

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

August 20, 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

Excused absence: None

Communications/Announcements Details are available at Perrytwp.com

- a) Rotary Parade & 10th Annual Perry Township Oktoberfest Sponsored by AQUA ~ Sat. September 21st Rotary Parade steps off at 11:30 am followed immediately followed by the Oktoberfest from 12 pm to 3 pm at Hartwick Park. Event details at Perrytwp.com
- b) Revised~ Perry Yard Waste hours beginning September 11th. Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Services are funded by Stark Tusc. Wayne Recycling grant.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda – Roll Call by Department:

Fire: None

Administration: None

Road: None

Police: None

Zoning: None

Law Director: None

Fiscal Officer: None

Trustee DeChiara: None

Trustee Miller: None

Trustee Nelligan: Ohio Billing & Credit Cards

Public Speaks on Agenda Items Up for Action: None

Consent Agenda Items: None

Old Business:

- a) Discussion of traffic in/out of Diehl. Discussion was had on the dead-end road and what to do with it. No action was taken.

- b) Update on the sinkhole at the end of Roanoke. The Public Works Director said the sinkhole is 12 feet by 20 feet along the blacktop although it is out of Perry's jurisdiction, it is on private property. PWD spoke with the County Engineers office, Brian Cole who advised that it is private property and they have a storm easement through there and it would be under the commissioners, and Stark Soil and Water is managing that. PWD has a meeting on Friday with a member from Stark Soil and Water at the location at Noon. Discussion was had on what the County may do with the sinkhole/dead-end road. The Law Director advised on possibly utilizing a road-closed barricade along with a small sign that states end Township maintenance. No action was taken.

New Business:

a) **Fire:**

- i) Consider renewal of Lexipol in the amount of \$9,319.77. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the renewal of Lexipol in the amount of \$9,319.77. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- ii) Consider approval of a quote from Whisler Plumbing for the replacement of the boiler system at Station 3 in the amount of \$24,415.38. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the quote of Whisler Plumbing at station 3 in the amount of \$24,415.38. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

b.) Police:

1. Consider accepting School Resource Officer MOU with Perry Local Schools in the amount of \$69,994.00 for 2024-2025 school year. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept School Resource Officer MOU with Perry Local Schools in the amount of \$69,994.00 for the 2024-2025 school year. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

c.) Public Works: None

d.) Zoning: None

e.) Administration:

1. Consider the CXT invoice in the amount of \$110,787.00 for the restroom facility at Summerdale Park to be paid for with ARPA funds. Trustee Miller noted that the ARPA funds do have an expiration date Trustee Miller made a motion to pay a CXT invoice in the amount of \$110,787.00 for the restroom facility at Summerdale Park to be paid with ARPA funds. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

2. Consider a request from ODOT to submit a letter of support for their safety application for a roundabout at the intersection of SR627 and Shepler Church Ave. Trustee Miller would like to address in the letter the question of the large commercial traffic going back and forth on Faircrest Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the request from ODOT to submit a letter of support for their safety application for a roundabout at the intersection of SR627 and Shepler Church Ave. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

f.) Law Director: None

g.) Fiscal Office:

- i) Consider pending warrants for week ending 08/06/24 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$259,210.85 and week ending 08/13/24 for bills in the amount of \$169,892.60 for a combined total of \$429,103.45. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept pending warrants for the week ending 08/06/24 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$259,210.85 and week ending 08/13/24 for bills in the amount of \$169,892.60 for a combined total of \$429,103.45. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- ii) Consider approval of the 2025 Alternative Tax Budget. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the 2025 Alternative Tax Budget. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

h.) Trustees

1. Trustee Nelligan: Discussion was had on Ohio Billing and credit cards. Trustee Nelligan stated that on July 30th they met with Ohio Billing and they went over what they have been able to do for the Township this past year with the EMS funds. Ohio Billing recommended that residents and those who are paying bills have requested that they be able to pay by credit card. Ohio Billing has that option through a program called Waystar to accept payments with credit cards with a fee that the charge would be assessed to the person paying the bill. That would allow the Township to accept payment in a timelier fashion for those who do not have checking accounts and those who want to prompt pay which they would agree to a discount towards residents. The Fiscal Office stated concern and did not want to deal with it at this point and was not open to accepting credit cards at this towards payment. Trustee Chessler felt that although we can be characterized as a large Township, we do not have the staff. Chessler feels that his staff is working already at 100 % and does not want to put any more burdens on them. Chessler does not find it significant to receive payment a little bit quicker. Chessler feels it is speculative that we could receive payment more quickly. Trustee Nelligan accepts that explanation she does feel that it would be a service that we can provide to the

residents and they want to pay the bills via one method. Trustee Nelligan stated that if Waystar is not the proper way to go about accepting credit cards then possibly reaching out to our bank and figuring out how to accept credit cards or debit cards. Trustee Nelligan stated that a lot of people do not have checks and they do not want to send cash through the mail and must get a money order. Trustee DeChiara stated that checking with the bank may be an option too.

2. Trustee DeChiara Jr.: None
3. Trustee Miller: Consider payment to Beaver Excavating in the amount of \$107,225.00 towards the Meredith Park Walking Track. Trustee Miller stated that the grass has been planted up to the track, although doesn't have a timeline of when it will be all complete. Trustee Miller stated that the Meredith Park project was fully covered through grant funds received from the State of Ohio some private organizations and the Massillon Community Foundation. Trustee Miller made a motion for payment to Beaver Excavating in the amount of \$107,225.00 towards Meredith Park Walking Track. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Public Speaks:

Dale Taylor: Dale Taylor stated his address as 231 Lennox Ave. S.W. Dales stated his concern was about the park, he lives in front of Lennox Park and the street light has been out for a while. The tables underneath the pavilion 6 or 8 of them are beat up. The tables have graffiti and knife stabbing marks. Dale asked for permission to be able to lock the front gate right in front of the tree line, his stepfather lives there and previously owned Perry Driving School, and has a problem with young guys doing donuts and taking off which wakes him up in the middle of the night and he must be up early for work. His stepfather did this from 1979 to the early 90s and he leaves his house a quarter after 6 and he will be able to unlock the gate. People do not need access to the park until 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m. The sign states no vehicles beyond a certain point and the sign is rusty and needs moved up near the walkway. Trustee Miller stated the Board would talk it over and try to come up with something for the lights. Dale requested permission to lock the gate daily as he is 64 years old and feels he is a responsible person. Trustee Miller is against residents being responsible for closing the gates as they are not Township employees and if the person is sick/on vacation, it could not get done but appreciates the gesture.

Trustee Miller stated that as a resident the first step would be to call the police. Trustee DeChiara requested the PWD to check on the sign and move it up onto the telephone poll.

James Riley: James Riley stated his address as 4864 4th St. N.W. Canton 44708. James asked what can be done regarding an abandoned vehicle on the Southwest corner of 4th & Woodlawn. James stated he has several pictures to show to the Board regarding his concern and can see that from the pictures the vehicle has been at the location for several years. James stated it is at a residential property, and because of that, he believes there are some regulations or zoning with that. Trustee Miller asked whether Zoning Inspector Whystell needed a formal complaint or if this would count. Zoning Inspector Whystell stated this could be considered a formal complaint. James also asked what the status of the Road Paving project is. The Board stated that they approved the Bid. PWD Wellman stated he was not given a date yet and was sent to Superior Paving.

Executive Session

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 6:47 pm. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Executive Session(s):

- a) **ORC 121.22 (G) (8)** economic development JEDD/TIF to include the Board, Fiscal Officer, Law Director, and Administrator.
- b) **ORC 121.22(G) (1)** compensation to include the Board, Fiscal Officer, Law Director, Zoning and Administrator
- c) **ORC 121.22 (G) (1)** executive session discussion to consider compensation of a public employee to include the Board, Law Director, Administrator, and Police Chief.
- d) **ORC 121.22 (G) (3) executive session to discuss imminent or pending court action to include the Board, Law Director, Administrator, and Police Chief.**

Adjournment:

The Board returned from the executive session at approximately: 8:45 p.m.

With nothing further to come before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Matt Miller, President

Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer