

Perry Township Board of Trustees
Work Session
April 5, 2022, 6:00 pm

The press has been provided appropriate notice of the work session per ORC requirements

Call Meeting to Order

Trustee Nelligan welcomed guests in the audience and those joining remotely. The Board of Trustees convened in an advertised work session concerning a Road Paving Discussion. The Board discussed this topic in an open format.

Road Paving Discussion

Road Superintendent Masalko presented to the Board a layout of the 2022 Road Paving Schedule. Road Superintendent Masalko explained the layout showing the roads from the oldest paved to the most recent paving. Assistant Road Superintendent, Chris Young presented the issue of paving a whole allotment vs a few roads and then needing to move the equipment. He stated that there are several bad roads in certain areas. Road Superintendent Masalko stated that last year the paving budget came in under what was projected and that was the reason that the road department was able to do the spot paving last year and hopes to also do more this year. Trustee DeChiara asked Road Superintendent Masalko that with all the paving he is projecting will the Road Department still have enough in their budget for equipment such as purchasing a truck? Trustee DeChiara also asked, would the road department be using OPWC matched money? Road Superintendent Masalko stated those funds are separate and that those funds are earmarked for other purchases. He explained Gas Fund Tax and Road District Tax are meant for paving the roads. Trustee DeChiara questioned how Road Superintendent Masalko determined the amount of expense since pricing is increasing and Road Superintendent Masalko stated he discussed and verified the costs with Superior Paving. Trustee DeChiara is wanting to start the project before June and to do a bigger paving project.

Review of Identified Roads

Trustee Nelligan and Trustee DeChiara discussed which roads need more repair than others and Trustee DeChiara suggested spot paving on some of the other roads.

Trustee Miller asked about the carry-over monies and how that is distributed. There was a discussion on expenses associated with paving and the funding of this paving project. Trustee Nelligan asked the Law Director and Fiscal Officer Chessler when the next distribution would be of the ARPA funds. Law Director Mathews indicated that somewhere in June or July of this year there should be another distribution of funds. There was a discussion concerning the process of ARPA funds to townships.

Trustee Nelligan suggested a timeline for doing the road paving. The Board discussed the ARPA funds and when they needed to be spent. Trustee DeChiara asked Road Superintendent Masalko to get the pricing for moving the equipment.

Next Steps

Trustee DeChiara stated the takeaway from the discussion is which roads to do first. He would like to move the equipment determined by the cost of moving the equipment. Trustee Nelligan stated taking away the age of the road and the roads that need to be done, she supports the budget but wants to know a list of roads that need to be done. That doesn't mean that those roads don't go on for next year's paving project. Much discussion was brought about on which roads need to be paved.

Trustee Miller stated an overall of the work session is the roads are based on years not based on the actual condition. He would like to identify which roads are needing to be done not just because they are old. Trustee Miller asked Road Superintendent Masalko to provide a report or chart showing the degree of need. He would like to know the time-sensitive nature of all of this, the roads themselves or the dollar amount going to the paving company, and what roads need to be done.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to accept the funding that has been presented by Road Superintendent Masalko in the amount of the 4 different categories not to exceed \$3,467,015.77. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Public Speaks:

Tim Blythe asked several questions about what roads should be paved and the equipment costs. He stated that the roads that are 30 years old could be micro-sealed. He feels the company should be able to absorb some of the cost if we are contracting with them to do several miles of road paving.

Steve Toohey stated that his street was paved years ago and cracked quickly and the road department repaired the road and the rest of the road is due. He also stated Perry is gaining more roads and more allotments and feels the tax base will go up in the future.

Adjournment:

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Nelligan stated the work session ended at 6:45 pm.

Ms. Nelligan, President

Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer