

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

October 17, 2017 7:00 pm

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Excused absence:

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Trustee Chessler stated that we have two (2) matters to add to our Agenda; one is a recent memo received from the Stark County Regional Planning Commission requesting the Board's input regarding an appointment to the District 19 Public Works Committee and makes a motion that the Board add this to the Agenda under New Business; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Trustee Chessler stated that under the Road Department, there is nothing listed and added that he makes a motion based on recent developments that the Board conduct a short Executive Session with no action to be taken pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(1) having to do with the appointment of discipline compensation of a Township employee; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Public Hearings/Invited Guests:

Commendation of Officer Deitrick and Officer Dale

Trustee Chessler stated that this next item on the Agenda tonight is a matter of pleasure and importance and indicated that we would like to recognize the heroic efforts of two of our police officers, Officer George Deitrick and Officer Dan Dale. Trustee Chessler stated that our Police Chief has issued these deserving officers a Letter of Commendation.

Police Chief Pomesky stated that he would like to thank everybody for being here this evening and gave a short summary of events that happened the evening of September 26, 2017 with Officer Deitrick and Officer Dale during a call for service where advanced carbon monoxide poisoning was occurring. Chief Pomesky stated that it was remarkable that our officers responded so quickly and efficiently that were contributing factors in saving this family and their pet.

Trustee Chessler read aloud Chief Pomesky's Letter of Commendation to Officer George Deitrick and Officer Dan Dale:

Thank you for your quick response, attention to detail, and actions on Tuesday, September 26, 2017. Due to your efforts, two (2) Perry Township residents along with their family pet were saved during a call for service where advanced carbon monoxide poisoning was occurring.

Your tenacious work ethic, commitment, and collaborative efforts are not only deserving of recognition with a Letter of Commendation, but also a Medal of Valor to be displayed on your uniform. This was an act above and beyond the call of duty with exceptional courage, extraordinary decisiveness and presence of mind, unusual swiftness of action, with disregard to personal safety in an attempt to save a life and protecting that life. Congratulations on a job well done. You are a great officer and we are proud that you are part of the Perry Township Police Department.

Officer Dale extended his sincere thanks and thanked everyone for coming this evening.

Trustee Chessler indicated that Officer Deitrick could not be here this evening due to other commitments, but added the Boards' sincere congratulations to him as well.

Communications:

Public Speaks on items up for Board Approval:

Township Business requiring Board Action:

Trustee Chessler stated that as he had indicated earlier, the Board has received notification from Stark County Regional Planning that there is a vacancy from the District 19 Public Works Integrating Committee that was formerly occupied by our own Lee Laubacher. Trustee Chessler indicated that since this vacancy has occurred, they have outlined the process by which the vacancy is filled; and that is with a ballot from all of the participating Townships; they are asking us to vote for a person to fill the vacancy. Trustee Chessler stated that the District 19 bylaws state that in the event of a vacancy, it should be filled by the entity which appointed the person.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board complete the ballot for a member to the District 19 Public Works Committee and our primary member will be Ralph DeChiara; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Trustee Chessler made a motion to approve bills in the amount of \$39,575.21 for the week ending 10/10/17 and bills and payroll in the amount of \$201,199.77 for the week ending 10/17/17 for a combined total of \$240,774.98; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Fiscal Officer:

Consider Approval of 2018 Township Millage - Total Being 16.89 -- \$7,844,513.00

Fiscal Officer Schlegel stated that he is requesting the Board's approval for the passage of the 2018 millage.

Inside Millage:

- **General Fund (.10) \$ 52,595.00**
- **Road and Bridge (1.50) \$ 784,741.00**

Outside Millage:

- **Fire Fund (4.90) \$2,454,404.00**
- **Police Fund (7.39) \$3,437,165.00**
- **Road Fund (3.00) \$1,115,608.00**

- **Total (16.89) \$7,844,513.00**

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board, on the presentation of the Fiscal Officer's millage recitation, approve the Township millage for 2018 being 16.89 mills which translates into \$7,844,513.00 tax revenue; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Administration:

Fire Department:

Consider the Purchase of Rock and Rack Hose System

Fire Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is requesting the Board of Trustees authorize the purchase of one (1) Efficiency package with go-pack hose system from RollnRack LLC at a price not to exceed \$8,235.00. Chief Martin indicated:

- The Fire Department was awarded a safety grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation in the amount of \$6,176.25 to cover the Bureau of Workers Compensation part of the purchase.
- The Fire Department is required to cover the remaining \$2,058.75 of the total purchase price.
- The Fire Department is required to purchase the equipment within ninety (90) days of the award date which was September 28, 2017.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board authorize the purchase of the Roll and Rack Hose System at a cost not to exceed \$8,235.00 in total and we will apply the funds received from the Bureau of Workers Compensation grant in the amount of \$6,176.25; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Consider Resignation of Robert McCaslin

Trustee Chessler stated that Chief Martin has provided the Board with a copy of a letter dated 10-3-17, from Robert McCaslin notifying the Board that he has submitted his formal resignation. Trustee Chessler relayed that it was indicated that he does not have the time to dedicate to the Department that he would like; this would be today, the effective date of this resignation.

Trustee Chessler made the motion that the Board accepts the letter of resignation of Robert McCaslin from the Perry Township Fire Department; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Consider Increasing Fire Department Credit Card Limit

Fire Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is requesting that the Board of Trustees authorize the Fiscal Officer to raise the credit limit to \$7,500.00 on the Fire Department credit card. Chief Martin relayed that after discussing this issue with Fiscal Officer Schlegel, he was in support of raising the limit. Chief Martin also indicated:

- The current credit limit is \$4,000.00; while this may appear to be a sufficient amount, the reality is the Fire Department will reach the limit routinely. The primary reason for reaching the limit is related to online purchasing.
- Many times, the vehicle mechanics will purchase items online at a reduced price and faster delivery time.
- The ability to purchase parts, equipment and supplies online saves the organization money; however, the online purchases must be made using a credit card. This procedure will quickly max the credit card limit.
- Using the credit card decreases the number of individual checks that the Fiscal Office must issue when paying for items.

Chief Martin relayed that when speaking to Fiscal Officer Schlegel regarding this matter, they wondered if the Police Department might occasionally run into this same issue with the credit card limit; Police Chief Pomesky stated that he has not really had any issues with this. Trustee Haines inquired of Road Superintendent Masalko if he had any issues with this; Road Superintendent Masalko stated that he has not.

Trustee Chessler stated in regard to consistency sake, inquired of Trustee Haines and Trustee DeChiara if they had any objections regarding increasing the credit card limit; no objections stated.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that based on the information we have received, the Board authorize that steps be taken with our credit hold card providers that we increase the limits currently from what they are to \$7,500.00 for each card; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Consider Accepting Bureau of Workers Compensation – Firefighter Exposure to Environmental Grant in the Amount of \$11,600.00

Fire Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is requesting that the Board of Trustees accept a grant award in the amount of \$11,600.00 from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation to purchase sixty (60) barrier hoods and sixty (60) fire gloves. Chief Martin also indicated:

- In July, 2017 the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation released a new grant program, the Firefighter **Exposure to Environmental Elements Grant (FEEEG)**. The grant program is designed to assist departments in limiting exposures to cancer causing elements.
- The grant program will only provide funding for four (4) items: Fire Fighting Barrier Hoods; Fire Fighting Gloves; Vehicle Exhaust Systems; Personal Protective Equipment Washers/Exteriors. Any grant award is capped at \$15,000.00; the Fire Department already has extractors and the capped award will not provide enough funding to install a station vehicle exhaust system, therefore, it was decided to apply for firefighting barrier hoods and gloves.
- A grant request was submitted to BWC for sixty (60) hoods and gloves totaling \$13,920.00. The BWC contribution is \$11,600.00 and the remaining \$2,320.00 is the Fire Department contribution.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board authorize the Chief to take the steps necessary to accept the grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation Exposure to Environmental Elements Grant in the amount of \$11,600.00; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Consider Amending Starting Wage for Sarah Hardie to \$12.00 per Hour

Trustee Chessler stated that this item is a clarification wherein the Board recently hired Sarah Hardie at the October 3, 2017 meeting with an established starting wage of \$12.24 per hour. Fire Chief Martin stated that he apologized for the erroneous information and made the clarification that it should be \$12.00 per hour.

Trustee Chessler stated that for consistency sake makes a motion that we vacate that portion of the prior motion superseded with a motion to establish her rate of pay at \$12.00 per hour effective October 3, 2017; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Police Department:

Consider MARCS Radio Purchase

Trustee Chessler stated that the Board is aware from several meetings and long-time discussions, most recently the October 13th letter from the Stark County Sheriff and the President of the Board of Commissioners with regard to the opportunity to purchase Motorola radios and become part of the MARCS system. Trustee Chessler stated that he would ask Chief Pomesky to explain these specific requests.

Police Chief Pomesky stated that as the Board was aware, this is in regard to the first meetings wherein there was discussion of migrating to the standardized platform within Stark County for radio systems. Chief Pomesky stated that within the next year and half, the current countywide system will be obsolete and taken out of service. Chief Pomesky indicated that we were eligible to receive and trade to the existing countywide radios and receive \$1,000.00 off per radio. Chief Pomesky further detailed the purchase of these new radios as well as quotes obtained to migrate to that direction:

- 19 Mobile Radios at a cost of \$60,099.60
- 25 Portable Radios at a cost of \$86,815.55
- 17 Pyramid in-car repeaters at a cost of \$32,799.00
- Total Cost of \$179,714.15 to migrate in that direction

Trustee Haines inquired if that rebate was included in the total amount of the \$179,714.15. Chief Pomesky stated that was correct.

Trustee Haines verified of Fiscal Officer Schlegel that in previously speaking about this matter, felt that the General Fund would be able to do a one-time help in the purchase of these and inquired if this was still the case. Fiscal Officer Schlegel stated yes and added that the General Fund could actually go up to \$200,000.00 at the Board's discretion. More discussion took place regarding funding the MARCS Radio purchase.

Trustee Chessler made request that the Board direct the Law Director to prepare a formal resolution for the first meeting in November; it will specify the amount of commitments, the source of the funds and any repayment that is going to be required.

Consider OVITF MOU

Police Chief Pomesky stated that the Police Department is requesting that the Board of Trustees consider the approval of its participation and partnership in the OVI Task Force. The Stark County Sheriff's Office is applying for a grant from the state of Ohio Department of Public Safety through the Ohio Traffic Safety Office to be the lead agency for this grant, the attached MOU attached before the Board. Chief Pomesky also indicated:

- The purpose of the OVI Task Force is to reduce the number of alcohol related fatal crashes and utilize where feasible the low manpower sobriety checkpoint model to conduct low-cost highly effective sobriety check points throughout Stark County.
- As a participating agency in the OVI Task Force, the Perry Township Police Department will be responsible for law enforcement reports and training certification for sobriety check points and alcohol related traffic enforcement (saturation patrols).
- This memorandum of understanding will terminate on September 30, 2018. Either party may terminate this MOU by providing a 30 day written notice.

Trustee Chessler verified of Law Director Hall that the MOU was in the same format as the previous year; Law Director Hall stated that was correct.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that based on the request of the Police Chief and the review of the Law Director that the Board approve and once again enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Stark County Sheriff's Office to be a participant of the OVI Task Force in the upcoming year; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Consider Emergitech Annual Maintenance Agreement

Police Chief Pomesky stated that the Police Department is requesting that the Board of Trustees consider the approval of the annual EmergiTech Maintenance and Support Agreement at a cost of \$5,939.13 for the upcoming year. Chief Pomesky stated that Emergitech operates all of our recording systems, it tracks our department inventory, property and evidence, solicitor's permits and many more activities of the department that makes it possible to function as a professional agency.

Trustee Chessler stated that based on this makes a motion that the Board renew and once again enter into the annual maintenance and support agreement with Emergitech at the quoted price of \$5,939.13; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Consider Accepting \$500.00 from McKinley Eagles for Trick or Treat Candy

Police Chief Pomesky stated that the Police Department is requesting that the Board of Trustees accept the donation from the McKinley Eagles for trick or treat candy in the total amount of \$500.00.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board gratefully accept the donation from the McKinley Eagles for trick or treat candy in the amount of \$500.00; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Trustee Chessler briefly noted that while recently attending a regional conference at the McKinley Eagles, he wanted to express his appreciation for all that they do in our community and asked if they would provide a printout of all the donations that they have made; over the course of the last 7-10 years, they have given tens of thousands of dollars to various entities in our community: Central Catholic High School's activities, Perry High School activities, to our Perry Township Police and Fire Departments, Perry Helping Perry. Trustee Chessler stated that the McKinley Eagles is the silent benefactor of our community and they go above and beyond in support of our community.

Trustee Haines inquired about the scheduled date for this year's Trick or Treat. Trustee Chessler indicated that by the resolution of the Stark County Commissioners, Trick or Treat is scheduled for Sunday, October 29, 2017 from 3 – 5 pm.

Road and Park Department:

Law Director: None.

Zoning: None.

Department Matters Not Requiring Board Action:

Administration: None.

Fire Department: None.

Police Department:

August and September Monthly Stats.

Road Department: None.

Parks/Recycling: None.

Zoning: None.

Law Director: None.

Announcements:

~Fall Leaf Drop Off: October 21st through November 19th, 2017. Location Site: Perry Road Department, 1500 Jackson Avenue SW, Massillon ~ Weekdays: Dusk until Dawn. Saturday and Sunday: 8 am to 4 pm. Leaves only please. Closed Veteran's Day: 11/10/17. Details at: www.perrytwp.com

~Stark County – Trick or Treat: Observed Sunday, October 29, 2017 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

Public Speaks-Open Forum:

Dennis Curry , 3408 Roanoke St. NW, Massillon – Mr. Curry stated that he was here to speak about his neighbor's house at 3350 Roanoke NW that was damaged by fire. Mr. Curry stated that the man that

owns the property came to see him a few days ago and told him that he was in the process of repairing this house. Mr. Curry stated that the next time he sees this neighbor; he will let him know that he needs to contact the Township.

Trustee Haines stated that Zoning Inspector Cugini can aptly represent on the Board's behalf and relay what actions will next be taken in regard to this property.

Mr. Curry stated that he also wanted to ask if the police officers that helped save the couple and their dog from carbon monoxide poisoning, sought medical treatment for themselves as well. Police Chief Pomesky responded to Mr. Curry's question.

Executive Session(s):

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (1) to discuss matters of personnel involving a Township employee to be discipline, dismissal, discharge or compensation with no action to be taken; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at: 7:46 pm

The Board adjourned from Executive Session at: 7:58 pm

Adjournment:

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Haines made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Craig Chessler, President

Joe Schlegel, Fiscal Officer