

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

November 5, 2024, 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) Retirement ceremony for Officer William Watson ~ 30 years of dedication and service to our Perry Township community
- b) Hiring and Oath of Office for Brooke Tallman
- c) Hiring and Oath of Office for Kenneth Gooden
- d) Board recognition of Nia Hooten ~ Fire Prevention poster contest winner
- e) 10-minute recess

Excused absence: Law Director Jim Mathews

Communications/Announcements Details are available at Perrytwp.com

- a) Leaves and Yard Waste Program operates October 12th through November 24th on Monday and Wednesday from 8 am to 4 pm, and Saturday & Sunday from 8 am to 3:30 pm. No boxes, bags, or commercial dumping. Closed on Veteran's Day November 11th. Services are funded by Stark Tusc Wayne Recycling grant.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda – Roll Call by Department:

Fire: None

Administration: None

Public Works: None

Road: None

Police: Acceptance of Body-worn Camera Grant from the State of Ohio in the amount of \$271,407.35

Zoning:

- a) Accept the resignation of Butch Kraus, assistant Zoning Inspector
- b) Proposed Zoning text change

Law Director: None

Fiscal Officer: None

Trustee DeChiara: Unencumbered ARPA monies discussion

Trustee Miller: Add executive sessions –

- a) ORC 121.22 (G)(1) Discipline to include Board, Fire Chief, Law Director
- b) ORC 121.22 (G)(1) Personnel to include the Board, Law Director, and Administrator
- c) ORC 121.22 (G)(5) Confidential matters to include the Board and Law Director

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 purchasing Genesis extrication equipment in the amount of \$46,201.96. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the purchase of Genesis extrication equipment in the amount of \$46,201.96. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- ii) Consider hiring full-time Firefighter/EMT Brooke Tallman. Trustee Miller made a motion to hire full-time Firefighter/EMT Brooke Tallman hire date of November 5, 2024, start date of November 7, 2024, according to the amended supporting documents provided by Chief Sedlock. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- iii) Consider hiring full-time Firefighter/Paramedic Kenneth Gooden. Trustee Miller made a motion to hire full-time Firefighter/Paramedic Kenneth Gooden hire date of November 5, 2024, starting date of November 12, 2024, according to the supporting documents provided by Chief Sedlock. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

b) Police:

- i) Consider the retirement of William Watson. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the retirement of William Watson effective November 14, 2024. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- ii) Consider accepting the Body Cam Grant in the amount of \$271,407.35 from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, monies to be returned to the 2081 salaries account from where the money was previously taken. Fiscal Officer Chessler informed the Board that monies were taken from the salary account temporarily to have the funds to pay for the body cameras and now receiving reimbursement recently. Spoke with a traveling clerk who has instructed the fiscal office to adopt a resolution to amend our appropriation resolution as this is considered an additional appropriation that was not present on January 3 when previously voted on. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the amendment to the resolution modifying the 2081 Police Account in the amount of \$271,407.35. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

c) Public Works:

- i) Consider Day's Lawn Care to continue mowing at Regis Perry Memorial Park and Meredith Park until the close of the season. The Public Works Director stated that it is not mowing exactly more leaf clean up at Perry Park and one mowing at Meredith Park. Trustee DeChiara asked PWD if he knew of the cost, and PWD stated he was not sure this would be the start of the fall cleanup. No decision was made.

- ii) Consider a change order in the amount of \$22,870.27 for work performed on the Plymouth Knolls storm sewer project. Trustee Miller asked whether this would be the last one, and it was confirmed there would be one more. Trustee Nelligan asked to see everything that has been spent on this project via email. Trustee Miller made a motion to authorize certification of OPWC disbursements to be made to Eclipse for the Plymouth Knolls storm sewer project. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

d) Zoning:

- i) Consider approving payment to Eslich Wrecking Company in the amount of \$11,000.00 for demolition at 124 Rohr Ave. N.W. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve Eslich Wrecking Company in the amount of \$11,000.00 for the demolition of 124 Rohr Ave. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.
- ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Ms. Nelligan, yes.
- ii) Consider approving adding two modules to the iWorkQ Zoning Software Contract for notifications and Rest Service. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve adding two modules to the iWorks Zoning software contract for notification and Rest Service. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- iii) Consider accepting the resignation of Butch Kraus. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the resignation of Butch Kraus. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- iv) Consider accepting the Zoning Text amendment to the Zoning Commission. Trustee DeChiara said he would like further discussion on this. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the zoning text amendment to address general nuisances under ORC section 505.87. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- e) **Administration:** Consider paying the Canton Data print invoice in the amount of \$10,952.97. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept paying the Canton Data print invoice in the amount of \$10,952.97. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- f) **Law Director:** Excused absence

- g) **Fiscal Office:**

- i) Consider Pending Warrants for the week ending 10/15/24 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$286,651.53 and the bills for the week ending 10/22/24 in the amount of \$ 21,839.53 along with the week ending 10/29/24 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$413,393.00 for a total of \$721,884.06. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept pending warrants for the week ending 10/15/24 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$286,651.53 and the week ending 10/22/24 for bills in the amount of \$21,839.53 along with the week ending 10/29/24 bills/payroll in the amount of \$413,393.00 for a total of \$721,884.06. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- ii) Consider special meeting minutes from July 16, 2024, July 30, 2024, August 13, 2024, August 27, 2024, September 24, 2024, 4 pm & 5 pm, October 8, 2024, 4 pm & 5 pm and October 22, 2024. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Trustees

1. Trustee Nelligan: None
2. Trustee DeChiara Jr.:
 - a) Discussion of Perry Township Community Magazine. Trustee DeChiara said the magazine has had value although since April 2022 we have spent \$104,000 on the magazine and he does not see \$104,000 coming back to the Township. Trustee DeChiara suggested possibly a Facebook page in today's world may better serve the community or place the magazine on the internet. Trustee DeChiara also gave the suggestion of paring down the magazine twice a year rather than 4 times a year and begin promoting Facebook and then the page would have to be updated regularly. Trustee Nelligan brought up a population of people who do not utilize the Internet. Trustee Nelligan suggested talking with Canton Data Print regarding other options to get costs down to ensure they bring costs down and reach all populations of people.
 - b) Unencumbered ARPA funds. Trustee DeChiara stated somewhere around \$169,000 that has not been appropriated and time is running out and needs to be encumbered by the end of the year and encumbered it towards the park at Fasnacht Farm. No action was taken.
- 3 Trustee Miller: None

Public Speaks: None

Executive Session

- a) ORC 121.22 (G)(1) personnel matters to include the Board and Police Chief
- b) ORC 121.22 (G)(1) Discipline matters to include the Board and Fire Chief
- c) ORC 121.22 (G)(1) Personnel Administrator to include the Board and Administrator
- d) ORC 121.22 (G)(5) Confidential to include the Board and Law Director

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 6:56 p.m. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Adjournment:

The Board returned from the executive session at approximately: 8:28 p.m.

- Trustee Miller made a motion regarding the hearing for Jared Baer and Adam Reiger to impose one 24-hour shift suspension for Jared Baer and three 24-hour shift suspensions without pay for Adam Reiger and a written warning to Roger Carpenter. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- Trustee Miller made a motion to adopt the step 2 determination for Ben Barrett and authorize the Administrator to distribute. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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 8:29 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

Matt Miller, President

Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer