

**Perry Township Board of Trustees**

**Regular Meeting**

**September 3, 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:**

- a. Zoning Inspector- Jeff Whytsell

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

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

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

Fire: Nothing towards the agenda, but an announcement was made by Chief Sedlock that on September 10 the Fire Dept is hosting a question-and-answer session to be held at the Perry Township Police Department community room. Any questions regarding the levy or anything else, everyone is welcome it will be from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Administration: reimbursement request from Joyce Coleman 5361 Hawick St. N.W. Canton

Road: None

Police:

i) consider a motion to open a separate fund for the Sport Fish Restoration grant along

ii) consider a motion to create a separate fund for the Pat Leahy grant

both monies come from federal resources

Zoning: None

Law Director: Provide updated information on what will be required to adopt the policy to accept credit card payments

Fiscal Officer: None

Trustee DeChiara – None

Trustee Miller – add executive session under ORC 121.22 (G)(5) to discuss confidential matters identified by the Law Director and documentation that will be provided. To include Board & Law Director

Trustee Nelligan- None

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

**Consent Agenda Items:** None

**Old Business:**

- a) Discussion of No Parking signs on Wrexham and 13<sup>th</sup> St. N.W. Trustee DeChiara said they need to move forward with this as football season is going on and does not want residents to think the Board just does not care. Trustee DeChiara said it is also imperative that the Fire Department be able to get down the road. The Public Works director and Police Chief have discussed before the meeting today and stated the version of the signs for that road and recommended no parking anytime signs for that street along every street going down to Perry in front of Edison down to Genoa. Trustee DeChiara asked for a list of streets from the Police & Road Departments and they could work on a resolution.
- b) Trustee DeChiara asked whether the Police Dept has the authority to issue parking tickets, to which Chief Taylor responded with certain instances they do. Trustee DeChiara said that he was on Edgewater recently and noticed some illegal parking and was wondering if the Police Dept has the authority to issue tickets and if not, we should consider starting a program that would be able to do so. Law Director stated that it would need to be someone outside of the Police Dept. that we would need to find a person such as a lawyer, or retired lawyer who may want to serve in that capacity. Matthews stated that prior police personnel had concerns about what version of the ticket to use. Matthews suggested using the uniform Ohio traffic ticket and reference the local code to streamline the process. Law Director Matthews when asked by Trustee DeChiara where the income would go stated, the Law Director stated that it would come directly to our Township. Law Director Matthews stated when asked by Trustee Miller where the appeal process would take place, Law Director Matthews stated that it would happen internally. If the person who received the ticket did not like the answer from the appeal Board they could then take it to court.

**New Business:**

a) **Fire:** None

b) **Police:**

- i) Consider creating separate funds for the SHEP Grant, Sports Fish Restoration grant, and Patrick Leahy Bullet Proof Vest Grant Account per the recommendation of the Ohio Department of Public Safety. Fiscal Officer Chessler stated they have an appointment set for Sept 17, 2024, with a visiting clerk, to assist in setting up the different funds. Trustee Miller made a motion to consider opening a separate fund for the SHEP grant, Sports Fish Restoration (ODNR) grant, and Patrick Leahy Bullet Proof Vest Grant. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

c) **Public Works:**

- i) Consider purchasing Freightliner 108SD Plus Chassis. Public Works Director Wellman stated that they have a long wait time for the vehicles and this is just the chassis and not an entire truck and this was the same price as the previous truck from last year. A discussion was had on how to ensure the Township would truly receive the truck and could a bond be obtained. Law Director Matthews stated that it is not required but is best practice. Trustee Miller made a motion to purchase the Freightliner 108SD plus chassis for \$99,209.00 to Young Trucks contingent on a performance bond in the full amount. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

d) **Zoning:**

- i) Consider the proposed amendment to adopt the text Accessory Solar Energy Systems by the RPC and Perry Zoning Commission. Trustee Miller made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the amendment to the Accessory Solar Energy Systems language prepared by the Regional Planning Commission and the Perry Zoning Commission. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- ii) Consider setting a hearing for September 17, 2024, at 6:00 pm for review and vote of the proposed amendment to adopt the Accessory Solar Energy Systems. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- e) **Administration:** Reimbursement request from a resident. Resident Joyce Coleman sent over on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 41 separate emails containing hundreds of photos of damage to her finished basement and interior basement walls, blankets, curtains, etc. After several emails back and forth between the Township administrator and the resident on August 20<sup>th</sup> Ms. Coleman requested the Board pay the total of the rough estimate of \$49,000 or \$50,000. Administrator Martin went over this with Law Director Matthews and requested the Board's permission to draft a letter to Ms. Coleman explaining the Township's immunity in the situation. Trustee Miller made a motion to draft a letter to Ms. Coleman explaining the liability and responsibilities according to her claim. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- f) **Law Director** – Policy to accept Credit Card Payments. Law Director Matthews provided a copy of the revised code to assist in adopting the policy. Law Director Matthews stated he will need additional details and specifications of expenses that are authorized for payment and eventually they will need to contact financial institutions on which device will be used for the payments. A provision in the code designates the Fiscal Officer as the administrative agent for that purpose. Law Director Matthews with coordinate with the Fiscal Officer to

obtain some bids and such. Law Director Matthews provided a copy of the code. No action was taken.

**g) Fiscal Office**

- i) Consider Pending Warrants for the week ending 08/20/24 for bill/payroll in the amount of \$210,806.39 and the week ending 08/27/24 for bills in the amount of \$239,082.44 for a combined total of \$449,888.83. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept pending warrants for the week ending 08/20/24 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$210,806.39 and the week ending 08/27/24 for bills in the amount of \$239,082.44 for a combined total of \$449,888.83. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- ii) Consider meeting minutes for 06/04/24 Special mtg., 06/04/24, Reg., 06/18/24 Reg. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept meeting minutes for 6/4/24 special mtg., 6/4/24 Reg., 6/18/24 Reg. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Trustees**

1. Trustee Nelligan- None
2. Trustee DeChiara Jr.- Discussion of the Fire Department dispatch system moving to the county-wide system. Trustee DeChiara stated it is important in his opinion that the Police Department and Fire Department dispatch are run out of the same system. Chief Sedlock stated they have no issues with the current company and should they switch he feels that it would be more costly and in the past Police and Fire have been run out of different companies. Chief Sedlock showed concern with the cost of Starcom and how long they would honor the cost they are offering. Trustee DeChiara stated the time it takes to transfer calls when both are not run under the same company is important. Trustee Miller stated that we are so far in the process that it would be best to touch base with the Sheriff's office and solidify the cost and how much it would be to switch over. No action was taken.
3. Trustee Miller - none

**Public Speaks:** None

**Executive Session**

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 6:49 pm. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Executive Session(s):**

**ORC 121.22 (G) (1)** employee matters to include the Board, Law Director, Administrator, and Police Chief.

**Adjournment:**

The Board returned from the executive session at approximately: 8:39 p.m.

With nothing further to come before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 pm. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

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Matt Miller, President

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Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer