

**Perry Township Board of Trustees**

**Regular Meeting**

**November 15, 2022, 7:00 pm**

**Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:**

6:30 Pledge of Allegiance Ceremony with Genoa 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class

**Welcome/Invited Guests**

**Michael Schaeffer – President of Ohio Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians to recognize  
Michael Rohr – Emergency Vehicle Technician of the Year Award**

Trustee Nelligan announced that Michael Rohr received the Emergency Vehicle Technician of the Year Award. Mr. Michael Schaeffer President of the Ohio Association of Emergency Vehicle Technicians presented Michael Rohr with the Emergency Vehicle Technician of the Year Award.

**Swearing In Ceremony for new Full-Time Firefighters.**

1. Swearing in the Ceremony of Alexander Busby as a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic

Trustee DeChiara asked Alexander Busby to please raise his right hand.

I, Alexander Busby, do solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, Resolutions of Perry Township, Ohio; the rules, Regulations, Standard Operating Guidelines, Standard Operating Procedures, and Policies of the Perry Township Fire Department; and will faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge the duties of Firefighter of the Perry Township Fire Department and this I do as I shall answer unto God

The Board members extended their congratulations to Firefighter Alexander Busby.

2. Swearing in the Ceremony of Russell Vereshack as a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic

Trustee DeChiara asked Russell Vereshack to please raise his right hand.

I, Russell Vereshack, do solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, Resolutions of Perry Township, Ohio; the rules, Regulations, Standard Operating Guidelines, Standard Operating Procedures, and Policies of the Perry Township Fire Department; and will faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge the duties of Firefighter of the Perry Township Fire Department and this I do as I shall answer unto God

The Board members extended their congratulations to Firefighter Russell Vereshack.

10-Minute Recess – Photo Opportunities

**Excused Absence: none**

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda-Roll Call by Department**

Zoning would like to add a tree-trimming issue

**Public Hearings/Invited Guests:**

**Public Speaks on Agenda items up for Action:**

**Communications:/Announcements**

1. Perry Township Rotary Turkey Trot ~ Thanksgiving Day! Gobbler Race at 8:00 am. Lil Gobblers Turkey Trot Race begins at 8:40 am at Central Catholic School.

**Unfinished Business**

**Acting Police Chief Guist – Follow up on Oscar’s Towing**

Police Chief Guist followed up with the former Waikem lot now known as Diehl’s Motor Lot. On November 7, 2022, he spoke with an employee of Diehl’s Motor Lot. He then spoke with the manager and he printed for Chief Guist a lease agreement that Diehl’s has that is good for 36 months. The question still remains, is that lot specifically ran as their primary business for Oscars? That still has not been answered. Chief Guist is hoping to hear back within a few days. Trustee DeChiara thanked the Chief for the information he presented.

**Department Agenda Items (Information/Action Items)**

**Administration:**

**Road Department:**

**Additional status update on the 2022 Paving Program**

Superintendent Masalko gave a status update on the 2022 Paving Program. Superintendent Masalko stated there will be no more paving in 2022.

**Park Department:**

**Zoning:**

**Tree Trimming**

Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell stated there has been a complaint made concerning a rotted tree on a property by a neighbor back in August 2022 with an abutting property. The neighbor is concerned the tree may fall over, causing bodily harm or damage to property. Zoning Inspector Whytsell contacted three Arborists and asked for their educated opinions as to the health of the tree, any possible threat the tree might pose to neighboring properties or persons, and an estimate to have the tree removed. The property owner has not responded to multiple contacts throughout the summer for tall grass and

weeds; a neighbor actually mows the parcel from time to time and the zoning department has a contractor on site to mow and remove weeds as well. Zoning Inspector Whytsell stated the tree is diseased and poses a threat, and therefore should be removed.

Two contracts were sent via email and one contract was a verbal contract given by phone while the contractor was on site assessing the condition of the tree. The township would likely not be reimbursed by the owner if we undertake the expense of removing this tree and the fees would be recorded as an entry on the tax duplicate and will be a lien on the land from the date of entry.

The contracts came in as:

Berens Tree and Excavating	\$700.00
Haymaker Tree and Lawn	\$1000.00
Chucks Tree Service	\$1800.00

Zoning Inspector asked the Board for their opinion. Trustee DeChiara stated that he was concerned that the tree was on personal property and that if we would fix this problem and did put the fees on the taxes that are going to open the door for other neighbor-to-neighbor tree problems. Trustee DeChiara stated then we would have to figure out how to navigate this issue.

This was tabled with no action taken

**Police Department:**

**Consider accepting the resignation of Carl Johnson full-time officer, last day of employment 11-18-22**

Chief Guist asked the Board to accept the resignation of Carl Johnson effective 11-18-22.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to accept the resignation of Carl Johnson full-time police officer effective November 18, 2022. Seconded by Trustee Miller

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

**Fire Department:**

**Consider hiring Alexander Busby as a fill time firefighter paramedic**

Chief Sedlock asked the board to consider hiring Alexander Busby as a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic at a rate of pay being \$17.82 with a start date of 11-17-22.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to hire Alexander Busby as a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic at a rate of pay being \$17.82 with a start date of 11-17-22. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

**Consider hiring Russell Vereshack as a fill time firefighter paramedic**

Chief Sedlock asked the board to consider hiring Russell Vereshack as a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic at a rate of pay being \$17.82 with a start date of 11-17-22.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to consider hiring Russell Vereshack as a full-time Firefighter/Paramedic at a rate of pay being \$17.82 with a start date of 11-17-22. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara

**Law Director:**

**Fiscal Officer:**

**Consider Pending Warrants**

Fiscal Officer Chessler stated the following pending warrants for week ending 11-1-22 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$225,114.49 and week ending 11-8-22 for bills in the amount of \$22,678.30 for a combined total of \$247,792.79.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to approve the pending warrants for week ending 11-1-22 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$225,114.49 and week ending 11-8-22 for bills in the amount of \$22,678.30 for a combined total of \$247,792.79. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

**Consider approval of Bank Reconciliation for September and October 2022**

Fiscal Officer Chessler asked the Board to accept the Bank Reconciliation for September and October 2022.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to accept the Bank Reconciliation for September and October 2022. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

**Scheduling of 2023 – Budget Hearings on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

Fiscal Officer Chessler stated to follow precedence and schedule the budget hearings for the first meeting in December which would be December 6<sup>th</sup> and a memo outlining the various departments and when they are to appear has been provided to each department. The Budget will be prepared for the Boards consideration.

**Board of Trustees Updates –**

**Resolution 2022-032**

**Trustee Nelligan – consider a contract with Ohio Police Chief Association for Police Chief Search.**

Trustee Nelligan spoke on the consideration of the contract with the Ohio Police Chief Association for the Police Chief Search. Law Director Mathews has reviewed the contract and presented a contract for the Boards approval.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to accept the contract with Ohio Police Chief Association for the Police Chief Search not to exceed \$7,250.00. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

**Resolution 2022-033**

**Trustee Miller - consider contract with Stark County Regional Planning – Township Master Plan**

Trustee Miller stated the township has been in discussion with Stark County Regional Planning for the development of a comprehensive plan for Perry Township. They sent over a scope of work that the Board reviewed and the next step was for them to send over a contract which they did so. Law Director Mathews reviewed the contract and was to standards.

Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the contract with Stark County Regional Planning Commission for the preparation of the comprehensive plan for the township. Not to exceed \$25,000.00. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Problem Properties:**

**Executive Session(s):**

1. ORC 121.22 (G) (1) to discuss personnel and compensation topics to include the Board, Law Director, and Administrator.
2. ORC 121.22 (G) (1) to discuss personnel topics to include the Board, Law Director, Fire Chief
3. ORC 121.11 (G)(1) to discuss personnel topics to include the Board, and Law Director

Trustee Nelligan made a motion that the Board adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(3) Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 8:16 pm

The Board adjourned from Executive Session at 11:31 pm.

**Department Matters Not Requiring Board Action:**

**Administration:**

**Fire Department:**

**Police Department:**

**Road Department:**

**Parks/Recycling:**

**Zoning:**

**Law Director:**

**Announcements:**

**Public Speaks-Open Forum:**

**John Strazisar**

John Strazisar stated his name and his address as 4450 7<sup>th</sup> Street NW. Mr. Strazisar indicated 7<sup>th</sup> Street NW between Woodlawn and Whipple and residents are asking for 4-way stop signs. One on Ambrose and 7<sup>th</sup> street NW and the other on Manor and 7<sup>th</sup> Street. He understands that studies need to be done and surveys. He asked the Board to please consider that there are approximately 16 children living within that area. Manor has approximately 6-8 children that live in that area. We do not want this to be area to become a thoroughfare between Woodlawn and Whipple. He feels speed signs do nothing. He also indicated there are no speed signs on 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Russell Knauss, Jr.**

Russell Knauss, Jr. stated his name and his address as 4600 8<sup>th</sup> Street NW. He lives on the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Manor. He had the same concerns and stressed the speeding on the hill in this area.

**Deanna Pahlau**

Deanna Pahlau stated her name and her address of 630 Ambrose Ave N.W. She lives at the corner of Ambrose. She is also concerned with the children in the area and the traffic on the street.

**John Alden**

John Alden stated his name and his address as 617 Manor NW. He has seen many close calls. He stated his concerns also concern with the potholes.

**Brett Huntsman**

Brett Huntsman stated his name and his address of 4601 11<sup>th</sup> St. He said people are using the street as a race track. Mr. Huntsman stated at the 11<sup>th</sup> and Manor cars run the stop sign.

**Adjournment:**

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Nelligan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:32 pm; Seconded by Trustee Miller

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

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Lisa Nelligan, President

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Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer