

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting ~ Early Start 5:30 pm

May 21, 2019

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Trustee Chessler opened the meeting and indicated that the Board had previously announced and advertised that this meeting would start earlier than our traditional 7:00 pm starting time due to other events and scheduling conflicts. Trustee Chessler confirmed that Administrator Fetzer has distributed this early start time notice to the news media outlets in advance.

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 Chessler made a motion to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$173,050.42 for the week ending May 14, 2019 and bills only in the amount of \$93,933.98 for the week ending May 21, 2019 for a combined total of \$266,984.40; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Fiscal Officer:

Consider Accepting the May 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Trustee Chessler inquired if there were any proposed changes, edits or corrections to the May 7, 2019 meeting minutes; seeing none, Trustee Chessler made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Administration:

Fire Department:

Consider Authorizing the Fire Department to Pay for Miscellaneous SCBA Equipment in the Amount of \$7,930

Trustee Chessler indicated that Chief Martin, by memo, is asking the Board of Trustees to authorize the Fire Department to pay for miscellaneous SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) equipment in the amount of \$7,930 from Fire Force, Inc. Chief Martin confirmed this information and gave a brief explanation regarding the funding for this purchase.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board authorize the Fire Department to pay for miscellaneous SCBA equipment in the amount of \$7,930 from Fire Force, Inc.; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Police Department:

Consider Full-Time Hiring of Mickey Lanier

Trustee Chessler indicated that he would like to do the motion first before the swearing in of Mickey Lanier, age 23 of Massillon, Ohio as a fulltime police officer. Trustee Chessler indicated that the Police Chief has submitted a memo dated May 15, 2019 recommending this hire. Mr. Lanier graduated from Fairless High school, has law enforcement experience from the Stark County Sheriff's Office and has completed the routine background check that has come back with positive comments. Trustee Chessler stated that at the Chief's request, his hiring start date will be June 6, 2019 at the 8:00 am shift; he will be entitled to a uniform allowance in the amount of \$1,200.00 per year and his starting salary is \$20.06 per hour. Chief Pomesky has noted that Mr. Lanier has successfully passed the required pre-employment tests and background checks for the department and indicated that this will be a hiring to a vacant position.

Chief Pomesky stated that they looked forward to bringing Mr. Lanier on with the Police Department and felt that he will be a good fit with our agency and our community.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board hire Mickey Lanier under the terms and conditions outlined in the Chief's memo to the Board dated May 15, 2019; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Trustee Chessler asked Officer Lanier to please step forward so he could administer the Oath of Office. Trustee Chessler requested Officer Lanier to please raise his right hand and repeat the following oath:

I, Mickey T. Lanier, do solemnly swear or affirm, that I will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, the Resolutions of Perry Township and I will faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge the duties of a Police Officer in and for the Police District of Perry Township, Stark County, Ohio during my continuance in that office.

The Board members extended their congratulations to Officer Lanier.

Consider Accepting \$1,000 Donation from McKinley Eagles

Trustee Chessler asked Chief Pomesky if he would please give detail regarding the McKinley Eagles donation.

Chief Pomesky indicated that the McKinley Eagles approached them about a donation to the PRIDE Program for the Police Department in the amount of \$1,000 and is asking for the Board's acceptance of this donation.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board accept the generous donation from the McKinley Eagles in the amount of \$1,000 for the PRIDE Program; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

Trustee Chessler asked Chief Pomesky if he would please extend a thank you to the Eagles on the Board's behalf; Chief Pomesky confirmed that he certainly would.

Trustee Chessler indicated that the McKinley Eagles has provided both our police and fire departments with many generous donations over the years and on behalf of the Board, wanted to make note of their repeated generosity.

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

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:

~OPERATION FLAGS OF FREEDOM 7th Annual Heroes Remembrance Ceremony! Saturday, May 25th Veteran's Recognition at PHS Fallen Heroes Memorial Hosted by Perry Township, Perry Rotary and Perry Local Schools – RSVP attendance at www.perrytwp.com.

~Perry Township Fire Department HERO 5K Run-Walk on Memorial Day – Monday, May 27, 2019 at Perry High School – Register online at ohiochallengeseries.enmotive.com.

Public Speaks-Open Forum: None.

Adjournment:

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Chessler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 pm; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Craig Chessler, President

Joe Schlegel, Fiscal Officer