

**Perry Township Board of Trustees
Special Meeting 6:00 pm
September 5, 2017**

The press has been provided appropriate notice of the special meeting per ORC requirements.

Meeting called to order

Trustee Chessler called to order the Board of Trustees Meeting and stated that this has been announced as a Special Meeting.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Discussion of 800 Radio System

Trustee Chessler gave a brief explanation for calling this Special Meeting regarding the 800 Radio Communications System matter.

Trustee Chessler stated that he would like to start with Chief Pomesky and indicated that he would also like Chief Martin to weigh in on the fire side of things. Trustee Chessler relayed that Chief Pomesky provided the Board with a memo about the radios and asked if he would elaborate on this as a starting point for discussion.

Chief Pomesky stated that we have had discussions throughout the years regarding the 800 MegaHertz system and one of the things that is coming up from the county standpoint is the nearing end of life of the current radio system and the conversion to the Marks system. Chief Pomesky stated that we have an opportunity to make that changeover at a substantial savings to the Township. Chief Pomesky gave a detailed explanation regarding this matter.

Trustee Chessler thanked Chief Pomesky and stated that this was a good overview of the radio system from the police standpoint.

Trustee Chessler verified of Chief Martin regarding their brief conversation of this topic from the Fire Department's perspective adding that this Marks system is beneficial and useful. Trustee Chessler stated that the big question is, for both sides of the equation, it's expensive and inquired if there were any sources of funding out there, if we go in that direction, that we can tap into. Chief Martin stated that it's two-fold and indicated that he has asked Deputy Chief Abbott to be here tonight as well since he has been to a number of the radio system meetings. More explanation was detailed.

Chief Martin stated that the county will eventually transition over to the new equipment for the 800 system and verified of Deputy Chief Abbott if an exact time was determined in which this transition would take place. Deputy Chief Abbott confirmed that it was stated it would be 2018 until all of the power would be in place and gave more detail regarding this transition.

Trustee DeChiara indicated that he felt it would be beneficial to schedule another Special Meeting to bring in Commissioner Smith, Darryl Anderson and Sheriff Maier and get the information directly regarding the radio system transition.

Trustee Chessler established that the Board would move to get Mr. Darryl Anderson, Commissioner Smith and Sheriff Maier here to continue the discussion regarding the county wide radio system. Trustee Chessler relayed that we could brainstorm to form a list of questions about the towers, concrete numbers and transitioning from the current system over to the Marks system. Trustee Haines confirmed this as well.

Trustee Chessler thanked Fire Chief Martin, Police Chief Pomesky, Road Superintendent Masalko and Law Director Hall.

Adjournment:

Trustee Chessler stated that we will adjourn this Special Meeting at 6:42 pm.

Craig Chessler, President

Joe Schlegel, Fiscal Officer