

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Special Meeting Session

September 3, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

Trustee Miller called the special meeting of the Perry Township Board of Trustees to order at 5:00 p.m.

Road Department Topics with Public Works Director

Trustee Nelligan started the meeting by asking the Public Works Director, John Wellman, to review some of the things he's done in the three weeks he has held this position.

The Public Works director started by stating that he and the mechanic Tim Corbi found a box of exit signs, Tim stated they received the signs although they had not put them up. John was able to investigate and found out that Fire Inspector Murphy came down and marked several things that needed to be done although the exit signs did not get done. Inspector Murphy came down a month later and Tim Corbi signed off that the signs were completed. John's concern is that he has a document stating that the work was complete but not completed. Other things that were listed that needed to be completed were done. The new Fire Inspector Douglas Woodyard is scheduled to come down for another check. John will follow up with Tim Corbi to find out the reason for the signs not being put up.

The mechanics write down in a notebook anytime they do work on equipment, John he believes when you are servicing a truck you don't put changed fluids and oil and inspect the whole truck, documentation should be put on what was inspected. John said he would ask Steve or Mike to come and assist in creating a form or a form they may be using to document, such as a checklist.

Louis came to the shop today and was unable to answer when the tires were replaced as they looked new to John. John felt that documenting would be able to determine how long tires are lasting. John stated he would create a form. From what John can tell they keep a list on a notepad in the shop of what needs to be done and from what he has seen some of the items have been on the list for over a year.

John Wellman has stated his goal is to sit down and talk with all the crew individually and talk with them, he has only been able to do that with a few of the employees.

John said after today's finding he was going to pull Tim to the road and pull Loui into the garage. Loui and Tim have a training scheduled in Columbus later this month and it has been brought up that Tim has slept through the training multiple times that issue has been brought up. The training is being held from September 23-27.

John stated he purchased many new tools for the shop trucks and in the garage. RYOBI equipment has been used previously and it is not right for the job. John purchased a hammer drill so they could drill around the pipe and prevent a larger hole. Concrete blades were also purchased.

John put in a request at the McKinley Eagles to purchase some equipment. Employees asked about the work light on the side of the truck and the light bars don't put off enough light and can't point the truck typically at all your work. Cheaper ones are available and Tim had a guy come out from Wheleburt sales out of Wooster and they do night scans, for police, and different companies. The lights are mountable, remote control and rotate, move up and down, and are bright. He was seeing if the Eagles would purchase Two of those along with a road saw. Right now they are using a hand saw to cut the road, and only cuts about 3 ½ inches. The road saw is not the best but it will cut about 7 ½ inches which is typically the most the Road Dept is cutting mainly black top. Pictures were provided. Trustee DeChiara asked how much were the total items he was asking from the Eagles, John stated the total was \$ 6,632.00 for the 3 main items and 2 blades.

John was able to obtain a quote to replace the loader, the loader transmission is having issues. The case loader is a 2017. The bucket they have for it is not ideal for salt. John spoke with Ohio Cab and they brought a quote looking at the height of the garage where it is stored. John would like to move the location of where it is being stored due to the height. Some of the areas where they use the loader, topsoil, and coal patch in a dome/tent need raised by blocks, the mirrors are hitting as of now. They quoted a loader that they would have to bill, which includes forks, a clamshell bucket, and a regular-size bucket at \$199,000.00, due to height restrictions it requires a smaller tire and moving the loader into the bay. They do have loaders available on the lot that are not custom-available now. They do have a quote for a trade-in value. John spoke with Lake Township and they said they keep the loader for Ten years and then trade in, and they get about 80,000-100,000 for that equipment. Our loader as of right now is 2017 and a different brand, ours right now is a Case. The Loader right now is being stored in our wash bay at the moment. John also had them give him a quote for an excavator because our BobCat is also worn out. The BobCat is a 2007, previously they had to separate the cap from the chassis and replace gearing and other things. Tracks are bald, no knobs on the track. John is unaware of exactly how much a set of Tracks is to replace, he assumes at least \$10,000. The quote for the Cat they quoted him for was a 305, the same Chassi, the same motor, the only difference is a shorter arm, so they can fit into a smaller spot if working on the road they are not taking up as much of the road. The quote came with 2 buckets, along with a hammer. That price was around \$98,800.00. The quote for the trade-in of the loader was \$55,000, the John Deere backhoe was \$20,000, and the old BobCat excavator was quoted at \$13,500.00. the Trailer they don't take for trade. Some items can be put on GovDeals. After trade-ins,

the price would be \$209,000.00. They provided zero percent financing for 36 months, although it wasn't for government agencies. For government agencies, it is 6.99 % financing.

John has received quotes for new equipment that he would like for the Road Department,

Trade in value: \$88,500.00

New Excavator: \$98,000.00

New loader (custom): \$199,00.00

PWD brought up parts of the township that were being mowed but the Township does not own them and was wondering if we were going to continue mowing those properties and whether we would continue contracting out for the mowing. Trustee Nelligan stated she would like to continue to contract out for the service as the parks and different areas of the Township have looked as best they ever have.

PWD went over repairs that he could see that need done.

The Board and PWD discussed hiring a general maintenance person who would work off work orders although they would be a Road employee and be an employee under the PWD

Adjournment:

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:00

p.m.

Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

Matt Miller, President

Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer