

- i) Consider Pending Warrants for the week ending 03/18/2025 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$372,283.70 and the week ending 03/25/2025 for bills in the amount of \$63,434.39 for a combined total of \$435,718.09. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the Pending Warrants for the week ending 03/18/2025 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$372,283.70 and the week ending 03/25/2025 for bills in the amount of \$63,434.39 for a combined total of \$435,718.09. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- ii) Consider a motion to authorize regular meeting minutes for 02/18/25,03/04/25, and special meeting,03/11/25. Trustee Miller made a motion to authorize regular meeting minutes for 02/18/25,03/04/25, and special meeting, 03/11/25. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

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

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

- iv) Consider clearing outstanding checks over one year old in the amount of \$1,623.98. Trustee Miller made a motion to clear outstanding checks over one year old in the amount of \$1,623.98. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

h) Trustees

1. Trustee Nelligan: None
2. Trustee DeChiara Jr.: None
3. Trustee Miller: Discuss V2 Customer Service Agreement. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept and enter into the Client Service Agreement that has been adapted by V2 Technology for the Township. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

Public Speaks:

Linda Cameron

Linda Cameron stated her name and address as 443 Canford Ave. N.W. Massillon. Linda Cameron stated that April 2, 2025, will be the 13th meeting of the Perry Township Spirited Seniors. Linda stated the requirements to join as at least 62 years of age and be a Perry Township resident, along with attending 4 organizational meetings a year. No dues at this point. Linda thanked the Trustees for their support and for assisting with getting the group started. A speaker presentation is given every month.

Jim Roman

Jim Roman stated his name and address at 750 Pine Hills Drive S.W., Massillon. He requested information regarding the aggregation program. The Board and Chris Whittenberger, the township Administrative Assistant, assisted with Jim's question.

Executive Session

ORC 121.22 (G)(4) Collective bargaining agreement

ORC 121.22 (G)(1) Discipline

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn into executive session at approximately 7:44 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 8:47 p.m.

The Board designated the Chief of the Perry Township Fire Department to investigate the filing of charges against Roger Carpenter. Preliminary information was received by the Board indicating that violations may have occurred with respect to the rules, policies, standards, and procedures of the Perry Township Fire Department. The Chief's review and investigation culminated in the filing and service of charges, those charges conform to the written specifications required under ORC 505.38 and section 515.2 of the collective bargaining agreement between the Board and Perry Township Professional Fire Firefighters Local 3960 IFF. The charges are part of the record. A hearing was set, for and held on March 18, 2025, beginning at 4 pm at the Township administrative offices. At the close of the hearing, the matter was taken under the advisement for deliberation by the Board. The Board, having fully deliberated, finds as follows: the charges are sustained. Consequently, the Board orders the following discipline: the respondent is dismissed from the Perry Township Fire Department effective April 3, 2025, at noon. Additionally, the respondent's dismissal is conditional as follows: the respondent is extended through April 3, 2025, at 11:59 a.m. to tender a resignation. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept this discipline as read. 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 8:50 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

Matt Miller, President

Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer