

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

April 16, 2019 7:00 pm

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Trustee Chessler opened the meeting by welcoming everyone here this evening and stated that he would like to recognize some guests here tonight; Stark County Treasurer, Alex Zumbar; Massillon Municipal Court Judge, Edward Elum; and Massillon Municipal Court Magistrate, Joel Fichter.

Trustee Chessler asked Judge Elum if he would please lead us in the Pledge this evening.

Excused absence:

John Masalko, Road Superintendent; Chris Young, Assistant Road Superintendent here in his absence.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Trustee Chessler stated that he would make one addition to the Agenda tonight and relayed that Stark County Treasurer Alexander Zumbar and Assistant, Jim Wallace would address the Board and the members here regarding the Fix-It Funds program. Trustee Chessler indicated that this program is a low interest fixed rate home improvement loan for Stark County Homeowners.

Mr. Zumbar thanked Trustee Chessler and Board and administration members for having them here this evening. Mr. Zumbar stated that the Treasurer's office was authorized by the Stark County Commissioners last year to implement the Fix-It Funds Home Improvement Loan Program, a loan program that allows Stark County homeowners the opportunity to embark on repair or remodel projects for their homes at interest rates up to 2% below the participating banks' current rates. Mr. Zumbar gave a brief overview of this program that included examples of a variety of qualifying projects to be considered as well as examples of projects that would be considered disqualifying projects.

Trustee Haines confirmed Mr. Zumbar's request of posting the County Treasurer's Office link identifying the Fix-It Funds program to our Township website and on behalf of the Board, thanked Mr. Zumbar and Mr. Wallace for being here this evening.

Public Hearings/Invited Guests:

Recognition of Officers

Trustee Chessler stated that the next item on our Agenda is a Letter of Commendation to several officers that were involved in a call for service on December 20, 2018. Trustee Chessler read aloud:

On December 20, 2018, Perry Township Police received a call for service for a welfare check. During the call for service, an intoxicated/suicidal male was discovered in the backyard of a residence with a

handgun. Responding officers initiated a conversation with the male and followed him into a wooded area. Due to the teamwork of all the officers and detectives working together, they were able to get the individual to surrender the firearm and connect him with the assistance he needed.

This letter of commendation is to recognize the great work each of you has done and to let you know it does not go unnoticed.

A copy of this letter will be placed in your personnel file.

Trustee Chessler asked Officer Bill Watson; Officer John Wellman; Officer Brian Henne; Officer Dan Dale; Detective Mindy Coleman and Sergeant Jason Fisher if they would please step forward. Trustee Chessler asked everyone to please join him in a round of applause for these officers.

Steve Toohey – Donation

Trustee Chessler stated that he would introduce Mr. Steve Toohey, who also wanted to recognize and commend these officers.

Steve Toohey stated that he first wanted to thank everyone for being here this evening and briefly read his letter of appreciation to the officers on duty the night of December 20, 2018. Mr. Toohey stated that he was so impressed and moved by the events that unfolded that evening that he requested a formal Commendation for these officers of the Perry Police Department. Mr. Toohey also relayed that he had a report that the victim from that December night was on the road to recovery with the further help of our courts, his employer and his friends.

Mr. Toohey stated that he wanted to introduce Andrew, a representative from the Save22 organization in Carrollton, Ohio and as President of and on behalf of Operation of Flags of Freedom, wanted to present a donation in the amount of \$1,000 to the Save22 group. Andrew stated that as a representative of the Save 22 organization, he wanted to express their sincere appreciation for the donation as well as express his thanks to the Perry Township police officers. Andrew also gave a brief account of how the founder of Save22 played such an impactful role in saving his own life that he now lends his support with veterans that contact Save22 as well. Mr. Toohey thanked Andrew for his service and for what he is doing for our veterans to a very large round of applause.

Officer Watson stated that he wanted to thank everybody here tonight for their support and stated that it was an amazing thing to help take part in saving a human life. Officer Watson also expressed just how much the public's support means regarding PTSD in military and law enforcement as well.

5 Minute Recess

Communications:

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 in the amount of \$27,315.52 for the week ending April 9, 2019 and bills and payroll in the amount of \$191,489.03 for the week ending April 16, 2019 for a combined total of \$218,804.55; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Fiscal Officer:

Administration:

JEDD Update

Trustee Chessler stated that the Board has received a letter dated March 29, 2019 from Terry Seeberger, Law Director for the Village of Navarre regarding Facilities Planning Area amendment and his request for Board approval. Trustee Chessler referenced Trustee Haines attendance to the meeting regarding this matter; Trustee Haines gave a brief explanation regarding this area that is without a waste water treatment prescription and indicated that this revision needs to be included in order to get all the sanitary sewers put in place there.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board authorize the president to execute the response form which includes an amendment for the roads of Navarre to change the wastewater prescription for the proposed Prospect Park property in the Village of Navarre from "Areas without a Wastewater Treatment Prescription" to "Areas Expected to be Served with Sanitary Sewers within the next 20 years" and indicate that we have no objection to that; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Consider Establishing Rate of Reimbursement for Uniform Clothing Allowance for Non-Union Personnel as Follows:

T. Chessler stated that we are catching up on some housecleaning matters in regard to this next Agenda item and indicated that there is a request to establish the rate of reimbursement for uniform clothing allowance for non-union personnel as follows:

- 1. Fire Chief and Deputy Chiefs - \$750.00/year**
- 2. Township Administrator - \$500.00/year**

Trustee Chessler stated that these are in keeping with the uniform allowances that are allowed for collective bargaining personnel and made a motion to approve those allowances; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Fire Department:

Consider Part-Time Hiring of Victoria Carafelli

Trustee Chessler stated that the next item on the Agenda comes from the Fire Department, the Chief is requesting that Victoria Carafelli be hired as a part time employee; she will be hired, compliant with all township resolutions, State and Federal laws relating to the total average number of hours allowed to work per week and year as a part-time employee; she will be required to follow and complete all of the current requirements placed on members; she will be afforded all benefits currently applicable to part-time employees. Starting wage will be \$13.25 per hour; hiring date will be effective today, Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

Trustee Chessler stated that pending the oath of office makes a motion that we approve hiring Victoria Carafelli as a part-time employee effective today, at the starting wage of \$13.25; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

ROLLCALL: Mr. Chessler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes. Mr. Haines, yes.

Trustee Chessler asked Victoria Carafelli to please raise her right hand:

I, Victoria Carafelli, do solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, 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.

Police Department:

Road and Park Department:

Law Director:

Zoning:

Problem Properties:

Trustee Chessler indicated that the next item listed on the Agenda is under the Zoning Department; the Trustees have received, from Perry Local Schools, the Director of Business Operations, a letter dated April 11th and the letter says that they are respectfully requesting a shed permit fee be waived; it would be located near the bus garages off Genoa Avenue; the project is being completed by an Eagle Scout.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board include this waiver on behalf of the schools; 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:

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Road Department: None.

Parks/Recycling: None.

Zoning: None.

Law Director: None.

Announcements:

~Perry Rotary Patriots Parade & Patriots in the Stadium—Saturday, May 11, 2019. Parade steps off at 11:00 am next to the Township Administration Office and concludes at PHS Stadium at Noon. Immediately following the Parade, Patriots in the Stadium will take place from Noon until 3:00 pm. Live Entertainment -- www.Funkologycleveland.com

~OPERATION FLAGS OF FREEDOM – Veterans Ceremony Celebration Hosted by Perry Township, Perry Rotary & Perry Local Schools. Saturday, May 25, 2019 from 9-10 am at Perry High School Fallen Heroes Memorial. Complimentary Breakfast will be served. RSVP at www.perrytwp.com

~The HERO 5K Run-Walk -- Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2019, Perry High School – register on-line at www.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 7:31 pm; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Craig Chessler, President

Joe Schlegel, Fiscal Officer