

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

July 2, 2024, 6:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance:

Welcome & Recognition of Invited Guests

a. Life Saving Recognition of PLS Teacher ~ Matthew Benson

Officer Blanc recognized Mathew Benson for his quick response on April 24, 2024

Excused absence: None

Communications/Announcements Details available at 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 Parade & 10th Annual Perry Township Oktoberfest Sponsored by AQUA ~ Sat. September 21st 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

Additions/Deletions to Agenda – Roll Call by Department:

Fire: None

Administration: None

Road: None

Police: None

Zoning:

- i) Hiring a full-time zoning inspector
- ii) Small solar system

Law Director - None

Fiscal Officer: None

Trustee DeChiara – short executive session with Board and law director regarding ORC 122.22 (G) (1)

Trustee Miller: None

Trustee Nelligan- None

Public Speaks on Agenda Items Up for Action:

Jessica Ruiz Miller & Mary Jo Cochran

Jessica Ruiz Miller stated her address as 2315 41st St. N.W. Canton, 44709. Mary Jo Cochran stated her address as 2826 Wallington Circle S.W. Canton 44706. They stated they were members of the Akron Ohio K9 Frisbee and Toss, they would like to partner with Perry Township for the toss and frisbee. There are worldwide leagues. They explained how the rules worked and what certificates could be received. They are requesting a 40x70 space to hold events. They usually hold events 1 time a week for 2 hours, in the summer they try to hold gatherings in the evening to avoid heat and in the winter, they try to hold them early afternoon for daylight. The Board stated they would follow up.

Consent Agenda Items

Old Business: None

New Business:

a) **Fire:** None

b) **Police:**

- i) Consider accepting the 4th Quarter Drug Use Prevention Grant in the amount of \$4,260.26 to account 2081 Salaries. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the 4th Quarter Drug Use Prevention Grant in the amount of \$4,260.26. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- ii) Consider the purchase of new body cameras and docks from Axon in the amount of \$250,000.00. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the purchase of new body cameras and docks from Axon in the amount of \$250,000.00. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

c) Public Works:

- i. Consider the McBurney Concrete invoice in the amount of \$4,176.50. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the invoice to McBurney Concrete for the sidewalk and grading around Perry Park restrooms in the amount of \$4,176.50 this will come out of American Rescue Plan Funds on the general side. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- ii. Consider approving the DRS Hickory Hollow Farms LLC invoice in the amount of \$3,565.70. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve payment to DRS Hickory Hollow Farms LLC for the balance of \$3,565.70. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

d) Zoning

- i) Consider nuisance property at 4852 15th St. S.W. Canton 44710 in the amount of \$250.00. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept 4852 15th St. S.W. Canton as a nuisance and issue a \$250.00 fine. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- ii) Consider nuisance property at 4908 15th St. S.W. Canton Ohio 44710 in the amount of \$250.00. Trustee Miller made a motion to issue 4908 15th St. S.W. Canton 44710 a nuisance and issue a \$250.00 fine. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- iii) Consider nuisance property at 6315 Keller Rd. S.W. Canton 44706 in the amount of \$100.00. Trustee Miller made a motion to issue 6315 Keller Rd. S.W. Canton 44706 a fine in the amount of \$100.00. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Future Hiring of full-time Zoning Inspector. The Zoning inspector requested the approval of the job description, and salary, along with the posting of the position. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the assistant Zoning Inspector job description along with moving forward with the posting and hiring. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- iv) Discussion of small Solar Resolution. The Zoning Inspector went over the next steps to approve the resolution. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the zoning changes regarding the small solar energy systems. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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 06/18/24 for bills in the amount of \$139,452.69 and the week ending 06/25/24 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$538,287.41 for a combined total of \$677,740.10. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the week ending 06/18/24 total of \$139,452.69 and the week ending 06/25/24 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$538,287.41 for a combined total of \$677,740.10. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- ii) Consider accepting special meeting minutes for 04/30/24 and 05/28/24 and regular meeting minutes for 05/07/24 and 05/21/24. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept special meeting minutes from 04/30/24 and 05/28/24 and regular meeting minutes from 05/07/24 and 05/21/24. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Trustees

- i) Trustee Nelligan- Consider Pickle Ball discussion- Hybrid on tennis courts

Law Director Matthews asked that a plan be drawn up of how that will work so everyone is in agreeance.

ii) Trustee DeChiara Jr. -None

iii) Trustee Miller – None

Public Speaks:

Carol Stone & Michael Stone

Carol stated her address as 3221 Rayanna N.W. Massillon 44646. Carol stated she had a complaint on 3227 Rayanna, they have 7 husky dogs, 4 children, and 2 adults living in a 900 square foot home. Carol stated the neighbor will not mow the grass, or clean up after the dogs, they throw trash all over the ground. She had the idea that if a person does not do what they need to do once a complaint is made, they should be fined. Zoning Director Jeff explained to the Board the situation with the neighbors. Trustee DeChiara suggested to the Zoning inspector setting up guidelines for repeat offenders. The zoning Inspector said he would visit the residents to assist in addressing concerns.

Stacey Weister

Stacey stated her address was 5129 14th St S.W. Canton 44710. Stacey stated she and her husband live behind Fire Station number 1 and the lot adjoins the extra lot 5115. She has concerns someone else will acquire that property and she would like to purchase it and wanted to address the Board on how to purchase the property. She previously inquired about purchasing and came up with nothing, and now she would like to follow up and find out the process of purchasing it. Trustee DeChiara stated it is hard to decide on the property without knowing the future of the Fire Dept and what the space could be used for and if it were to be sold, they would not have rights to the property. Trustee Miller said a conversation with Chief Sedlock can be done and keep them in consideration if they do decide to sell the land.

Lisa Barnes & Jessica Riff

Jessica stated they were served with a stop work order from the Zoning Inspector the other day and they are parked on her mother's property on her taxes it states the property is a commercial property. To her knowledge, she thought it was okay since they were parked on commercial land, and once a neighbor complained she found out the property was considered residential. Jessica stated they clean up after themselves, do not play loud music, and close before it is dark. Jessica does not understand that her parents pay each year to classify the property as commercial land. Trustee DeChiara said while he likes the idea of the business, they must treat every situation the same, what they do for one they have to do for everyone else. Law Director Matthews suggested to the ladies to get a variance in the meantime to be able to use the property until changes need to be made for them to be able to park at her mother's property. Trustee Miller said the Board will see what they can do to help and get back with the ladies.

Executive Session

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:02 p.m. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Executive Session(s):

- a) **ORC 121.22 (G) (1) executive session discussion police personnel employment to include the Board, Law Director, and Police Chief**
- b) **ORC 121.22 (G) (1) executive session to discuss road department personnel employment to include the Board, Law Director, and Administrator**
- c) **ORC 121.22 (G) (1) executive session discussion fire personnel employment to include the Board, Law Director, and Fire Chief**

Adjournment:

The Board returned from the executive session at approximately 9:10 p.m.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to give Chris Young interim superintendent wages for the time being until a new Public Works Director is appointed starting Monday, July 1, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

With nothing further to come before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 pm.

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

Matt Miller, President

Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer