

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

January 3, 2017 7:00 pm

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Trustee Haines indicated that we have some special guests here with us this evening, but indicated that we would like to first appoint our new Board President and Vice President for 2017.

Reorganizational Matters:

Appointment of Board President

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board appoint Craig Chessler to serve as the Perry Township Board of Trustees President for the year 2017; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Appointment of Vice President

Trustee Chessler made a motion to appoint Ralph DeChiara as Vice President for the year of 2017 for the Perry Township Board of Trustees; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Invited Guest(s):

Perry Football Coach Keith Wakefield and Team Members

Trustee Chessler stated that he would like to thank Coach Wakefield and one of his players for being here this evening. Trustee Chessler stated that the Board wanted to recognize the accomplishments of this team and athletes and their achieved success as well as recognize what Coach Wakefield and these young men who represent our community have done for Perry Township. Trustee Chessler briefly highlighted these accomplishments.

Trustee Chessler stated that as a small token of appreciation the Board wanted to present Coach Wakefield with this award on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Coach Wakefield thanked the Board very much and added their appreciation. Coach Wakefield stated that it was a real honor for the team to be able to go back again this year and gave some brief remarks regarding the team's hard work, commitment, attitude and perseverance.

Trustee Haines relayed to the government students from Central Catholic High School observing this evening's meeting; just so they would know that Coach Lindesmith and team members were honored at the Board's December 20th meeting.

Establish 2017 Annual Compensation for Board and Fiscal Officer per ORC 505.24

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board approve the establishment of the 2017 Annual Compensation for the Board of Trustees and the Fiscal Officer pursuant to ORC 505.24 and to so adopt the compensation for the coming year; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Establish a Wage Schedule for All Non-Bargaining Units

Trustee Chessler stated that with regard to the non-bargaining unit employees, the Board has established and published a revised wage scale for the coming year of 2017 and made a motion that the Board adopt the wage scheduled for all non-bargaining unit employees for the year of January 1st through December 31st of 2017; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Reappoint Personnel to Fiduciary and Non-Bargaining Unit Positions to Include Benefits, Terms and Conditions of Employment

Trustee Chessler made a motion to reappoint personnel to fiduciary and non-bargaining unit positions to include benefits, terms and compensation and conditions of employment; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Board Acknowledges the Township Provides Blanket Certificates up to \$25,000.00

Trustee Chessler stated that he will announce that the Board acknowledges that the Township provides blanket certificates for up to \$25,000.00.

Consider Authorizing the Fiscal Officer to Do Advances from the General Fund as Deemed Necessary

Trustee Chessler made a motion authorizing the Fiscal Officer to do advances from the General Fund as deemed necessary; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Set Monthly Day and Time for Regular Meetings/Consider Work Sessions as an Allotted Time Period Prior to Regular Meetings

Trustee Chessler made a motion to set the monthly day and time for Regular Meetings and consider Work Sessions as an allotted time period prior to Regular Meetings, that being the first and third Tuesday of each and every month; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Approve Receipt of All Advances from County Auditor on Property Taxes

Trustee Chessler made a motion to approve the receipt of all advances from the County Auditor on property taxes; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Consider Accepting the Approval of the 2017 Township Budget - \$12,012,743.81

Trustee Chessler made a motion to accept the approval of the 2017 Township Budget in the amount of \$12,012,743.81; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara, yes.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Set Mileage Reimbursement at 53.5 cents Per Mile Per Current IRS Rates

Trustee Chessler made a motion to set mileage reimbursement at 53.5 cents per mile per the current IRS rates; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Authorize Fiscal Officer to Invest Interim Funds and Conduct Operational Transfers Within Funds as Available and Necessary

Trustee Haines made a motion to authorize the Fiscal Officer to invest interim funds and conduct operational transfers within funds as available and necessary; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Establish Rate of Reimbursement for Uniform Clothing Allowance for Non Union Personnel Limited as Follows:

1. **Police Chief - \$1,200.00**
2. **Road Superintendent and Assistant Road Superintendent - \$500.00**
3. **Fire Chief and Deputy Chiefs - \$750.00**
4. **Zoning Inspector and Assistant Zoning Inspector - \$500.00**

Trustee Chessler made a motion to establish the rate of reimbursement for uniform clothing allowance for non-union personnel limited as stated in the above numbered 1-4 allowances; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines.

Consider Utilizing GovDeals.com Auction Site for Calendar Year 2017

Trustee Chessler made a motion to consider utilizing GovDeals.com auction site for calendar year 2017; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Affirm and Ratify Video Service Provider

Trustee Chessler made a motion to affirm and ratify our current video service provider agreement; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines.

Excused absence:

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Public Hearings/Invited Guests:

Set Hearing Date for Police Department Step II Grievance – Officer Wellman and Officer Watson

Trustee Chessler made a motion to delete this from the Agenda for consideration; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

Police Chief Pomesky stated that this matter was settled this afternoon between he and Chuck Aliff (Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council) in conjunction with this grievance.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Communications:

Public Speaks on items up for Board Approval:

Township Business requiring Board Action:

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Fiscal Officer:

Trustee Chessler made a motion to approve pending warrants of bills for the week ending December 27, 2016 in the amount of \$217,696.69 and bills and payroll for the week ending January 3, 2017 in the amount of \$240,763.02 and bills for the week ending January 5, 2017 for a combined total of \$458,459.71; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. Haines, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes.

Administration:

Fire Department:

Consider Disposal/Sale of Out-of-Service, Unusable, Obsolete or Damaged Fire Hose

Trustee Chessler indicated that the Fiscal Officer, Law Director and Administrator had received a memo dated December 30, 2016 from Chief Martin regarding a request made of our Fire Department concerning a person wanting to buy unused and unusable damaged fire hose. Trustee Chessler verified of Chief Martin that this person spoke with him directly; Fire Chief Martin confirmed that was correct. Trustee Chessler further explained that Chief Martin confirmed that he did in fact have that type of fire hose that it is no longer capable of being used in the fire service; it is still in our possession and has little or negligible value to the Township. Trustee Chessler stated that based on this and previous discussion with Law Director Hall, Chief Martin has determined that a fair price for this hose is \$2.00 per section.

Trustee Chessler verified of Law Director Hall that based on the relevant Ohio Revised Code section applicable, we then on determination do not have a need for the property and can sell the property by private sale. Law Director Hall confirmed yes.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that given the Revised Code Section and the review of the Law Director the Board authorize the Fire Chief to sell our unused and unusable fire hose to Stark Oil, Inc. at the price of \$2.00 per section of hose; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Police Department: None.

Road and Park Department: None.

Law Director: None.

Zoning: None.

Executive Session(s): None.

Department Matters Not Requiring Board Action: None.

Administration: None.

Fire Department: None.

Police Department: None.

Road Department: None.

Parks/Recycling: None.

Zoning: None.

Law Director: None.

Announcements:

~Ohio Division of Liquor Control providing notice of Media Luna LLC 3242 Lincoln Way E. Massillon, Ohio 44646 – Requesting B Transfer permit #5805872 transfer from Vito Corleones Italian Grill LLC.

Responses and inquiries must be postmarked by 01/27/2017.

~The Light Up Perry participant winners are posted at www.perrytwp.com

Public Speaks-Open Forum:

Bard Huntsman – Mr. Huntsman stated that he wanted to thank Trustee DeChiara for taking his call the previous week as well as his thanks to Administrator Fetzer for also responding to his call in a very quick manner. Mr. Huntsman indicated that his call was in regard to the recent passing of his sister and their incorrect understanding as to where his sister's cemetery plot was located. Mr. Huntsman stated that in regard to the map of the cemetery, it was very confusing and added that he wanted to make a recommendation since there are no visual points of reference to indicate the direction of the sections.

Trustee Haines agreed that the map is not correct to the right dimensions. Mr. Huntsman also indicated that there are no row markers as in other cemeteries.

Trustee DeChiara thanked Mr. Huntsman for his information and stated that they would look into doing something to distinguish the rows at the cemetery. Trustee Haines also offered their sympathies for the passing of his sister. Mr. Huntsman thanked the Board again.

Lee Laubacher, 5006 14th St. SW – Mr. Laubacher stated that he understands that the Police Department had to borrow \$200,000.00 last year to be able to run their budget to finish out the year.

Fiscal Officer Schlegel indicated that they advanced \$200,000.00 to the Police Department and gave a brief explanation in regard to this advance.

Mr. Laubacher stated his concern in reference to this and also stated that secondly, in regard to Stump Rd. heading south on Navarre Road near the Huntsman property on the turn; the water lays on the blacktop and there are no ditches on either side of that area to take the water away from there; if the water isn't able to drain off of the blacktop, it will ruin that whole road.

Trustee Chessler inquired of Mr. Laubacher if ditching along that area would improve this. Mr. Laubacher stated yes, and stated that there needs to be some type of catch basin there. Trustee Chessler agreed that it affects the roadway and verified of Law Director Hall if we have right-of-way in that location to where we could do ditching. Road Superintendent verified that we will have to look into crowning the road better.

Trustee Chessler referred to Fiscal Officer Schlegel in regard to Mr. Laubacher's first point concerning the \$200,000.00 advance to the Police Department. Mr. Schlegel gave more explanation in regard to when the police levy was initially passed and the property tax being cut by the State.

Andrew Bendure, 1328 Manor Ave. SW, Canton 44710 – Mr. Bendure stated that he wanted to thank the fire and police chief for their services. Mr. Bendure stated that he wanted to reference the drug activity in his neighborhood specifically at a house across the street at 1329 Manor Avenue. Mr. Bendure gave a summary of numerous communications to the Perry Police Department and other agencies in an attempt to have something done regarding the continued drug activity at the stated address.

Chief Pomesky indicated that there are many moving parts with regard to a narcotics investigation and assured Mr. Bendure that there were plenty of things in motion in regard to this matter. Chief Pomesky also stated to Mr. Bendure that he could share some additional information with him at the end of the meeting.

Trustee Chessler verified of Law Director Hall in regard to a statute that calls for forfeiture of property that is used for offenses where there is also a conviction. Law Director Hall confirmed yes and added that many times local, state and federal agencies take longer than what you would like because they are working their way up the supply chain within the case and it causes frustration.

Mr. Bendure stated that he thought it was important to come this evening to report this in this manner rather than try and resolve this on his own. Trustee Haines verified that it was important for Mr. Bendure to bring this forth to the Board. Mr. Bendure stated that he appreciated Trustee DeChiara's previous interjection in this matter as well as Chief Pomesky's involvement.

Adjournment:

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Chessler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. Haines, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes.

Craig Chessler, President

Joe Schlegel, Fiscal Officer