

**Perry Township Board of Trustees**  
**Early Start Time 6:00 pm**  
**Regular Meeting 7:00 pm**  
**September 5, 2017**

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

**Excused absence:**

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:**

**Public Hearings/Invited Guests:**

**Communications:**

**Public Speaks on items up for Board Approval:**

**Township Business requiring Board Action:**

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:**

Trustee Chessler made a motion to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$239,059.15 for the week ending 08/22/17 and bills in the amount of \$46,158.62 for the week ending 08/29/17 and bills and payroll in the amount of \$270,107.95 for the week ending 09/05/17 for a combined total of \$555,325.72; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

**Fiscal Officer:**

**Consider Accepting the Minutes of 08/14/17 Special Meeting; 08/15/17 Regular Meeting and 08/23/17 Special Meeting**

Trustee Chessler stated that the Board has received, electronically, the minutes as they have been drafted for the 8/14/17 Special Meeting, the 8/15/17 Regular Meeting and the 8/23/17 Special Meeting and inquired if there were any proposed changes. Seeing none, Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board approve these minutes, specifically, the 8/14/17 Special Meeting, the 8/15/17 Regular Meeting and the 8/23/17 Special Meeting; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Administration:**

**Fire Department:**

**Consider Resignation of Part-Time Firefighter-Paramedic Stuart Hunt**

Trustee Chessler stated that the Fire Department is requesting the Board to consider the resignation of part-time paramedic Stuart Hunt; a letter dated August 30, 2017 from Mr. Hunt detailing his reasons for resignation and gratitude for being a member of the Fire Department. Trustee Chessler stated that based on this information requests a motion for the Board to accept this resignation; so moved by Trustee Haines; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

#### **Consider Provident Supplemental Accident Insurance**

Fire Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is requesting that the Board of Trustees authorize the payment of \$3,585.00 to Wichert Insurance for supplemental accidental insurance. Chief Martin relayed that this payment is the third installment for a 3-year accidental insurance policy that covers all Perry Township Firefighters; the Township has carried this policy on the firefighters for a number of years; the policy pays an additional amount of money to a firefighter when injured and in the past, the policy has proven to be beneficial to an injured firefighter.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board of Trustees authorize payment of \$3,585.00 to Wichert Insurance for supplemental accident coverage as its outlined in the written proposal; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

#### **Consider Bureau of Workers Compensation Safety Grant**

Fire Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is asking the Board of Trustees to accept the Safety Grant from the Bureau of Workers Compensation in the amount of \$6,176.25. Chief Martin gave a brief explanation regarding this grant wherein our cost will be \$2,058.75 for a battery powered rack hose rolling system. Chief Martin further indicated that if the Board does authorize this grant and with their permission, this piece of equipment can be a shared resource with other agencies.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board of Trustees accept the safety intervention grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation in the amount of \$6,176.25 and also authorize the Fire Chief to expend the additional funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,058.75 for the purchase of a rack hose rolling system; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

#### **Police Department:**

##### **Consider Drug Use Prevention Grant Approval**

Trustee Chessler stated that Chief Pomesky has described in his memo of August 22, 2017 that the Attorney General's Office has awarded the Police Department \$22,056.32 for a drug use prevention grant and has also included the written award acceptance and the terms of the grant.

Chief Pomesky stated that the Police Department is asking the Board for the acceptance of the grant and the authorization to comply with the terms of this grant.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board accept the grant and upon the Law Director's review and approval, we authorize the Chief to execute the grant as required; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

### **Consider Lexipol Approval**

Police Chief Pomesky stated that the Police Department is requesting the Board of Trustees to approve the one year law enforcement policy manual subscription with Lexipol in the amount of \$8,912.00. Chief Pomesky indicated that this includes 24/7 access to "Knowledge Management System" for updates and editing; the annual subscription is from August 1, 2017 to July 31, 2018.

Trustee Chessler stated that based on that request makes a motion that the Board approve the expenditure of \$8,912.00 for the one year law enforcement policy manual update subscription with Lexipol as it was outlined in their invoice of July 26, 2017; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

### **Road and Park Department:**

#### **Consider Authorizing Road Superintendent Masalko to Submit Phase 2 of the OPWC 4<sup>th</sup> Street/Pleasant Hills Drainage Project**

Trustee Chessler stated that the Board had been copied on a series of emails regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> St./Pleasant Hills Drainage Project; Trustee Chessler indicated that Road Superintendent Masalko has updated the Board on the scope of the project and the time frame. Trustee Chessler stated that the Board is being asked to authorize the Road Superintendent to submit Phase 2 of the OPWC 4<sup>th</sup> St./Pleasant Hill drainage project. Road Superintendent Masalko stated that they have applied for Phase 2 and it is due September 15.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board authorize, by resolution, John Masalko to process the application for participation in the OPWC State Capital Improvements project; the part that we are designating as the 4<sup>th</sup> Street/Pleasant Hill drainage project; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

### **Law Director:**

#### **Zoning:**

##### **Problem Properties**

- **3350 Roanoke Street NW**

Zoning Inspector Cugini relayed that the above stated single family residence had sustained a structure fire on March 26, 2017; the owner is Louis Warnken. Mr. Cugini stated that based on the Perry Township Fire Department's report, the estimated structure damage was \$60,000 and there's no known property insurance that the owner had on this home. Zoning Inspector Cugini referred to the attached photographs before the Board and relayed that this house was heavily damaged and further added that

he wanted to bring this matter before the Board tonight to further discuss some solutions to alleviate this situation.

Zoning Inspector Cugini indicated that one of the adjacent homeowners was here this evening and added that in addition, other adjacent neighbors have also asked about demolition of this fire damaged home. Mr. Cugini stated that in order for demolition to happen, the building department would have to condemn this house and deem it an unsafe structure.

Trustee Haines inquired of Zoning Inspector Cugini if the Stark County Building Department would be able to come to this site and view the house. Mr. Cugini stated that we could certainly inquire.

Trustee Chessler inquired if the fire damaged house was secured. Mr. Cugini confirmed that it was not.

Fire Chief Martin stated that this home was initially boarded/secured but somebody has gone in and removed all of that and is now wide open (windows and doors).

Trustee DeChiara stated that he believes the Building Department would back them up on this structure, and indicated that it may open up the door to the process of the previous home damaged by fire on Bailey Street.

Zoning Inspector Cugini inquired if the building was deemed unsafe would we then again ask the county for another grant. Trustee Haines and Trustee Chessler both confirmed yes. Trustee Chessler indicated that the Board was on the same page to do what was necessary to eliminate the blighting influence. Trustee DeChiara stated that he agreed and also indicated that he would want the Township to be able to recoup anything in any way that we can, either by garnishment or whether it would be by taking over the property. Law Director Hall added that we would want to begin with step one and two and then proceed accordingly.

#### **Consider the Permit Fee Waiver Request of Perry Local Schools**

Trustee Chessler stated that the Board has received a request from Perry Local Schools requesting that a sign permit fee and variance fee be waived; a copy of the summary of the case before the Board of Zoning Appeals, attached before the Board. Trustee Chessler stated that the Board will leave the variance matter up to the Board of Zoning Appeals and made a motion that based on the school's request, the Board of Trustees waive the sign permit fee and variance fee; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

#### **Executive Session(s):**

**Department Matters Not Requiring Board Action:** None.

**Administration:** None.

**Fire Department:** None.

**Police Department:**

#### **July Monthly Activity Reports**

**Road Department:** None.

**Parks/Recycling:** None.

**Zoning:** None.

**Law Director:** None.

**Public Speaks-Open Forum:**

Dennis Curry, 3408 Roanoke St. NW, Massillon – made a brief comment about the above-mentioned rack hose rolling system for the Fire Department.

Mr. Curry also gave some detailed information regarding the fire damaged house next to him and indicated that the Township might want to have somebody look at it again.

Trustee Haines stated that they appreciated Mr. Curry’s comments.

**Announcements:**

~4<sup>th</sup> Annual Perry Township Community Parade (11:00 am until Noon) and Oktoberfest - Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 4:00 pm at Hartwick Park – visit [www.perrytwp.com](http://www.perrytwp.com) for details and registration

**Adjournment:**

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Haines made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

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Craig Chessler, President

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Joe Schlegel, Fiscal Officer