

**Perry Township Board of Trustees  
Reorganizational Meeting  
January 2, 2018 7:00 pm**

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

**Excused absence:**

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:**

**Public Hearings/Invited Guests:**

**Charles E. Zollicoffer~Veteran**

Trustee Chessler indicated that the Board had previously arranged to have one of our community members join us this evening to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance, but were unable to attend due to a possible scheduling conflict.

**Swearing in of Trustee Craig Chessler and Trustee Doug Haines**

Fiscal Officer Schlegel stated that he would ask Trustee Chessler and Trustee Haines to please raise their right hand:

*I, Craig Chessler/Doug Haines, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Ohio, and will support the Township and all resolutions of Perry Township, Stark County, Ohio and will faithfully and impartially discharge all duties incumbent upon me according to the best of my ability and understanding, and this I do as I shall answer unto God.*

**Reorganizational Matters:**

Trustee Chessler stated that the Board refers to tonight's meeting as our Reorganizational Meeting since it is the first meeting of the year and the first meeting of the term. Trustee Chessler also indicated that there were several housekeeping matters the Board would be addressing this evening. Trustee Chessler stated that another thing the Board previously announced to the news and scheduled for tonight is a public discussion regarding possible marijuana regulations in the Township. Trustee Chessler relayed that before the Board would move on to that portion of the Agenda, he would first like to proceed with some reorganizational matters for the year.

**Appointment of Board President**

Trustee Chessler made a motion that for the year 2018, the Board of Trustees appoint Doug Haines to act as President; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Appointment of Vice President**

Trustee Haines made a motion to nominate Craig Chessler as Vice President for the year 2018; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

### **Public Discussion of Marijuana Regulations**

Trustee Haines explained that the Board would now proceed with a public discussion of marijuana regulations; an announcement was made regarding this matter for both of the December Board of Trustee meetings, but there was a very poor turn-out. Trustee Haines indicated that the Board had made public this information via the newspaper for tonight's meeting and added that he appreciated all who were in attendance.

Trustee Haines stated that Trustee Chessler would give a more detailed explanation regarding this matter and would then take any comments or questions for discussion. Trustee Haines referenced the process for Public Speaks; to please approach the podium, state your name and address and give your viewpoint on the discussion of the marijuana regulations.

Trustee Chessler gave explanation in regard to the use of marijuana for medical purposes and the law that was passed by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio referencing this issue. Trustee Chessler relayed that this law is in the implementation stages and is supposed to be fully implemented by sometime later this year. Trustee Chessler also relayed that the State allowed for communities prior to that time to pass their own local regulations regarding whether or not the community would allow for the cultivating, processing and distribution as well as for research facilities. Trustee Chessler indicated that the Board thought it would be a good idea to open this discussion again in Perry Township for whether or not we would allow one or any combination of those functions to be done here.

Trustee Haines indicated that the Board would ask if one person at a time could come up to the podium to address the Board to hear what the opinions of each person were or where the Township stands on this matter.

Dave Phillips, 914 Netherwood Ave. NW – Mr. Phillips relayed his opinion that a drug addict starts out smoking marijuana.

Brian Swinford, 6000 Longview St. SW, Massillon – Mr. Swinford relayed that the smell of the processing could be a big problem.

Louis Batista, 202 Belle Ave. NW, Massillon – Mr. Batista stated his concern that people think that marijuana is a gateway drug, but it is not; would like to see a dispensary and research facility in the area, but is against the grow.

Sally Werner, 2281 Mooock Ave. SW, Canton 44706 – Mrs. Werner stated that she felt there were many benefits of medical marijuana and added that the closer we keep this, the more regulated we could also keep it.

Shirley Huang, 1621 Carriage Hill NW – Ms. Huang indicated that she would like Perry Township to discourage the cultivating, processing, distribution or research facilities of medical marijuana in Perry Township.

Joni Patterson – forwarded her driver's license information before the Board - Mrs. Patterson indicated that marijuana is not a gateway drug and added that it's already here so we might as well regulate it; it

could help to get the Township cleaned up and maybe fill a building or two; important to do the research regarding this matter.

Tiffany Millard, 1227 W. Chester Dr., Louisville – Mrs. Millard indicated that she was a registered nurse and had lived in Perry in the past as well as in California; felt that there were so many benefits medicinally, it helps immensely with cancer and people going through chemo. Mrs. Millard stated that when she lived in Los Angeles, the dispensaries for medical marijuana were heavily regulated; felt that Perry Township would miss out on a financial opportunity as well if opposing any process of this here.

Theresa Daniello, 17200 Valley Rd., Auburn Township, Ohio – Ms. Daniello indicated that she has been involved with drug policy reform at the state and national level since 2011 and recommended becoming educated on what is happening with cannabis when it goes through the body before making laws and passing regulations; having a dispensary close to home would be a very good benefit.

Jolie Moyer, 384 W. Albin Ave., Coventry Township, Ohio – Ms. Moyer stated that she is the communications director for Ohio Norml (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws); relayed that she is a cancer patient as well and explained many documented examples of the benefits of medical marijuana in cancer patients, Alzheimer’s patients, diabetes, using less opiates; bringing this to the community would not be a bad thing; having a dispensary close to home would be beneficial; important for people to be able to go to a source that has been strictly regulated.

David Millard, 1227 W. Chester Dr., Louisville – Mr. Millard stated that he used to be the one who advocated against this issue, but has heard and seen through his wife regarding patients she has taken care of regarding all the good that can happen to help alleviate the pain and suffering; urged the Board to take the time to do the research regarding this issue.

Trustee Haines indicated that a brief intermission would be taken at this time and then the Board would proceed with the remainder of this evening’s Agenda.

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**Brief Recess**

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**Establish 2018 Annual Compensation for Board and Fiscal Officer per ORC 505.24**

Trustee Haines made a motion to establish the 2018 annual compensation for the Board and Fiscal Officer per Ohio Revised Code 505.24; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Establish a Wage Schedule for all Non-Union Bargaining Units**

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board establish a wage schedule for all non-union bargaining units; Trustee Chessler.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board set the monthly day and time for the meetings as the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm and consider Work Sessions as an allotted time period prior to Regular Meetings as needed; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Approve Receipt of all Advances from County Auditor on Property Taxes**

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

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

**Consider Accepting the Approval of the 2018 Township Budget - \$12,118,090.72**

Trustee Haines stated that as given by Fiscal Officer Schlegel makes a motion that the Board accept the approval of the 2018 Township Budget of \$12,118,090.72; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Set Mileage Reimbursement at .55 cents Per Mile per Current IRS Rates**

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board set the mileage reimbursement at .55 cents per mile per current IRS rates; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

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

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

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

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

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board establish the 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. **Establish Uniform Allowance for Fire Chief and Deputy Chiefs to be Equal to Employees of Collective Bargaining Units**
4. **Zoning Inspector and Assistant Zoning Inspector - \$500.00**

Motion seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

**Consider Utilizing GovDeals.com Auction Site for Calendar Year 2018**

Trustee Haines made a motion to consider utilizing GovDeals.com auction site for calendar 2018; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Consider Quarterly HAS Deposits Remain the Same as Previous Years**

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board consider that the quarterly HAS deposits remain the same as in previous years; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

**Consider Affirming and Ratifying Video Service Provider**

Trustee Haines made a motion to affirm and ratify the video service provider fee; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Communications:**

**Public Speaks on items up for Board Approval:** None.

**Township Business requiring Board Action:** None.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board accept the pending warrants of bills and payroll for the week ending 12/26/17 in the amount of \$222,163.05 and bills for the week ending 01/02/18 in the amount of \$278,998.93 for a combined total of \$501,161.98; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

**Fiscal Officer:**

**Administration:**

**Consider Accepting a \$500 Check from OTARMA for the MORE Safety Grant**

Administrator Fetzer indicated that the OTARMA Board of Directors has created a MORE (Managing Ohio Risks Exposures) safety grant that has been in effect and available for the last five (5) consecutive years. Administrator Fetzer requested that the Board consider the acceptance of this MORE safety grant to Perry Township in the amount of \$500.00 for the purchase of several fluorescent coats; so moved by Trustee Chessler; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

**Fire Department:**

**Consider Adopting the Current EMS Billing Rates**

Fire Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is requesting that the Board of Trustees adopt the current EMS billing rates of:

- Basic Life Support (BLS) \$350.00
- Advanced Life Support 1 (ALS 1) \$450.00
- Advanced Life Support 2 (ALS 2) \$450.00

Transport Mileage \$10.00 per mile

Trustee Chessler verified of Law Director Hall if this could be done now; adopt the \$10.00 per mile and also say that it will be adjusted upward in the future as Medicare reimbursements occur. Mr. Hall confirmed yes.

Trustee Chessler stated that based on the Fire Chief's request, moves that the Board adopt a resolution to reaffirm and readopt the Basic Life Support, Advanced Life Support 1 and Advanced Life Support 2 rates and also to adopt the reimbursement rate of \$10.00 per mile for transportation; and further to raise that transportation rate as the Medicare allowable reimbursement rate will be changed; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Consider the Purchase of Firefighting Hoods and Gloves**

Fire Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is requesting that the Board of Trustees authorize the purchase of sixty (60) Fire Dex H41 Filter Hoods and sixty (60) Fire Dex Pro 3-D gloves from Fire Force, Inc.; cost not to exceed \$13,990.00.

Chief Martin relayed that the Perry Township Fire Department was awarded a Firefighter Exposure to Environmental Elements Grant from the Ohio of Bureau of Workers Compensation in the amount of \$11,600 to purchase the Fire Dex filter hoods and Fire Dex gloves. The cost to the Fire Department is

\$2,390.00; the overall cost of the project was \$13,990.00. Chief Martin indicated that this grant is an effort by BWC to help reduce the exposure of firefighters to cancer causing agents.

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board authorize the Fire Department to purchase sixty (60) Fire Dex H41 Filter Hoods and sixty (60) Fire Dex Pro 3-D gloves from Fire Force, Inc. not to exceed the cost of \$13,990.00; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

#### **Consider the Purchase of Aladtec Online Scheduling Subscription Services**

Fire Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is requesting the Board of Trustees authorize entering into a 1-year subscription service with Aladtec Online Scheduling and Workforce Management Solutions at the rate of \$5.00 per member per month.

Chief Martin indicated that currently, everything related to scheduling, shift trades, vacation requests, time off requests and approval of any type of time off is completed and tracked by a paper form. Aladtec is a sophisticated online application that will allow employees to view the schedule and other data anytime from anywhere with an internet connection. With Aladtec, staff will be able to submit availability, trade shifts, sign up for shifts, time-off requests, track certifications and create reports; Aladtec is customizable to an individual organization.

Chief Martin indicated that he would ask Matt Gatchell from the Fire Department to give a brief overview of Aladtec since he has used their services and is familiar with how it works from a scheduling point of view. Matt briefly explained Aladtec's services and indicated that it would be a huge benefit for the department.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board authorize to enter into a 1-year subscription with the service Aladtec Online Scheduling and Workforce Management Solutions at the rate of \$5.00 per month per member; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

#### **Consider the Disposal/Sale of Out-of-Service, Unusable, Damaged Fire Hose**

Fire Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is requesting that the Board of Trustees authorize the disposal/sale of twenty (20) sections of miscellaneous out-of-service, obsolete, unusable, damaged fire hose to Stark Oil, Inc. at the price of \$2.00 per section of hose.

Chief Martin indicated that the department is currently in possession of approximately 100 sections of miscellaneous fire hose. The fire hose is out-of-service as a result of damage, being obsolete or failure of annual service testing and is no longer safe to use for its intended purpose of firefighting. Some of the hose has been stored for at least 8 years.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that that the Board authorize the Fire Chief to take the steps necessary to dispose of or sell twenty (20) sections of miscellaneous out-of-service, obsolete, unusable fire hose to Stark Oil, Inc. at the price of \$2.00 per section; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Police Department:**

**Road and Park Department:**

**Consider Request to Solicit for Material Quotes**

Road Superintendent Masalko stated that the Road Department is requesting the Board to authorize the solicitation for material quotes from local vendors to obtain their prices for materials for the 2018 fiscal year.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board authorize the Road Superintendent to solicit for road materials from local vendors for the 2018 fiscal year; the request is that the Road Superintendent mail out the solicitations tomorrow, January 3, 2018 and the quotes will be accepted until February 5, 2018; quotes to be opened, read and accepted at the February 6, 2018 meeting; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

**Consider Resolution for a 25% Weight Reduction on the Following Roadways**

Road Superintendent Masalko stated that this next item on the Agenda is for the Board to accept and make a resolution for the seasonal weight restrictions throughout the Township from January 1, 2018 to May 2, 2018; attached before the Board is a list of the 2018 Schedule of Township Maintained Roadways with Weight Limits, 25% weight Reduction Perry Township.

Trustee Haines stated that based upon the information makes a motion that the Board adopt the 25% seasonal weight restrictions from January 1, 2018 to May 1, 2018 on the listed roads; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Consider Hiring of Road Maintenance Specialist Robert Halter**

Road Superintendent Masalko stated that the Road Department is requesting the Board to authorize the hire of Robert Halter for Road Maintenance Specialist. Mr. Masalko gave his recommendation that the Board hire Robert Halter with a two-week notice at a starting rate of \$17.89.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that based on the recommendation of the Road Superintendent and the background information provided, the Board hire Robert Halter at a starting rate of \$17.89 per hour for a probationary period of 180 days and would then be compensated and have the benefits pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Unit; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Trustee Haines stated that he wanted to thank everyone who took the time and interest in participating in the Fifth Annual Light Up Perry Township. Trustee Haines relayed that the winners in each category would receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to East of Chicago Pizza and a \$25.00 Gift Certificate to Sweet T's Bakery; the themes for Light Up Perry were: "Design Most Representing Perry Township" -- won by The Kintz Family on Baycrest; "Griswold" -- won by the Walker Family on Brooklyn; and "Holiday Theme" --



won by the Dickerhoff Family on Fairlane. Trustee Haines stated that on behalf of the Board, would like to extend a special thanks to Tim Blythe as the Chairperson for this Light Up Perry event.

**Consider Wage Adjustment for Park Employees**

**Law Director:** None.

**Zoning:** None.

**Executive Session(s):**

**Department Matters Not Requiring Board Action:**

**Administration:** None.

**Fire Department:** None.

**Police Department:** None.

**Road Department:** None.

**Parks/Recycling:** None.

**Zoning:** None.

**Law Director:** None.

**Announcements:**

**Public Speaks-Open Forum:**

Dave Phillips, 914 Netherwood Ave. NW – Mr. Phillips made an inquiry regarding ‘No Trucks’ signage on Meadowridge and Arrowbrook and also inquired as to who made the decisions on what roads are paved on a yearly basis.

Trustee Haines indicated that between the Police Chief and Zoning Inspector, the signage matter would be addressed to make sure that the proper signs were posted. Trustee Haines also indicated that the road paving was reviewed each year by the Road Department and gave a brief summary regarding the paving scheduling.

**Adjournment:**

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Haines made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

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Doug Haines, President

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Joe Schlegel, Fiscal Officer