

**Perry Township Board of Trustees  
Budget Hearing/Early Start Time 5:30 pm  
Regular Meeting 7:00 pm ~ December 5, 2017**

**Early Start Time 5:30 pm**

Trustee Haines stated that the early start time this evening was for the purpose of conducting the Budget Hearings. Trustee Haines indicated that Trustee DeChiara, Fiscal Officer Schlegel, Administrator Fetzer, Road Superintendent Masalko and Zoning Inspector Cugini were also in attendance. Trustee Haines indicated that Trustee Chessler would be joining the meeting shortly.

**2018 Budget Hearings**

**General Fund:**

**ADMINISTRATION**

Fiscal Officer Schlegel indicated that Administrator Fetzer has turned in the 2018 projected budget request in the amount of \$92,250.00. More discussion took place regarding the budgetary item categories listed under Administration.

**ZONING**

Fiscal Officer Schlegel referred to Page 3 of the Township Annual Appropriation under Zoning in the total amount of \$134,801.00. Further discussion took place in regard to the zoning department budget.

**PARK DEPARTMENT**

Regarding the Parks budget, Fiscal Officer Schlegel indicated the 2018 projected budget in the amount of \$94,270.00. Further discussion took place in regard to the park department budget.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Fiscal Officer Schlegel referred to Page 4 of the Township Annual Appropriation Resolution under Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund and indicated a \$5,000.00 carry over, income at \$140,100.00 with a total of \$145,100.00. Mr. Schlegel also referenced Page 5 of the Appropriation Resolution under the Gasoline Tax Fund and indicated a carryover of \$75,000.00, income at \$225,500.00 with a total of \$300,500.00. Fiscal Officer Schlegel referred to Page 6 of the Appropriation Resolution under the Road and Bridge Fund and indicated a \$65,000.00 carry over, income of \$809,741.00 with a total of \$874,741.00. Mr. Schlegel referred to Page 8 of the Appropriation Resolution under the Road District Fund and indicated a \$300,000.00 carry over, income at \$933,583.00 with a total of \$1,233,583.00.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Fiscal Officer Schlegel referred to Page 7 of the Township Annual Appropriation Resolution under the 09 Police District Fund in the total amount of \$3,487,165.00.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Fiscal Officer Schlegel referred to Page 8 of the Township Annual Appropriation Resolution under the 10 Fire District Fund in the total amount of \$3,422,404.00.

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

**Veteran Wayne T. Moynihan**

Trustee Chessler called the meeting to order and again relayed the Township's new tradition of asking a veteran who has served our country to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Chessler introduced Mr. Wayne T. Moynihan of the Stark County Veterans Services Commission and gave a brief summary of Mr. Moynihan's dedicated service and military background. Trustee Chessler indicated that Mr. Moynihan works as a county veteran service officer where he advocates for our veterans and their families while assisting them to apply for all the benefits their service to our country has earned them. Mr. Moynihan expressed that he was honored to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance this evening. On behalf of the Board, Trustee Chessler presented Mr. Moynihan with a flag/display case as a token of appreciation and thanked him for his dedicated service. Mr. Moynihan offered his sincere thanks to the Board.

**Excused absence:**

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:**

**Public Hearings/Invited Guests:**

**Perry Youth Soccer Champs**

Trustee Chessler stated that the Board would like to welcome and recognize all the members of the Perry Youth Soccer organization on their successful season and stated that he would turn the floor over to Trustee Haines.

Trustee Haines extended a welcome to everyone here this evening as well and relayed that from also being a part of the soccer league for quite a few years, knows what it takes to make everything happen. Trustee Haines stated that it was great to see the youth soccer league continue to grow and extended appreciation to the coaches and parents.

Trustee Haines stated that the Board would like to present certificates to each of the youth soccer players and would do so by teams, the first being the U10 Black team and Coach John Burnworth and Assistant Coach, Ryan Elson; players, Tyler Antram, Anders Burnworth, Joshua Colburn, Grant Eberhardt, MacCaden Elson, Daniel Harris, Justin Hill, Emeric McBurney, Garrett Riley, Dakota Shaeffer, Kobe Tate, Alex Winkhart – these are the 2017 Bothwell Cup U11 Champions.

Trustee Haines indicated the next team to be recognized: the 2017 U9 Girls C1 Division and Coaches Travis Fiegly and Assistant Coach Amber Forston; players, Annaka Basham, Ava Brooks, Marissa Catazaro, Kate Delaney, Sarah Geschwind, Madison Keim, Emerson Kraft, Alivia McGrady, Brooke McIntire, Olivia Offineer, Frances Palaski, Sydney Smurr, Caroline Woolums.

Trustee Haines indicated the next team to be recognized: the 2017 U12 Boys C2 Division and Coaches Ryan Smith and Assistant Coach Joe Newsome; players, Brady Ailes, Joe Backus, Carson Basham, Jarret Bracken, Jacob Brown, Brock Huggins, Morgan Jones, Marcus Miller, Anthony Newsome, Collin Stein, Noah Swartzentruber.

Trustee Haines indicated the next team to be recognized: the 2017 U14 Boys C3 Division and Coaches Joe Newsome and Assistant Coach Sean Ailes; players, Andrew Bailey, Anthony Bartolone, Ty Boughman, Daniel Bowe, James Brown, Joseph Bulso, Zachary Colburn, Hunter Collins, Nicholas Dekowski, Tristan Harter, Preston Lovell, Devon Morris, Paul Palaski, Peyton Robbins, Daniel Secrest, Gary Tongret, Colin Tynan, Charlie Van Koughnet, Zachary Walker, Ryan Yelichek.

Each of the team coaches spoke a few words and extended their thanks to the Board.

#### **Aultcare Health Renewal – Bill McCarron**

Trustee Chessler welcomed Bill McCarron, Traci Swain and Lisa Brown from Huntington here this evening. Trustee Chessler relayed that Huntington helps assists us and our insurance benefits committee to gather and evaluate information and proposals, and most importantly, negotiates on our behalf, to get the best rate and coverage for health and prescription drug coverage for Perry Township. Trustee Chessler asked if Mr. McCarron would please give his recommendation for the renewal plan itself as well as the request to adopt a new schedule for administrative fees.

Mr. McCarron referred to the handout before the Board and gave a brief explanation regarding this renewal process and indicated that he makes recommendation that the Board approve renewing our health care coverage with Aultcare at a quoted rate of 4.45% as well as approve an updated schedule of administrative fees for the vision, dental and Cobra claims for 2018.

Trustee Chessler stated that based on the recommendations from our brokers at Huntington Bank, and based on the evaluation of our insurance benefits committee, makes a motion that the Board approve renewing our health care coverage for the year 2018 with Aultcare at a quoted rate of 4.45% increase on the terms of our plan; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board approve an updated schedule of administrative fees for the vision, dental and Cobra claims, effective January 1, 2018 in the amounts of the written proposal presented to the Board; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Mr. McCarron extended their thanks on behalf of Huntington and on behalf of the Board, Trustee Chessler extended their thanks for the continued good working relationship with Huntington. Trustee Chessler also wished Lisa Brown well on her upcoming retirement.

#### **Zoning Case PE 03-17 – Applicant A+ Childcare & Preschool, LLC**

Trustee Chessler stated that the Board will be hearing Zoning Case PE 03-17; it is a proposal submitted by A+ Childcare & Preschool, LLC, 125 Harding Avenue SW, Massillon, Ohio 44646; it is an area where

the current zoning is B-2 Commercial; the request of the Board is to consider R-3 Single Family, Duplex and Four Family Residential.

Trustee Chessler stated that the Zoning Inspector has noted on October 20, 2017 that the house that currently sits on this property has been vacant for more than two (2) years and requires a rezone to use as a residential structure. This matter was referred to the Stark County Regional Planning Commission on October 20, 2017; they received it on November 13, 2017 and made the recommendation that it be approved. The Zoning Commission met at their regular meeting on November 16, 2017; we would note that their legal notice publication was on November 6, 2017; the notices were sent to the property owners on November 2, 2017; there is a transcription of the Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes and their vote and rationale contained in our packet of information tonight; they have recommended approval.

Trustee Chessler indicated that the Board published notice for this hearing on November 21, 2017, the notice was sent to the property owner on November 20, 2017; all in compliance with the law and this case is before us tonight and would ask if there is a representative from A+ Childcare, LLC that wishes to speak in favor of the zone change request.

Ashley Reinhart, Applicant in this case; Ms. Reinhart gave a brief explanation in regard to their zone change request.

Trustee Chessler inquired if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor of the zone change. Seeing none, Trustee Chessler inquired if there was anyone present who wished to speak against the zone change; seeing none, Trustee Chessler inquired if there were any comments or questions by the Board.

Trustee DeChiara inquired of the Applicant if they were planning on doing any outside work regarding the appearance, landscaping or signage of the stated property. The Applicant indicated that they have already done some initial work and relayed that no further work needed to be done at this time.

Trustee Chessler stated that he felt that this was a straightforward request and the reason being again is that this is a single-family home that had a legal nonconforming status and since the purpose now was to rezone it for a residential use, the zone change was necessary.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board approve the recommendation of the Zoning Commission to approve this zone change; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

**Communications:**

**IAFF Request for Change of Broker**

Trustee Chessler indicated that the Board received from Adam Reiger of our Fire Department, an email that was forwarded from the Ohio Association of Professional Firefighters with a request that they wish to change brokers and the supporting information that explains the proposed new broker.

Law Director Hall indicated that the contract was with the Board as the employer, but the payments and premiums all come from the members and union. Mr. Hall indicated that this needed the Board's ratification and approval as the employer.

Trustee Chessler verified that the application before the Board was for the new entity. Mr. Hall stated that the Board had previously gone through this process with the firefighters. Trustee DeChiara inquired if they still had access through Ohio Deferred Comp. Mr. Hall confirmed yes. Trustee Haines verified that this was just a secondary one that they chose to move forward with.

Trustee Chessler stated that he would ask Fire Chief Martin if there was anything that he wanted to weigh in on this matter; Chief Martin stated that this was strictly an agreement between the Board and the union.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that based on the information received from Adam Reiger, as the Fire Department's Union President, with the request that the Board authorize Palanca and Associates to represent the OAPFF 457 Plan, in place of Prats and Hogsette Financial Group; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**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 \$596,305.32 for the week ending 11/28/17 and bills in the amount of \$15,470.52 for the week ending 12/05/17 for a combined total of \$611,775.84; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

**Fiscal Officer:**

**Administration:**

**Consider Purchase of Department Copiers**

Trustee Chessler stated that before the Board is a memo from Administrator Fetzer dated December 1, 2017 in regard to the Board's consideration of the purchase of new department copiers. Trustee Chessler asked Administrator Fetzer to please outline the steps taken to gather information regarding these copier purchases.

Administrator Fetzer gave a brief summary and explanation regarding the field trip taken by Department Heads and staff members to COPECO Company in North Canton to research possible new copier purchases. Administrator Fetzer indicated that before the Board and for their approval and

consideration is a request for the purchase of four (4) Sharp copiers from COPECO at the quoted cost of \$35,555.00.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board authorize the Township Administrator, on behalf of the Township Departments, to enter into the agreement for the purchase of the four (4) Sharp copiers from COPECO at the quoted cost of \$35,555.00; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, no. Mr. Haines, yes.

#### **Clout Renewal**

Trustee Chessler stated that the next item under Administration is a memo dated December 1, 2017 from the Administrator asking the Board to once again approve the CLOUT (Coalition of Large Ohio Urban Townships) Membership. Trustee Chessler indicated that he recalls that we were one of the founding members of this organization and we have regularly renewed our membership for the variety of benefits that are outlined in the memo.

Trustee Chessler stated that the renewal fee is \$200.00 payable to the Ohio Township Association and made a motion that the Board approve that; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

#### **Consider Purchase of Two New Rheem Furnaces**

Trustee Chessler stated that before the Board is a memo from the Administrator dated December 4, 2017 in regard to the request of replacing the current furnaces in the basement. Trustee Chessler asked Administrator Fetzer to please outline this request.

Administrator Fetzer gave a brief explanation of the two (2) new Rheem furnaces to be installed in the Township Administration office basement from Shanklin Heating and Air Conditioning in the amount of \$7,600.00.

Trustee Haines inquired if the new furnaces included programmable thermostats. Administrator Fetzer indicated that this information was not supplied, but relayed that she would request Shanklin to indicate that information.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board accept the quoted estimate for Shanklin Heating and Air Conditioning, a Perry Township business, for the amount of \$7,600.00 for the furnace units that are quoted and also, authorize the Administrator to investigate, and if necessary, make the additional purchase of thermostats that are programmable; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

#### **Consider Accepting Stark Tusc Wayne Clean-Up Grant in the Amount of \$1,250**

Administrator Fetzer stated that the Board is being requested to accept and approve the Stark Tusc Wayne Clean-Up Grant in the amount of \$1,250.00. Administrator Fetzer gave a brief explanation regarding the grant program through the Stark Tusc Wayne Waste District and the clean-up grant that is awarded to the Township on a quarterly basis.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board accept the grant from the Stark Tusc Wayne Clean-Up Grant Program in the amount of \$1,250.00; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

**Fire Department:**

**Consider Resignation of Part-Time Employee Joseph Clark**

**Consider Resignation of Part-Time Employee Brent Bauman**

**Consider Resignation of Part-Time Employee Robert Brandau**

**Consider Resignation of Part-Time Employee John Phillips**

Trustee Chessler indicated that the Fire Chief has provided the Board with information to support the request to accept resignations from four (4) part-time employees. Trustee Chessler stated that he would note that the Board's supporting documents do show that the Chief has prepared a memo for each of the above-stated employees and a letter of resignation that also accompanied each of them. Trustee Chessler indicated that the Board acknowledges receipt of those letters and based on those letters and the memo from the Fire Chief, move that the Board accept the resignations of Joseph Clark, Brent Bauman, Robert Brandau and John Phillips, effective upon passage of this resolution; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

**Police Department:**

**Road and Park Department:**

**Consider Hiring Ricky Perone Maintenance Specialist**

Trustee Chessler stated that November 29, 2017 was the date of the memo the Board had received from the Road Superintendent asking for approval to hire a Road Maintenance Specialist. Trustee Chessler relayed that we have a candidate for the Road Maintenance Specialist but indicated that there was some question about information that was or was not on the application. Trustee Chessler inquired if there were any other comments or questions from the Board.

Trustee DeChiara inquired of Road Superintendent Masalko if he had received his email regarding checking references, work history and the request to have our police department do a background check in regard to the applicant for the Road Maintenance Specialist. Road Superintendent Masalko confirmed yes and gave a brief explanation regarding his background check process. Trustee DeChiara indicated that he would feel more comfortable to table this matter until more information was received on the applicant's work history, ethic and social security background check.

Police Chief Pomesky indicated that they would do an in-house record check through the police department; Trustee DeChiara inquired if Law Director Hall might also be able to assist on obtaining background check information. Law Director Hall confirmed yes. Trustee Chessler inquired of the Board if this would want to be made a common practice as a matter of going forward. Trustee DeChiara indicated that he would prefer to do that.

Trustee Chessler stated that based on the Board's discussion, made a motion that the item listed under the Road Department: 'To Consider Hiring Ricky Perone as a Maintenance Specialist' be tabled to the meeting of December 19<sup>th</sup>; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Law Director:** None.

**Zoning:**

**Consider Reappointing Zone Commission Member Ruth Braid Whose Term Expires 12/31/17 – New 5 Year Term Would Run from 1/1/18 Through 12/31/22**

**Consider Reappointing Board of Zoning Appeals Member Karen Ramos Whose Term Expires 12/31/17 New 5 Year Term Would Run from 1/1/18 Through 12/31/22.**

Trustee Chessler indicated that the Zoning Inspector has relayed that each year we have appointments expiring on both the Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. For the Zoning Commission, the term of Ruth Braid has expired, and she has indicated that she would like to be considered for another term. Regarding the Board of Zoning Appeals, the term of Karen Ramos has expired, and she has indicated that she would like to be considered for another term.

Trustee Chessler stated with that information makes a motion that the Board appoint Ruth Braid to the Zoning Commission and Karen Ramos to the Board of Zoning Appeals for new five (5) year terms commencing the first of January of 2018; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**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.

**Public Speaks-Open Forum:** None.

**Announcements:**

**Adjournment:**



With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Chessler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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