

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

April 3, 2018 7:00 pm

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Chris Fox – Veteran Pledge

Trustee Haines welcomed special guest, Mr. Chris Fox here with us this evening to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Haines gave a brief summary of Mr. Fox's military background and dedicated service.

On behalf of the Board, Trustee Haines thanked Chris for being here and presented him with a flag/display case as a token of appreciation for his dedicated service. Chris thanked the Board very much.

Excused absence:

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Public Hearings/Invited Guests:

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 to approve bills in the amount of \$131,399.36 for the week ending March 27, 2018 and bills and payroll in the amount of \$297,996.83 for the week ending April 3, 2018 for a combined total of \$429,396.19; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Fiscal Officer:

Consider Accepting the March 6th and 20th Meeting Minutes

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board accept the March 6th and March 20th meeting minutes; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Administration:

Consider Stark Soil and Water Conservation Fees \$5,000

Administrator Fetzer stated that the Township is mandated to file an NPDES report (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) to the Ohio EPA by April 1st of each year. The Township contracts the services of Stark Soil and Water Conservation District to conduct on-site inspections, to assist in preparing construction site run-off control measures, and post construction storm water management in new development and re-development.

Administrator Fetzer asked the Board to please consider a motion to authorize payment to Stark Soil and Water Conservation in the amount of \$5,000 for services rendered to Perry Township pertaining to the annual National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System report.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board renew our agreement with Stark Soil and Water Conservation District and authorize the payment of our agreed fee in the amount of \$5,000 for the services they render in helping Perry comply with our NPDES permit requirements; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Consider Accepting Technology Policy and Implementation of Perry Township Facebook Page

Administrator Fetzer stated that Law Director Hall has reviewed the Social Media Policy for the Board's consideration this evening. Administrator Fetzer relayed several benefits of the Perry Township Facebook page. Trustee Chessler verified that the control of content would be through the Administration Office; Administrator Fetzer confirmed that was correct. Trustee Chessler also verified of Law Director Hall if this was technically amending our existing policy; Law Director Hall confirmed that was correct.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that based on what the Board has before us, that we amend our Township policy manual to include what has been denominated as Article 7 dealing with social media; the Board has in it's supporting documents tonight, the text of that particular article and moves that we adopt it in it's entirety; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

Trustee DeChiara inquired of Law Director Hall if it was legal to screen the comments before they were posted. Administrator Fetzer clarified that there would be a comment hold box that it would go to initially and then would be reviewed and then released; if we had any question about that, we would defer it to Law Director Hall.

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

Fire Department:

Consider Commendations to Aribella Wetrich and Andrea Walters

The Fire Department would like the Board of Trustees to present Commendations to Cen Com Dispatcher Andrea Walter and four-year old civilian Aribella Wetrich for their actions during a medical emergency of March 16, 2018.

On March 16, 2018, Aribella Wetrich (4-year old) called 911 when her grandmother became ill. The 911 call was answered by Cen Com dispatcher, Andrea Walters. Dispatcher Walters kept Aribella on the line for approximately 8 minutes while Perry Fire was being dispatched and responding. During this time period, Dispatcher Walters was able to obtain vital information from Aribella about her grandmother. Aribella remained composed and was able to accomplish several tasks prior to the arrival of Perry Fire. The conversation between Dispatcher Walters and Aribella is amazing considering Aribella is just 4-years old.

Trustee Haines gave a brief explanation of the events that took place on the evening of March 17, 2018 and asked if Dispatcher Walters and Aribella Wetrich and her grandmother, Mary would please come forward. Trustee Haines read aloud and presented a Commendation to Aribella commending her exceptional bravery in the handling of this medical emergency and stated that she displayed courage and maturity beyond her age.

Trustee Haines read aloud and presented a Commendation to Cen Com Dispatcher Andrea Walters giving praise for her professional and superior performance when answering a 911 call from a 4-year old whose grandmother had become ill; her efforts helped save the life in this situation and she is highly commended for bringing this emergency under control.

On behalf of the Board, Trustee Chessler stated that he wanted to thank Chief Martin for calling this matter to their attention and giving Dispatcher Walters and young Aribella the credit that they deserve.

Consider Accepting Resignation of Dan Tomasch

Consider Accepting Resignation of Jonathan Schondel

Fire Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is requesting that the Board of Trustees accept the resignation of probationary firefighter/EMT Daniel Tomasch effective Tuesday, April 3, 2018, resignation attached before the Board.

Fire Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is requesting that the Board of Trustees accept the resignation of part-time firefighter/paramedic Jonathan Schondel effective Tuesday, April 3, 2018, resignation attached before the Board.

Chief Martin stated that both of these men simply do not have the time that they can dedicate to the organization.

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board accept the resignation of Dan Tomasch, and Jonathan Schondel, both effective Tuesday, April 3, 2018; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

Trustee DeChiara inquired if consideration could be made to implement some kind of policy wherein new fire department employees would have to sign a type of time-commitment policy or reimburse the department for their training costs.

Trustee Haines made the suggestion of inquiring with other surrounding fire departments to find out what their policies would be regarding this issue.

Chief Martin relayed that in the past, one of the things that was done when the department made the conversion to part-time was that part-time employees paid for their firefighter's training; Law Director Hall also verified that when the fire department was primarily a volunteer department, this policy was in place and indicated that we might want to look at that same process and see if it would be applicable at this time and come back to the Board with some recommendations.

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

Consider Purchase of Smoke Alarms

Fire Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is requesting that the Board of Trustees authorize the purchase of 999 Kidde Worry Free 10-year battery operated smoke alarms from Home Depot, purchase not to exceed \$13,366.62.

Chief Martin indicated that in 2016, the Fire Department was awarded a FEMA Safety Grant for the installation of smoke alarms; the grant was a two-year project calling for the total installation of 4000 smoke alarms. The purchase of an additional 999 smoke alarms will allow the Fire Department to fulfill its obligation of installing 4000 smoke alarms in the two-year project requirement. All prior purchases of smoke alarms have been made from Home Depot, who provides the lowest price at \$13.38 per alarm.

Trustee Haines made a motion for the Fire Department to purchase 999 Kidde Worry Free 10-year battery operated smoke alarms from Home Depot on Lincoln Way in Massillon with the purchase not to exceed \$13,366.62; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Police Department:

Road and Park Department:

Law Director:

Zoning:

Problem Properties

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:

~Rain Barrel Workshop hosted by Perry Township and Stark Soil and Water on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Visit www.perrytwp.com for details.

~Perry Rotary Patriots Parade and Patriots in the Stadium – Saturday, May 26, 2018

~The Annual Hero 5K Run/Walk – Monday, May 28, 2018. Start Time: 8:30 am. Register at: ohiochallengeseries.enmotive.com

Public Speaks-Open Forum: None.

Adjournment:

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Haines made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Doug Haines, President

Joe Schlegel, Fiscal Officer