

**Perry Township Board of Trustees**

**Regular Meeting**

**July 16, 2024, 6:00 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Welcome & Recognition of Invited Guests**

- a. Oath of Office for Full-time Fire Prevention Officer ~ Douglas Woodyard**
- b. 10-minute recess**
- c. Opening of 2024 Sealed Bids for Road Paving**

Superior Paving- \$657,120.50

Carbos Company- \$827,873.25

Kingsway Services-\$817,838.50

NorthStar Asphalt-\$789,539.00

The Shelley Company-\$759,475.00

Barbacast -\$782,454.50

Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the 2024 Road Paving bids. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

**Excused absence:** None

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

- a) Cookout with Cops! Free Community event. Meet your local law enforcement. Sat., July 27, 2024, from 12 pm to 3:00 pm at Perry Police Department 622 Genoa Ave. S.W.
- b) Rotary Community Parade & 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Perry Township Oktoberfest Sponsored by AQUA Ohio ~ Sat. September 21<sup>st</sup> Rotary Parade steps off at 11:30 am followed immediately by the Oktoberfest from 12 pm to 3 pm at Hartwick Park. Event details at [Perrytwp.com](http://Perrytwp.com)

- c) The Board receives the Ohio Division of Liquor Control Notice Permit number 5339205, it is a transfer from Lucky Garden Inc. doing business as Asian Gardens located at 5147 W Tuscarawas St. It is being changed to Sengchanh LLC at the same location. If the Board has any concerns a request can be requested for a hearing. The public can submit concerns if they would have them by August 12, 2024. The entire document can be located on the Township website.

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

Fire: Hiring of new employee Douglas Woodyard, hire date of July 16, 2024, his first shift in Fire Administration on July 26, 2024. See supporting document for wage information.

Administration: None

Road: None

Police: None

Zoning: Memo for resolution for abatement of property under ORC 505.86, 124 Rohr Ave. N.W. Massillon 44646.

Law Director - None

Fiscal Officer: None

Trustee DeChiara: Conversation regarding Falls Creek S.W. near Diehl Automotive, closing off the street making it a dead end.

Trustee Miller: Add a motion to adopt the resolution to adopt the necessity on the Road Department

Also, a motion to adopt the resolution of necessity for the Fire

Trustee Nelligan- Executive session under ORC 121.22 (G)(1) employment including the Board, Administrator, Chief Sedlock, and Law Director

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

**Consent Agenda Items:** None

**Old Business:** Trustee Nelligan has a guest speaker to talk about paving the Pickleball Courts at Perry Park, Brian Fowler. The Pickleball club would like to have a hybrid Pickleball court along with the Tennis court and the Pickleball club would take on the responsibility of the expenses. They would take care of the painting on the court. It could still be used as a tennis court. Pictures of the tennis courts and what would be done were provided. Trustee DeChiara asked whether holding the Pickleball tournaments in Perry Township would provide revenue for the Township and Brian was unsure what if any monies this would bring in. Trustee DeChiara asked how they would divide the court up for someone who wants to play tennis versus pickleball. Brian responded stating the hybrid court would only be utilized when the other courts were also being used. Trustee DeChiara also asked whether the tennis courts were being utilized and whether all the courts should just be converted to Pickleball courts. Brian stated while the tennis courts in his opinion were not being utilized very often it would then become an expense for the Township to transform the courts to just Pickleball courts. No action was taken.

**New Business:**

a) **Fire:**

- i) Consider the resignation of Russ Vereshack full-time firefighter/paramedic effective June 28, 2024. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the resignation of Russ Vereshack full-time firefighter/paramedic effective June 28, 2024. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- ii) Consider hiring Douglas Woodward, Effective date 7/16/24. First shift 7/26/24. Trustee Miller made a motion to officially hire Douglas Woodward, effective date 7/16/24, and a first shift on 7/26/24. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**b) Police:**

- i) Consider accepting two checks from Perry Local Schools for additional school security for \$787.50 and the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter SRO payment in the amount of \$18,487.25 for a combined total of \$19,274.75. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the two checks from Perry Local Schools for additional security in the amount of a combined total of \$19,274.75. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- ii) Consider accepting the Department of Public Safety reimbursement for the SHEP Grant in the amount of \$1,684.95. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the Public Safety reimbursement for the SHEP Grant in the amount of \$1,684.95. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**c) Public Works: None**

**d) Zoning**

- i) Consider a citation for 230 Genoa Ave. S.W. Massillon 44646 in the amount of \$100. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the citation and issue a \$100.00 fine. Zoning Inspector Whytsell stated they have had ongoing issues with this property with parking violations of vehicles, and no compliance with written notices. Two notices have been sent. Trustee Miller made a motion to declare 230 Genoa Ave.S.W. Massillon Ohio 44646 a nuisance property and to issue a citation of \$100. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara

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

- ii) Consider approving resolution RC 505.86 to give notice of intent to abate the residential structure and detached garage at 124 Rohr Ave N.W. Massillon. Per Zoning Inspector Whystell the owner of the property is deceased. Public notice will be given to abate the demolition of the property. All documentation would need approval by the Board and submitted to the land bank. The August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will have the 3 quotes from the demolition contractors. Once that is approved, demolition will be done in late August. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the resolution under Ohio revised code 505.86 giving notice of the intent to abate structure at 124 Rohr Ave. N.W. Massillon. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

e) **Administration:** None

f) **Law Director:** None

g) **Fiscal Officer:**

- i. Consider Pending Warrants for the week ending 07/02/24 for bills in the amount of \$166,155.85 and the week ending 07/09/24 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$291,873.66 for a combined total of \$458,029.51. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the week ending 07/02/24 total of \$166,155.85 and the week ending 07/09/24 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$291,873.66. for a combined total of \$458,029.51. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- ii) Consider accepting Bank Reconciliations for June 2024. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept June 2024 Bank Reconciliations. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

#### **Trustees**

- i) Trustee Nelligan- None

ii) Trustee DeChiara Jr. - Conversation on making 12<sup>th</sup> Street East of Leonard Ave S.W. a dead-end street, which would do away with issues of using the gate. Conversations have been had between the Police Chief and Diehl Automotive on closing the gate. Trustee DeChiara suggested a nicely worded letter from the Law Director on expectations and if it was not obtained 12<sup>th</sup> Street would be closed. Chief Taylor suggested going to the operations director for Diehl Automotive. Chief Taylor has said when they talk with employees at Diehl Automotive, they are receptive although state they have a high turnover of staff so the word does not get passed properly and taken care of.

iii) Trustee Miller –

i) Trustee Miller made a motion to introduce a resolution of necessity to request the amount of the Auditor's office for a 1 mill road replacement and 2.9 mill increase. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

ii) Trustee Miller made a motion to introduce a resolution of necessity to request the amount from the Stark County Auditor for a 4.9 Mil replacement for the Fire Dept. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Public Speaks:**

**Bruce Mencer**

Bruce stated his address as 538 Roxbury Ave N.W. Massillon. Bruce had a question on the culvert on 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Summerdale and wondering how much of the cost was being covered by Perry Township. Trustee Miller stated he did not have that information at this point. Trustees stated they would get that information to him this week from Administrator Martin.

### **Linda Cameron**

Linda Cameron stated her address as 443 Canford Ave. N.W. Linda thanked the Township for the pens and that the Spirited Senior group would put them to good use at future meetings. Linda stated that the Spirited Seniors would be willing to volunteer to assist the Parade and Oktoberfest coming up.

Linda asked who was responsible for cleaning up after the use of a pavilion if the person who reserved the pavilion did not clean up after themselves such as broken glass, or charcoal. Trustee Miller stated that they do have employees who monitor the parks from time to time but no one to follow up after a reservation was had at a pavilion.

Linda stated that many people walk dogs, children in strollers, bike riders, etc. and she has spoken with the Zoning Inspector in previous years regarding the lot on the corner of Canford and Bailey across the street from the Fire Dept. much of the weeds are now 6-foot shrubs along with poison sumac with berries and poison ivy. It is clear out where the pavement starts and the branches from the trees scarp the tops of the trucks and school buses as they go by. Children could get scratched as bike riders. Linda stated that whoever owns the property needs care for these things. Trustee DeChiara said they could take care of the trimming and the weeds back from the street.

### **Executive Session**

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:10 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

**Executive Session(s):**

- a) **ORC 121.22 (G) (1) executive session discussion to include the Fire Chief, Board, and Law Director**
- b) **ORC 121.22 (G) (1) executive session to discuss to include the Board and Law Director and Police Chief**

**Adjournment:**

The Board returned from the executive session at approximately 9:08 p.m. Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

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Matt Miller, President

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Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer