

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

December 17, 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) Oath of Office and hiring of Madison Mahan ~ FT Police Officer
- b) 10-minute recess

Excused absence: None

Communications/Announcements Details are available at Perrytwp.com

- a) The Letter to Santa program runs from 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.
- c) Ohio Division of Liquor Control providing public notice MEXIBACHI Grill LLC located at 3202 Lincoln Way East Massillon, 44646 requested Permit # 5895738. Responses must be postmarked no later than 01/06/25.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda – Roll Call by Department:

Fire: None

Administration: None

Public Works: None

Police:

- i) Chief Taylor requested a motion to hire Madison Mahan.
- ii) Executive session to include The Board, Law Director, and Chief of Police under ORC 121.22 (G)(1) regarding employment

Zoning: None

Law Director: None

Fiscal Officer: None

Trustee DeChiara: None

Trustee Miller: Trustee Miller requested that the (G)(4) executive session include the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Public Works Director

Trustee Nelligan: None

Public Speaks on Agenda Items Up for Action: None

Consent Agenda Items: None

Old Business:

- a) Consider the election ballot for OTARMA~ Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority Board of Directors. Trustee Nelligan made a motion to nominate Amy Richards for the Ohio Township Association Risk Management for the Board of Directors. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to nominate Scott Haws for the Ohio Township Association Risk Management for the Board of Directors. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller, yes. Mr. DeChiara, no. Ms. Nelligan, yes.

New Business:

- a) **Fire:** None

- b) **Police:**

- i) Consider entering a 2025 ~ Agreement with the Stark County Sheriff's Office for dispatching services. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the agreement with the Stark County Sheriff's Office for 2025 dispatching services. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- ii) Hiring of Madison Mahan per memo. Trustee Miller made a motion to hire Madison Mahan to the Police Department with a start date of Friday, December 27, 2024. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

c) **Public Works:** None

d) **Zoning:**

- i) Consider the proposed Zoning Text Amendment. Zoning Inspector Whytsell spoke on the Text Amendment. Discussion was had on the proposed Zoning Text Amendment. Trustee Miller stated he would like to conduct a public hearing to entertain any comments regarding the proposed zoning text. Trustee Miller stated he would like to close the public hearing and make a motion to adopt the Zoning Text Amendment. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

e) **Administration:**

- i) Consider accepting 2025 ~ Health Insurance coverage as recommended by the Employee Health Benefits Committee. Administrator Martin requested a motion to accept the 2025 Health Benefits HSA with Anthem. HSA would be funded by January 1, 2025. The Board would need to determine the amount to be front-loaded, with the suggestion made of \$3,675 for a single member and \$7,350 for family and all other categories. Administrator Martin stated that 3 educational meetings will be held beginning December 18th at 9 am at Fire Station 3, Thursday evening at Fire Station 3 from 6p-7p, and Friday at 3 pm at Fire Station 3 for employees and spouses to be able to attend. Trustee Miller made a motion to enter the Anthem High Deductible Health Plan with deductibles at \$2500 for a single member, \$5000 for a family that includes all other election categories of employee plus spouse, employee plus children with a max out-of-pocket for a single \$3,675 and max out of pocket for all other election categories of \$7,350.00. The motion would include an HSA contribution for a single member in the amount of \$3,675.00 effective the 1st of January 2025 and for all other election categories to include employee plus spouse and employee plus children for an HSA contribution made from the employer in the

amount of \$7,350.00 effective January 1, 2025. For any employee hired after January 1, 2025 HSA contribution will be made out on a quarterly bases, and if an employee has a health-related event that requires an advance on that contribution to cover medical expenses a request can be made from the employee to the employer. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

Trustee DeChiara asked whether Fiscal had the money to pay up front? Fiscal officer Chessler stated he was not sure yet but he will take the numbers approved and go from that point on.

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

f) **Law Director:** None

g) **Fiscal Office:**

- i) Consider Pending Warrants for the week ending 12/03/24 for bills in the amount of \$22,372.33 and the week ending 12/10/24 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$ 291,274.06 for a total of \$313,646.39. Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the Pending Warrants for the week ending 12/03/24 for bills in the amount of \$22,372.33 and the week ending 12/10/24 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$291,274.06 for a total of \$313,646.39. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

- ii) Consider approval of Special Meeting minutes 05/07/24,05/14/24, 11/19/24, 11/26/24 and Regular Meeting minutes 11/19/24. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve Special Meeting minutes from 05/07/24, 05/14/24, 11/19/24, 11/26/24, and Regular Meeting minutes from 11/19/24. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

- iii) Consider approval of the November 2024 Bank reconciliation. Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the November 2024 Bank reconciliation. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Trustees

1. Trustee Nelligan: None
2. Trustee DeChiara Jr.: None
3. Trustee Miller: None

Public Speaks: None

Executive Session

- a) ORC 121.22 (G)(1) employment to include the Board, Administrator, and Law Director.
- b) ORC 121.22 (G)(4) To discuss negotiations to include the Board and Law Director
- c) ORC 121.22 (G)(1) employment to include Police Chief, Board, and Law Director

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Miller made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 6:35 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: 9:22 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 9:22 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

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

Matt Miller, President

Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer