

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

December 20, 2016 7:00 pm

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Excused absence:

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Public Hearings/Invited Guests:

Consider AultCare Employee Health Benefits 0% Renewal – Mark Woessner Huntington Broker

Trustee Haines welcomed Huntington Insurance broker, Mark Woessner and staff to go over the Township's health benefits renewal.

Mr. Woessner introduced himself and gave a brief overview of how they obtained data and cost structures to acquire the best health coverage for Perry Township. Mr. Woessner indicated that after evaluating all the offers and options came back to the Township Health Benefits insurance committee and made the recommendation to renew with AultCare with a 0% increase.

Mr. Woessner answered several questions relayed by the Board members and Law Director.

Trustee Chessler again thanked Mark Woessner and his staff and expressed the Board's appreciation for the efforts and hard work put forth to evaluate this process.

Trustee Chessler stated that based on the information that we have before us with regard to the Township's health care and prescription drug coverage for the upcoming year on recommendation of our representatives from Huntington, makes a motion that we renew our coverage with AultCare under the terms outlined at a 0% increase for the coming year; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Recognition of Central Catholic Crusaders – Division V State Championship, Coach Jeff Lindesmith and Team Members

Trustee Haines welcomed Central Catholic Football Coach Jeff Lindesmith and team members here with us this evening; 2016 Division V State Football Championship winners.

Trustee Haines gave several brief details regarding Coach Lindesmith and Central Catholic's football team and read the names of the seventeen (17) senior team members. Trustee Haines presented Coach

Lindesmith with a recognition of achievement award indicating "Central Catholic Division V 2016 State Football Championship-- presented by the Perry Township Board of Trustees".

Coach Lindesmith briefly highlighted the team members and relayed the remarkable character they have displayed on and off the field; Coach Lindesmith extended their sincere thanks and appreciation to the Board.

Communications:

Public Speaks on items up for Board Approval: None.

Township Business requiring Board Action: None.

Unfinished Business:

Consider JEDD Agreement with the City of Canton

Trustee Haines stated that this is the third and final vote regarding this matter and referred to Law Director Hall.

Law Director Hall stated that he wanted to thank each of the Trustees and Fiscal Officer for all of their input in completing this Agreement contract.

Trustee Chessler relayed one notation as to Section 13 of the Agreement; Mr. Hall confirmed this notation.

Trustee DeChiara asked when this Agreement would actually take effect. Mr. Hall indicated that if the Board passes a resolution tonight approving this, then City Council will give their final review and it will take effect thirty (30) days after that.

Trustee Haines stated that based on all the information from the contract, Perry Township Joint Economic Development District Contract I, made a motion to approve that and move forward; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Law Director Hall indicated that in the January 2017 meeting, there will be two related matters for the tax sharing agreement and for the tax abatement request. The Board thanked Law Director Hall for all of his help in completing this Agreement as well.

New Business:

Trustee Haines made a motion to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$184,404.39 for the week ending December 13, 2016 and bills and payroll in the amount of \$13,559.58 for the week ending December 20, 2016 for a combined total of \$197,963.97; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Fiscal Officer:

Consider Amended Certificate in the Amount of \$82,656.14 for the Police Department

Fiscal Officer Schlegel gave a brief explanation in regard to the advance from the General Fund to the Police Department.

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board amend the certificate for the Police Department in the amount of \$82,656.14; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Consider Clearing Two (2) Outstanding Checks Over One (1) Year Old Totaling \$577.88

Fiscal Officer Schlegel stated that he is requesting the Board's approval to clear two (2) outstanding checks that are over one (1) year old in the total amount of \$577.88; so moved by Trustee Chessler ; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Consider Resolution to Apportion the Trustees' Salary Over the Various Department Budgets

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board approve the resolution to apportion the Trustees' salary over the various department budgets; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Administration:

Consider OTARMA Moral Obligation Claim

Administrator Fetzer briefly relayed the unfortunate incident wherein a member of the Perry Township Rotary, Mr. Larry Linn, was conducting an educational in-service presentation in the Township Hall and a large HD TV fell from the wall and landed directly on top of Mr. Linn's laptop. The Township's OTARMA (Ohio Township Risk Management Authority) liability insurance provides a Moral Obligation benefit that will cover 75% of all accumulated expenses.

Administrator Fetzer requested that the Board consider making a motion to submit the requested claim in the amount of \$1,371.28 to OTARMA and request the authorization of the 75% Moral Obligation reimbursement benefit be utilized; the Township's responsibility in the amount of \$342.82.

Trustee Chessler stated that based on the information that we have and the information that we have been provided from OTARMA, the Board will acknowledge the claim that has been made from Mr. Larry Linn in the amount of \$1,372.28 and further authorize the payment of the Township's portion of \$342.82; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Consider Renewal of CLOUT Membership

Administrator Fetzer stated that the Board has received an invoice from the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority concerning the opportunity to renew the CLOUT (Coalition of Large Ohio Urban Townships) Membership in the amount of \$200.00. Administrator Fetzer indicated that CLOUT was developed in order to provide assistance to local governments and supports a variety of causes which potentially impact the Township; so moved by Trustee Chessler; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Fire Department:

Consider Approval of Full-Time Fire Medic Employment Testing Documents

Fire Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is requesting that the Board of Trustees approve the Full-Time Fire Medic Testing Documents, attached before the Board. Chief Martin indicated that upon the Board's preview and approval from the Board, he will post the information for a test.

Trustee Haines inquired of Chief Martin if he and Law Director Hall had worked together on this. Chief Martin confirmed yes.

Trustee DeChiara referred to the non-tobacco use agreement and stated that he has some reservation regarding that and the authorization for employment credit reports.

Law Director Hall indicated that from a legal perspective, it is appropriate to do this in one department and not in the other and gave a brief explanation in this regard. More discussion took place concerning this matter.

Trustee Haines stated that based on the information given to us by the Fire Chief regarding the full-time firefighter/firemedic employment documents makes the motion to accept this with a small change in verbiage to change under the credit reports to "as needed" to "upon reasonable cause"; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Police Department:

Consider 2017 Bullet Proof Vest Grant Award

Police Chief Pomesky stated that the Police Department has applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$2,295.00 from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for bullet proof vest replacements; currently we have \$5,110.97 to be used towards the purchase of bullet proof vests and this grant amount would be added to that funding to enable us to complete the purchase of vests for our officers. Chief Pomesky stated that he is asking that the Board accept the grant award in the amount of \$2,295.00.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board approve the receipt of the Bureau of Justice grant award for the Police Department in the amount of \$2,295.00 toward the purchase of bullet proof vests for the year of 2017; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Trustee Haines verified Chief Pomesky's indication that he was only anticipating replacing one bullet proof vest next year. Chief Pomesky confirmed that was correct and added that one of the things that could happen; in the event that one of the bullet proof vests would accidentally get damaged or one would accidentally fail and would require replacement, we would be able to do that and be reimbursed.

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

Consider Massillon Transportation Agreement

Police Chief Pomesky stated that the Police Department received notification of the new Prisoner Transportation Agreement between Perry Township and the City of Massillon; this contract runs from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. The cost per prisoner transport for 2017 will be \$125.00. Chief Pomesky stated that he sent the contract to Law Director Hall for his review and is asking for the Board's approval of this contracted service.

Trustee DeChiara inquired in regard to the Township not being able to bill for this type of service, but inquired if the Court system could tack it on to their portion. Law Director Hall added that the Court can assess this as additional costs and indicated that we could bring this to the Court's attention. Trustee DeChiara stated that if the Court would not want to handle this, he relayed that we would be willing to share and give them a percent of what they collect for us just to get something back. Mr. Hall stated that this is a service that is being provided for all of the western Stark County Police Agencies and added that it might be better approached from the area Police Chiefs' perspective to the Court. More brief discussion followed concerning this matter.

Trustee Haines stated that based upon what was given to us by Chief Pomesky made a motion that the Board approve the Prisoner Transportation Agreement between Perry Township and the City of Massillon; it should be noted that this contract runs from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 at a per prisoner transport cost of \$125.00; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Road and Park Department:

Consider Whipple Ave. SW Maintenance Agreement Between Canton Township and Perry Township Board of Trustees

Road Superintendent Masalko indicated that there has been an informal, "gentlemen's agreement" between the Canton Township Board of Trustees and the Perry Township Board of Trustees to share in the maintenance and repair of Whipple Ave. SW. Mr. Masalko stated that after splitting the cost with

Canton Township to chip and seal Whipple Ave. off of Shepler Church, he and Canton Township Road Superintendent Jon Smith feel the need to have a written agreement between the two townships; Canton Township Board of Trustees have approved this resolution, attached before the Board, at their December 13, 2016 meeting.

Road Superintendent Masalko indicated if Law Director Hall could draft a resolution, he is requesting the Board to approve this resolution this evening.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board adopt a resolution to formalize the relationship with Canton Township as far as the snow removal and ice control on Whipple Avenue SW on the common boundaries that we share; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Consider the Purchase of a CASE Wheel Loader

Road Superintendent Masalko indicated that per the discussion from the December 5, 2016 Budget Hearing meeting, he has relayed to the Board that the Road Department loader is being used for recycle and yard waste daily. (The loader is being used more for yard waste than for road department use.) Because of this excessive use, it has caused much wear and tear on the loader. Mr. Masalko stated that he has solicited three quotes from: Southeastern Equipment, Ohio Cat and Murphy; quote sheets attached before the Board.

Road Superintendent Masalko stated that it is their recommendation to purchase from Southeastern Equipment Co., Inc. in the amount of \$79,395.55; Southeastern came in at the best price and has a three (3) year or 3000 hour full factory service; it also has a five (5) year or 3000 hour full machine warranty; the price includes the trade-in.

Law Director Hall inquired if these solicited quotes were at state purchasing prices; Road Superintendent Masalko confirmed that all three solicited quotes were at state purchasing prices.

Trustee Haines inquired if this equipment was something that would be in stock or does it have to be ordered; Road Superintendent Masalko indicated that it would be ordered and it would probably take approximately thirty (30) days.

Trustee Haines stated that based on the Road Superintendent's information, made a motion that the Board consider the purchase of the CASE Wheel Loader at a total cost not to exceed \$79,395.55; price to include the trade-in; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Law Director:

Zoning:

Problem Properties – 5046 West Tuscarawas

Zoning Inspector Cugini stated that at the last regular Trustees' meeting a resolution was passed by the Board declaring the building a hazard at the above stated address as well as given the permission to obtain bids for the demolition of the caved-in portion of this building. Mr. Cugini stated that he is happy to report that three (3) days after the Trustees' meeting, a permit was pulled by Marshall Land Company; Mr. Marshall was hired by the current owner of the above-stated address.

Zoning Inspector Cugini stated that he wanted to thank the Perry Township Fire Department and Mark Abbott as well as Angela Cavanaugh of the Stark County Building Department in this effort. Mr. Cugini stated that it was a true collaboration between these government agencies.

The Board thanked Zoning Inspector Cugini for all of his efforts in pushing this matter forward.

Executive Session(s):

Department Matters Not Requiring Board Action:

Administration: None.

Fire Department: None.

Police Department:

October and November Activity Reports

Road Department: None.

Parks/Recycling: None.

Zoning: None.

Law Director: None.

Upcoming Events:

Public Speaks-Open Forum: None.

Adjournment:

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Haines made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Doug Haines, President

Joe Schlegel, Fiscal Officer