

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

December 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

- a) Life-Saving Award Recognition for Police Officer Carver and Officer Dague
- b) 10-minute recess

Excused absence: None

Communications/Announcements Details are available at Perrytwp.com

- a) The Letter to Santa program begins December 1st-18th
- b) Light up Perry Christmas Light Contest. Applications will be accepted from December 3rd to December 18th. Details of both programs will be available at www.perrytwp.com and on Facebook.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda – Roll Call by Department:

Fire: None

Administration: None

Public Works: None

Police: executive session under ORC 121.22 (G)(1) employment to include Police Chief, Township Administrator and Board

Zoning: None

Law Director: None

Fiscal Officer: None

Trustee DeChiara: None

Trustee Miller:

- a) executive session ORC 121.22 (G)(4) collective bargaining to include the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Public Works director, Law Director, and the Board
- b) executive session ORC 121.22 (G)(1)

Trustee Nelligan: Update on Central Park Contract

Public Speaks on Agenda Items Up for Action: None

Consent Agenda Items: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

a) **Fire:** None

b) **Police:** None

c) **Public Works:**

- i) Consider the purchase of new equipment. The Public Works Director would like to purchase a CAT 920 Loader with attachments for \$206,912.37 along with a CAT 305 Excavator with attachments for \$98,846.25. The purchase will include a trade which will take off \$88,500.00. Trustee DeChiara brought up his dislike for making this purchase out of the road budget since the income is in a dire state, he suggested putting the funds in a capital reserve account and making the purchase a year from now. DeChiara stated we have 1 more year with the yard waste to use this equipment for. PWD Wellman stated with the equipment they are having transmission issues and will cost more to fix than to purchase new. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the purchase of the two pieces of equipment not to exceed 217,258.62 to be paid out of account number 2031-330-599-0000. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- ii) Consider equipment transfer of a Case 521G loader from the Parks Department to the Road Department. Trustee Miller made a motion to transfer the Case 521G loader to the Road Department so it may be traded in towards a new loader. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

d) **Zoning:** None

e) **Administration:**

- i) Consider the election ballot for OTARMA~Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority Board of Directors. Administrator Martin stated every 2 years they have an election and we may choose up to 2 open seats for Board members. The administrator went over those that can be chosen. The Board would vote. The election window will close on January 15, 2025. Trustee Miller stated they will vote in the second meeting in December so the Township has time to get the vote in. No Action was taken.

f) **Law Director:** None

g) **Fiscal Office:**

- i) Consider Pending Warrants for the week ending 11/19/24 for bills in the amount of \$690,346.84 and the week ending 11/26/24 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$ 525,573.07 for a total of \$1,215,919.91. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the Pending Warrants for the week ending 11/19/24 for bills in the amount of \$690,346.84 and the week ending 11/26/24 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$525,573.07 for a total of \$1,215,919.91. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Trustees

1. Trustee Nelligan:

- a) Consider Mckinley Eagles donation in the amount of \$1,800 for Regis Perry Memorial Park. The money will go towards the resurfacing of the hybrid courts. Trustee Nelligan stated this money should go into the park funds when quotes come in for that to be used. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the donation of the Mckinley Eagles in the amount of \$1,800.00 for work at Regis Perry Memorial Park. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- b) Stark Regional Planning Master Plan update. A draft was given to the Board of the Stark Regional Master Plan. Trustee Nelligan spoke with Jonelle Melnichenko, and she would like to come in and speak with the Township. In the meantime, she would like the Township to review the draft and get back to her with any comments. She and her team would come in and do a forum to review the master plan that we would adopt and then move forward with implementing the plan. Trustee Nelligan suggested letting Jonelle know by the end of January and the first meeting in February meeting with the Township. No action was taken.
- c) Trustee Nelligan spoke with John Paul the Treasurer at Central Catholic High School regarding the 25-year contract in regards to mowing. Not all signatures were received so as of now no contract is in place. John Paul would like to sit down with the Board and see what can be worked out in regards to the park. Negotiants can be discussed. In front of the tennis court, there is a divot, our Road crew went out and tried to fill it in but the school realized it was their issue and they would take care of it. Trustee Nelligan said she would be happy to facilitate meetings to discuss mowing etc.

2. Trustee DeChiara Jr.: None

3 Trustee Miller: None

Public Speaks:

Lee Laubacher

Lee Laubacher stated his name and address as 5006 14th Street S.W. Lee went over Lincoln Highway, and resident Kirk Schuring and his assistance with fixing the road. Along with stating the service times being held for him in his passing. Fiscal officer Chessler that Kirk has been an asset to the Township even as recently as last year.

Cary Coates

Cary Coates stated his name and address as 3011 Meadowood Ave. in Massillon. Cary stated that next year America will be 250 years old and he has not heard of anything being planned for celebrating. Cary stated other locations that have events planned. Cary made some suggestions on what the Township could do in celebration.

Linda Cameron

Linda Cameron stated her name. Linda gave an update on Perry Spirited Seniors.

Executive Session

- a) ORC 121.22 (G)(4) Negotiations to include the Fire Chief, Police Chief, Public Works Director, Law Director, and Board
- b) ORC 121.22 (G)(1) confidential information with Board and Law Director
- c) ORC 121.22 (G)(1) employment to include Police Chief, Township Administrator, and Board

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn into executive session at approximately 6:37 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: 9:01 p.m.

No action was taken.

With nothing further to come before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Matt Miller, President

Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer