

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

September 6, 2016 7:00 pm

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Excused absence: Joyce Fetzer, Administrator

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Public Hearings/Invited Guests:

Opening of Fire Department Addition Bids 7:00 pm

Trustee Haines stated that we have solicited bids for our Fire Department renovations and will now open the bids. Trustee Haines referred to Fiscal Officer Schlegel.

Fiscal Officer Schlegel asked if there was anyone present who wished to submit a bid; seeing none, listed the bids as follows:

	NAME OF COMPANY	STATION #	BID AMOUNT
1.	BCMC	Station #3	\$208,000.00 (bid bond) \$205,000.00 (alternate non prevailing wage)
		Station #2	\$226,000.00 (bid bond) \$220,000.00 (alternate non prevailing wage)
2.	ML Construction Group	Station #3	\$201,839.00 (bid bond)
		Station #2	\$198,741.00 (bid bond)
3.	Classical Construction	Station #3	\$201,725.00 (bid bond)
		Station #2	\$222,232.00 (bid bond)
4.	CCI Commercial Construction	Station #3	\$203,718.00 (bid bond)
		Station #2	\$204,761.00 (bid bond)
5.	RBS	Station #3	\$196,531.00 (bid bond)
		Station #2	\$197,685.50 (bid bond)
6.	St. Clair-Pavlis Group	Station #3	\$185,116.00 (bid bond)
		Station #2	\$195,899.00
7.	The Morgan Building Group	Station #3	\$269,339.00 (bid bond)
		Station #2	\$273,231.00 (bid bond)
8.	Blythe Construction	Station #3	\$206,573.93 (bid bond)
		Station #2	\$235,084.45 (bid bond)

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board accept the bids as they have been submitted tonight; that we will refer them to the Law Director and the Fire Chief for further review to ensure that they are

consistent with the bid specifications and request that they report back to the Board when that review is complete; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Swearing In Ceremony for Full-Time Firemedics Adam Hafer, Brad Shaffer and Part-Time Firemedic Brandon Hamm

Trustee Haines stated that we have three (3) firemen that are going to be sworn in tonight, one part-time fireman and two (2) full-time firemen. Trustee Haines stated that before he asks these gentlemen to come forward, the Board will make a motion to be hired.

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board hire Brandon Hamm as a probationary, part-time firefighter/EMT-B effective Tuesday, September 6, 2016. Brandon will be required to complete the fire department skills performance course and follow all rules, regulations and procedures of the fire department and Township. Brandon will be required to adhere to all current wage and hour regulations established by the Township pertaining to part-time employment. Brandon will be afforded the current benefits of part-time personnel and he will serve a probationary period of one year; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board hire Adam Hafer as a full-time firefighter-paramedic with the Perry Township Fire Department effective Tuesday, September 6, 2016. Adam will be afforded all benefits that are applicable to full-time employees with a starting rate of pay of \$13.27 per hour. He has completed and passed his required polygraph, pre-hire psychological and medical examination; Adam will be afforded all of the other benefits provided for in the Collective Bargaining Agreement and will serve a one (1) year probationary period; Adam will be assigned to C-shift (Captain Nelson) starting Friday, September 9, 2016; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Perry Township Board of Trustees hire Brad Shaffer as a full-time firefighter-paramedic with the Perry Township Fire Department effective Tuesday, September 6, 2016. Brad will be afforded all benefits that are applicable to full-time employees with a starting pay rate of \$15.52 per hour. Brad has completed and passed the required polygraph, pre-hire psychological and medical examination.

Per Chief Martin's memo to the Board, the Fire Department is requesting a starting pay rate of \$15.52 per hour as per the Collective Bargaining Agreement; this rate is the rate that would normally be earned after 1 year of service; however, Brad has been a part-time member of the department for approximately 9 years. In addition, Brad is a Basic Life Support (CPR) Instructor, Emergency Vehicle Operation Instructor, EMS Continuing Medical Education Instructor and has a Bachelors Degree in Fire Administration. As a part-time fire medic, Brad has averaged 22-24 scheduled shift hours per week. Brad has been one of the most consistent part-timers when it comes to working shift.

Trustee Haines further relayed that Law Director Hall has indicated that nothing in the contract prohibits the board from giving Brad one (1) year service credit for his nine (9) years of part-time service with Perry Township Fire Department. Brad will serve a one (1) year probationary period and will be assigned to A-shift (Captain Riggs) starting Wednesday, September 7, 2016; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

Trustee DeChiara indicated that regarding the wage difference, he was against starting people out at different wages. Trustee DeChiara also stated that the union agreement is at a certain wage and a certain beginning point and does not want to go down the road of that inconsistency.

Trustee Haines stated that he understands Trustee DeChiara's position, but indicated that there is a lot of experience and expertise and degrees that Brad brings to the fire service.

Trustee Chessler also indicated that there has been some past precedence for hires that we have considered giving different terms and conditions based on the skill set, based on credentials, based on the experience that they have brought. Trustee Chessler stated that many have come to mind where we have altered or eliminated or reduced the probationary period. Trustee Chessler stated that we have invested our Department Heads with some discretion to come to the Board and based on those factors, the Law Director has said that this is within his discretion to make that recommendation.

Trustee Chessler added that he would hope that if we are doing things like this in the future, it would be a skill set like Brad brings with a very impressive background and experience that we could use; we are always looking for young people that are ambitious and we are looking for people with a level of experience that will mesh well with that. Trustee Chessler stated that he will abide with the Chief's request and recommendation.

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

Trustee Haines asked part-time firefighter/EMT-B Brandon Hamm to please come forward to take the oath of office.

I, _____ do solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States, The Constitution of the State of Ohio, the Resolutions of Perry Township, Ohio, the Rules, Regulations, Standard Operating Guidelines, Standard Operating Procedures and Policies of the Perry Township Fire Department, and I will faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge the duties of Firefighter of the Perry Township Fire Department and this I do as I shall answer unto God.

Trustee Haines asked full-time firefighter-paramedics, Adam Hafer and Brad Shaffer to please come forward to take the oath of office.

I, _____ do solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States, The Constitution of the State of Ohio, the Resolutions of Perry Township, Ohio, the Rules, Regulations, Standard Operating Guidelines, Standard Operating Procedures and Policies of the Perry Township Fire Department, and I will faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge the duties of Firefighter of the Perry Township Fire Department and this I do as I shall answer unto God.

Trustee Haines asked the family members of both Adam and Brad to please come forward to place the uniform pins on these gentlemen. Trustee Chessler presented the fire helmets to Adam and Brad; Trustee DeChiara presented fire badges to Adam and Brad.

Trustee Haines stated that we will take a 10 minute recess at this time and invited everyone present this evening to please enjoy cake and punch.

10 Minute Recess

Communications:

Board Received Communication on 08/25/16 from Stacey Weister

Trustee Haines outlined a letter received by the Board from a resident who lives behind Fire Station #1 and would like to purchase part of the property that is behind the fire station in the amount of 0.15 up to 0.23 acres. Trustee Haines indicated that the Board would like to acknowledge that they received this letter and asked if there were any comments on this matter.

Trustee Chessler inquired of Law Director Hall if he would advise the Board on the process; and if we are permitted to engage in a transaction to sell land and what the process that we would use. Law Director Hall confirmed this request.

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 to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$216,244.87 for the week ending August 23, 2016 and bills and payroll in the amount of \$96,814.82 for the week ending August 30, 2016 and bills and payroll in the amount of \$161,510.25 for the week ending September 6, 2016 for a combined total of \$474,569.94; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Fiscal Officer:

Consider Accepting the Board Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2016

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board accept the Board meeting minutes of August 16, 2016; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Administration:

Consider the Temporary Road Closing of Lincoln Way for the 3rd Annual Perry Township Parade

Trustee Haines stated that on Saturday, September 10, 2016 from 10:30 am to Noon, there will be a parade in Perry Township.

Trustee Haines stated that both the Ohio Department of Transportation and Stark County Engineer's have authorized the temporary closing of Lincoln Way on Saturday, September 10th from 10:30 until noon in recognition of our 3rd Annual Community Parade. It will be closed from Austin St. NW and Lincoln Way to Genoa Ave. and Lincoln Way. Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board accept that closure for Saturday, September 10th; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Fire Department:

Consider Accepting Resignation of Part-Time Fire Medic Eric Keagy

Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is requesting that the Board of Trustees accept the resignation of part-time firefighter/paramedic Eric Keagy effective Tuesday, September 6, 2016. Chief Martin indicated that Eric was able to secure a full-time firefighter's position with Plain Township Fire Department and as a result of that, is no longer able to meet the minimum requirements of the department.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that based on the information provided by the Fire Chief and the letter submitted by Eric Keagy that the Board accept his resignation as a part-time firefighter with Perry Township effective today, September 6, 2016; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Consider Renewal of Provident Supplemental Life and Accident Insurance

Fire Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is requesting that the Board of Trustees authorize the renewal of the Provident Accident and Life Insurance policy for fire department members at a cost not to exceed \$3,585.00 a year. Chief Martin indicated that the Board of Trustees have always considered the safety and welfare of fire department members to be an important element of Township operations; for many years, the Board of Trustees have provided the members of the fire department with supplemental accident and life insurance coverage; this supplemental coverage helps to assist a part-time firefighter who as a result of an on-duty injury is unable to work his fulltime occupation; the policy would be in effect from November 3, 2015—November 3, 2018. This payment is the second installment on a three year plan.

Trustee Haines inquired of Chief Martin, for the benefit of the audience members here this evening, how many part-time firefighters we currently have. Chief Martin stated that we have approximately 55 part-time firefighters and 14 full-time firefighters.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board authorize the continuing agreement with Provident Supplemental Life and Accident Insurance for a policy for fire department members at a cost not to exceed the installment amount for the annual premium of \$3,585.00; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Trustee Chessler stated that he wanted to correct that this would be an installment amount for the annual premium in the second year. Fire Chief Martin indicated that the third year will be an additional \$3,000.00.

Consider Authorizing Aultwork's Occupational Medicine to Conduct Full-Time Firefighter Physicals

Fire Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is requesting that the Board of Trustees authorize the use of Aultworks ~ Occupational Medicine to conduct the annual firefighter physicals. Total cost of the physicals not to exceed \$5,184.00.

Chief Martin indicated that Section 29:6 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement requires that the Township pay for the annual firefighter physical. Section 29:7 requires that any bargaining unit member, who chooses not to complete the annual physical, shall be required to pay twenty percent (20%) of their total healthcare premium (Township + Individual contribution).

Chief Martin stated that in fire service, cardiac disease and cancer are two of the leading killers of firefighters and disabling diseases so having these annual physicals is really important; it helps identify for that individual, early on, if there is a problem and they can address it. That information from the physical is protected health care information, we don't get that information. They can choose then if there is something reported that is not right to act on it or not, but we have done our due diligence in making them aware of that issue; any time you can catch something early, there is always a good chance that it can be resolved in a positive manner.

Quotes were solicited from three agencies:

- Aultworks Occupational Medicine \$5,184.00
- Professional Health Service \$8,937.60
- Mercy Medical (Did not respond back)

Chief Martin stated that based on the quotes, the Fire Department is recommending Aultworks Occupational Medicine.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that based on the information presented by Chief Martin the Board authorize the use of Aultworks Occupational Medicine to conduct the annual firefighter physicals; the cost for these physicals authorized is not to exceed \$5,184.00; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Police Department:

Road and Park Department:

Consider Authorizing the Road Superintendent to Submit an OPWC Grant Application

Road Superintendent Masalko stated that on July 19, 2016, the Board approved the Road Department to move forward with the engineering costs with Hammontree and Associates. Since then, the engineering is being close to being done which means that we will be able to apply for Ohio Public Works grant monies on our 4th Street/Pleasant Hills Drainage Project; in combination, we are also going to apply at a later date to help subsidize this with the community block grant monies because it also does apply in that area. Mr. Masalko stated that he is asking the Board to authorize him to apply for OPWC funding just to see where we stand on Phase I and also will be authorizing to encumber possible funding next year.

Trustee Haines verified that this is them ranking us to tell us how much grant money is available; this is not a commitment for us. Road Superintendent Masalko confirmed no and added that we're just applying for it; we have to encumber the monies and make the resolution.

Trustee Chessler confirmed that this was what you submit in your budget request for our December hearing. Mr. Masalko confirmed yes and added that the deadline is September 18, 2016 at noon; there will not be another meeting until after that date.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board authorize to the written resolution to certify the Law Director to designate our Road Superintendent, John Masalko, to make the application to the Ohio Public Works Commission funds and to further authorize him to enter into any agreements as is necessary and appropriate for obtaining financial assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

**Consider Accepting the Resignation of Seasonal Part-Time Employee Justin Burns
Consider Accepting the Resignation of Seasonal Part-Time Employee Blake Kintz**

Road Superintendent Masalko stated that the next two items on the Agenda are resignation letters from our seasonal part-time employees, they have all gone back to school; one of these employees has stated that he will not be back because he will pursue his career; Blake Kintz and Justin Burns.

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board accept the resignation of Blake Kintz effective August 16, 2016 and the resignation of Justin Burns effective August 16, 2016; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Law Director: None.

Zoning:

Problem Properties~

Zoning Inspector Cugini stated that he had no properties to report on this evening. Trustee Haines verified that Tim Cugini has been our new Zoning Inspector for the last two (2) months and has done a phenomenal job.

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.

Upcoming Events:

~3rd Annual Perry Township Community Parade and Oktoberfest - Saturday, September 10th – Parade beginning at 11:00 am, immediately followed by the Oktoberfest – Noon to 5:00 pm at Hartwick Park – Enjoy All Day Events and free Entertainment ~ Special Features: Mix 94.1 Remote Broadcasting Noon to 2:00 pm and the CLAPTON Evolution Band from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. Both events sponsored by Aqua. Additional event details at www.perrytwp.com

Public Speaks-Open Forum:

Trustee Haines confirmed that Mrs. Hostetler was here this evening and confirmed that they have spoken to her and letters have been circulated. Trustee Haines relayed that Trustee Chessler has also been involved in the matter pertaining to the lots in the Grovemiller allotment.

Trustee Chessler gave a brief background and overview of the lots in the Grovemiller allotment, inside the Perry Township limits but were donated to the City of Canton sometime between the late 40's or early 50's. Trustee Chessler indicated that a restriction was imposed on these lots wherein they could not be used for anything else but park/recreational purposes in this allotment. This restriction has remained there but the City of Canton no longer wants to maintain this area so they would like to take this from public use to private use. The City of Canton would like to negate the park purpose requirement to allow the lands to be sold as they would any piece of real estate, to the highest bidder. The City is required in this process to notify all the adjoining owners and conduct a hearing and allow you to object.

Trustee Chessler stated that this will be the beginning point for our discussion here of your objections or not and what the Board of Trustees can do and how we differ from what the park commission can and should do.

Barbara Hostetler, 4457 Marcellus St. NW, Canton, OH 44708.– Mrs. Hostetler asked if everybody attending this evening's meeting from the Grovemiller allotment would please stand up.

Trustee Haines thanked Mrs. Hostetler for taking the lead in this matter and added that everybody here can hear firsthand the details to this matter including the Board's authority and what the Township is able to do.

Mrs. Hostetler stated that the basis of everything they want is that the three (3) parks remain parks, they don't want homes or duplexes being built on those properties; they are all making the statement that the parks are being used by children; and is speaking for all the adjacent property homeowners to these lot that they are not asking Perry Township in any way or form to add anything to the parks. Mrs. Hostetler stated that all they want is for all three of them to be kept mowed and kept the way they are. Mrs. Hostetler inquired if the City of Canton proceeds to ask Perry Township to take on these properties, they were here to ask Perry Township to work with them. Mrs. Hostetler stated that on the other hand, if Perry Township does take these parks over, they are also asking that the Board would keep them as parks and not add to them and let them remain as they are.

Trustee Haines stated that he spoke with one of the members of the Canton park board commission, Derek Gordon, as all of the Board members have. Trustee Haines added that two years ago they came to us and said that they wanted to give these parks to Perry Township. Trustee Haines indicated that the budget was so tight at that time, the Township was not able to take on the maintenance of any additional parks. Trustee Haines stated not that we have an excess budget at this time, but our budget has gotten a little better.

Trustee Haines explained that his concern of taking on those parks is that though one of them is easy to maintain and mow and overall, in good condition, the other ones that are swamp like are back a little further and there are trees and woods. Trustee Haines stated that he did not want to make any promises that the Board has any goals, if we as Perry Township would take that on, to clean that area up. Trustee Haines confirmed that the mowing has previously only been done around the perimeters of these parks and he again stated that he did not want to give the impression that these areas would be completely mowed and trees cut down, etc.

Comments from the audience caused Trustee Haines to remark that he feels that everyone was on the same page as what he was and utilized the words "as is" to describe the condition of the parks at this time; the three different sets of property, the property that is across from the Hostetler's, on Marcellus, has three different lots; the other two are individual, large parcels that have only one lot on those. Trustee Haines stated that the Board has talked to the park commission and added though we as a Board have not had any discussion, both a member of the park board and director, Derek Gordon, offered to come to the meeting tonight. Trustee Haines indicated that he stated that he didn't feel that

it was necessary at this point and added that they indicated they would come to the next meeting as well so that we are all on the same page.

Trustee Haines also indicated that Mr. Gordon stated the offer was still on the table that he made to us two years ago. Trustee Haines stated that though Mr. Gordon does not have the sole power to make that decision because there is a three member park commission that would have to vote on that, he is in support of this proposal. Trustee Haines stated that obviously the burden that the township would take on would be the responsibility of mowing these properties.

Mrs. Hostetler stated that she never did say that we were talking about the parks on Marcellus, Ambrose and Cayuga. Trustee Haines confirmed this and indicated that the park commission has been very clear; it's an all or none deal.

Gary Gerber, 4445 Marcellus St. NW – Mr. Gerber stated that he was wondering if you take the other two parcels on Cayuga and Manor, would you get the gas royalties off of that property. Trustee Haines stated that when he looked on the Stark County Auditor's website, the gas well is owned by a gas company on Fulton Road. Trustee DeChiara stated that the royalties go to the Canton Water Department. Mr. Gerber stated that all of that property is owned by the Canton City Water Department. Trustee Haines stated that we would have some homework to do in that regard. Trustee Haines also indicated that it is the Canton water department that currently mows that land where the water well is. Mr. Gerber stated that the park department is doing this now; Trustee Haines stated that must have just changed then.

Steve Wiles, 4614 Marcellus St. NW – Mr. Wiles stated that you say a swamp, but stated that he looks at this as a play area for his granddaughters. Mr. Wiles stated that he has not complained at any time about this area and added that he had mowed there when the city had stopped mowing certain areas at one time.

Trustee Chessler inquired of Mr. Wiles if the Township takes these parks over and maintains the status quo as it has been, is that something that you and your neighbors would be satisfied with. Audience members stated yes. Mr. Wiles stated that budgetary wise, if they need to be mowed, he would come over and help.

David Hutton, 4511 Marcellus St. NW – Mr. Hutton stated that the property is actually owned by his wife's father and he has lived there for 46 years and indicated that this park property is an important part of the community. Mr. Hutton also confirmed that that they all want the same thing that the Board does.

Tom Covington, 4640 Aurora St. NW, Canton – Mr. Covington stated that he has lived here for 33 years and added that this park used to be a swamp, but when they fixed the water issues on Whipple Rd., it has never been a swamp since. Mr. Covington added that it does stay a little bit wet down there, but there is wildlife there making it almost like a nature preserve and also stated that they look at it as something we'd like to see stay that way. Mr. Covington stated that we would like it to be mowed since

people walk their dogs there and take their kids there as well. Mr. Covington stated that all of them feel that they would like to see it stay and for Perry Township to have it.

Trustee Haines stated that many residents received a notification letter from Canton City before the Board became aware of the recurrence of this matter and then was brought to each of the Board member's attention by Mrs. Hostetler. Trustee Haines stated that we as a township are better suited financially to take this matter on and added that after seeing so many of the neighboring residents to this area be here this evening to offer a large voice to this matter makes it evident that it is important to the community.

Sandra Flickinger, 4610 Marcellus St. NW, Canton – Mrs. Flickinger stated that they moved into this house in 1961 and were promised by the realtor at that time that they were going to make a really nice park here. Mrs. Flickinger stated that if it weren't for that park, their kids might have gotten into a lot of trouble adding that they lived over there. Mrs. Flickinger stated that now it is just pretty to look at and added that just a little mowing is all it takes.

April Daniska, 4620 Marcellus St. NW, Canton – Ms. Daniska stated that she is actually in the middle of purchasing this home at this time and is closing on the loan so she was devastated when she received the letter from Canton City since this park was the deciding factor for purchasing this home. Ms. Daniska stated that she fell in love with this neighborhood and in talking with people in the community found that people stay in these neighborhoods because of these parks; it's a nature preserve and is beautiful. That is where people take pride in their community and you really sense that in this area. Ms. Daniska stated that to see this area be developed and disregarded would be a tragedy.

Mrs. Hostetler asked what their next step would be and asked if Canton City would be able to hear the explanation that was given by the Board this evening in regard to this matter.

Trustee Chessler indicated that while this matter develops from last week to now, the Board is not permitted to discuss with one another, outside the context of a meeting like this due to the Sunshine Law; this is the first opportunity that the Board has been able to sit and meet with the opportunity for discussion.

Trustee DeChiara explained that he feels that at this moment in time it would behoove the Board to try and take these over from the City and also maybe work with the Stark County Park System to make it more of an official nature preserve. Lastly, Trustee DeChiara stated that he would like to see Law Director Hall try to help us if we could get the mineral rights along with the royalty from the Canton Water Department. Trustee DeChiara stated that he thinks that we should try and do what we can to obtain it and to protect it.

Trustee Haines inquired of Law Director Hall in regard to the Water Department if there was a water well on that land. Law Director Hall indicated that he did not know, but added that he would obtain all of that information for the Board.

One of the audience members indicated that there used to be a water purifier on Aurora and Cayuga and another one on Manor and Cayuga, where the gas well is and added that they were built in 1948.

Trustee Haines stated that he felt sure that this may be why the City of Canton wanted it so bad at the time, but added that he wanted to confirm that those water wells are inactive and have been shut down properly. Trustee Haines reiterated that the township's situation is different from two years ago and added that he was open to this. Trustee Haines also added that our Road and Park Superintendent might not like to have to mow a little more property, but he felt that the timing was right. Trustee Haines stated that they have taken it to this level and they really want to get rid of it so for the small burden and fees that it would be for us to maintain that, it would keep the quality of life in this neighborhood.

Law Director Hall stated that he would suggest that at the Board level, a Trustee should contact the Park Board and then once that contact is made, we will work with the Law Director's office to move this forward.

Trustee Haines stated that he will take the lead on that and added that he will talk to Mr. Gordon and will also talk to Mr. Sliman of the Park Board and let them know that we had a good representation this evening. Trustee Haines also added that now that the Board has had an opportunity to talk, we do not need to make a resolution, but we are just going to let them know in good faith that we are interested if their offer is still on the table; if confirmed by the other Board members. Trustee Chessler stated that he felt it was unanimous and Trustee DeChiara stated that he felt Mr. Gordon was very open to the township going forward with this.

Trustee Haines inquired of Law Director Hall that as to the residents in this matter, what they should continue to do. Trustee Haines indicated that in speaking with Mr. Gordon, 115 letters were sent out of the 9 parks that they want to do something with and 38 of those were to Perry Township property owners in that area.

Law Director Hall stated he would defer to Trustee Haines since he had these contacts beforehand. Mr. Hall stated that Mrs. Hostetler may want to gather a list of the people who are supportive of the City not selling the property, but for the City to transfer it to the Board of Trustees and circulate that and get it to Mr. Gordon.

Trustee Chessler stated that he would also suggest if you want to preserve your right to object, I would preserve that right until we can intervene in this matter and let the City of Canton Park Commission know that we (township) want to take the ownership.

Mrs. Hostetler shared with the Board that the residents that received the letters were urged to email their objection letter responses to the City. Trustee Haines confirmed that Mr. Gordon was in receipt of those responses and again stated that he would reach out to Mr. Gordon and would call Mrs. Hostetler to relay that information. Trustee Haines relayed that the park commission meets the third Wednesday of the month at 5 pm. Trustee Haines stated that Mr. Gordon relayed that if this goes through and they

donate this park to the township, it is clean and it is done and they will not have to spend any more time on Grovemiller Park.

Mrs. Hostetler inquired if representation from their neighborhood should be present at that monthly meeting. Trustee Haines indicated that he would inquire about that and communicate that to her.

Mrs. Hostetler asked if the residents that were present this evening would write down their name and address. Trustee Haines thanked all the Grovemiller Park residents for their attendance tonight.

Christian Walton, 2944 12th St. NW, Massillon – Mr. Walton stated that he has complained to the county about the water problems and flooding and added that they did some work down the street from them, but it didn't solve any of their problems at all; the water is still coming across the street and flooding their garages, driveways and basements. Mr. Walton inquired if he has to turn in another complaint to the county commissioners to get this work done. Trustee Haines stated that his recommendation would be yes, as soon as possible since that is the first thing they look at when they receive a complaint.

Trustee Haines stated that his recommendation would be to do it on line tonight. Trustee Haines stated that he would get the form to Mr. Walton; Mr. Walton stated that all of the problems were outlined on the complaint that he originally turned in and he added that people did come out to look at the problem and they agreed with him. Mr. Walton stated that there was such a drought that they were not able to see the water issues first hand, but they could still see the damage that was being done. Trustee Haines inquired if their equipment was still out there. Mr. Walton stated that all the equipment was gone and that they have planted grass as if they are done.

Trustee Haines relayed to Mr. Walton that he would suggest that he turn in the complaint to them and added that he would also reach out to either Richard Regula or Keith Bennett to find out the status of that project.

Mr. Walton stated that another thing that he wanted to talk about is police presence; there is still a big problem with the speeders on 12th Street. Mr. Walton stated that he's been told that they have been staking that out before, but he has never seen anybody out there or seen anybody pulled over. Mr. Walton stated that they are riding too close to the drivers who are going the speed limit; they are passing on a double yellow line and riding too close to the school buses as well as not even stopping for the school buses. Mr. Walton stated that there have been no improvements since the last time he was here and complained.

Chief Pomesky stated that he could speak to the enforcement efforts at that location and confirmed that their officers have been working that on a regular basis. Chief Pomesky gave a brief overview of that traffic situation in that area and added that they are working 30 additional speeding complaints and are spreading their efforts over the entire township. Chief Pomesky indicated that they will continue to assign officers in that area; they are being effective in that area and can confirm from the date when the speed trailer was in that area that we had a significant reduction in that speed. Chief Pomesky stated that they will strive to reduce it even further, but added that he doesn't know if they will ever reach 100% compliance rating where everybody travels the speed limit in that area of the roadway.

Trustee Haines thanked Mr. Walton for his comments.

Adjournment:

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Haines made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Doug Haines, President

Joe Schlegel, Fiscal Officer