

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

June 4, 2019 7:00 pm

**Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Melissa Seibert – Veteran Pledge**

Trustee Chessler opened the meeting by welcoming special guest, Melissa Seibert. Trustee Chessler stated that Ms. Seibert retired in November of 2015 with over 15 years with the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services as the northeast Ohio Director and she was an emergency communications specialist doing communications for the Armed Forces as well as a humanitarian & war refugee case worker through the International Red Cross; she is still active in helping veterans get their medals as well as a presenter for “Quilts of Honor” among a host of other volunteer ventures. Trustee Chessler asked if Ms. Seibert would kindly lead us in the Pledge this evening.

On behalf of the Board, Trustee Chessler thanked Ms. Seibert for being here tonight and presented her with a flag and display case as a token of appreciation for her dedicated service to our community and to our country. Ms. Seibert stated her sincere appreciation to the Board and stated that it was an honor and a pleasure to be able to work with the greatest of the greatest, our American Heroes of all branches of service.

Trustee Chessler stated that he had one other comment he would like to make; this is the first meeting that we have had since the Memorial Day weekend and the Flags of Freedom Ceremony and stated that he would like to publicly thank Officer Bill Watson and Fire Medic Jacob Butcher for acting as honor guards at the Remembrance Ceremony. Trustee Chessler indicated that both of these gentlemen stood at parade rest for an hour and relayed that their loyal to ceremony added tremendously to the visual aspect of the event.

**Excused absence:**

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:**

**Public Hearings/Invited Guests:**

**7:00 Opening of 2019 Paving Bids**

Trustee Chessler stated that we will have bid openings for the upcoming 2019 paving bids and indicated that he would turn this over to Fiscal Officer Schlegel to open and announce these.

Fiscal Officer Schlegel stated that we have received one (1) bid for the resurfacing of the parking lots at Summerdale Park and Perry Park and four (4) bids for the 2019 road resurfacing as follows:

**Resurfacing of Parking Lots at Summerdale Park and Perry Park:**

| Company                     | Total Bid Amount |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Superior Paving & Materials | \$63,805.00      |

**Road Resurfacing:**

| Company                          | Total Bid Amount |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Superior Paving & Materials      | \$574,439.00     |
| The Shelly Company               | \$691,016.00     |
| Northstar Asphalt, Inc.          | \$598,848.00     |
| Central Allied Enterprises, Inc. | \$649,818.00     |

Trustee Chessler made a motion that all the bids be noted as accepted on a timely basis by the date that they were required; Trustee Chessler stated that he would also move that we refer these bids for further review with the Law Director and Road Superintendent and request that they report back to us as soon as that evaluation is complete to make recommendation; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

**Communications:**

**Consider Request of Mr. Perry Ballinger for MOU Concerning Reservation of Hartwick Park 6/22/19 thru 6/23/19 for Emergency Radio Club**

Trustee Chessler stated that the Board has again received a request from Mr. Perry Ballinger concerning reserving areas of Hartwick Park on June 22<sup>nd</sup> through June 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Massillon Emergency Radio Club. Trustee Chessler indicated that the Board had allowed that to take place last year and stated that a written Memorandum of Understanding was required. Trustee Chessler relayed that a similar Memorandum of Understanding has been prepared and updated for this year's event by our Law Director and has asked him to add any comments or edits to this proposal. Trustee Haines referenced the newly prepared MOU to verify if the dates were correct; Mr. Hall confirmed that he would make the necessary corrections.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board approve entering into this agreement with the Massillon Radio Club on the terms that were set forth in writing asking the Law Director to obtain the execution by the other party and stated that we will affix the Board's signatures as approving the arrangements; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

**Letter Received June 3, 2019 from Dave DePasquale Concerning Speeding in the Plymouth Knoll Allotment**

Trustee Chessler stated that the next item on the Agenda is in regard to a letter that was received June 3, 2019 from Mr. Dave DePasquale concerning speeding in the Plymouth Knoll Allotment. Trustee Chessler noted that Mr. DePasquale lives on the corner of Clearbrook and Chadwick and explained that he feels a four-way stop would help solve this speeding issue. Trustee Chessler referenced Mr. DePasquale's letter indicating that he and neighbors attended a previous Board meeting to request a

four-way stop; Trustee Chessler stated that he thought the Board made clear, at the time, the explanation that a four-way stop is discouraged as a way to slow traffic; Trustee Chessler stated that he would ask if Chief Pomesky could contact Mr. DePasquale to meet with him. Chief Pomesky confirmed that he would be happy to do that.

**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 \$281,502.22 for the week ending May 28, 2019 and bills only in the amount of \$25,906.45 for the week ending June 4, 2019 for a combined total of \$307,408.67; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Fiscal Officer:**

**Consider May 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Chessler indicated that the Board has previously received the minutes from the May 21, 2019 meeting and relayed that they are before us tonight for approval.

Trustee Haines made a motion to approve the minutes of May 21, 2019; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Consider Request for Additional Amended Certificate in the Amount of \$2,450**

Trustee Chessler indicated that the Board has a request from the Fiscal Officer to approve an additional amended certificate through the Stark County Auditor; this additional amended certificate in the amount of \$2,450, through donations, is to be allocated to the PRIDE money account. Trustee Chessler asked Mr. Schlegel if he would please expand on this. Fiscal Officer Schlegel gave a brief explanation regarding the additional amended certificate.

Trustee Chessler indicated that with the Fiscal Officer's request he would make a motion that the Board approve an additional amended certificate for the amount of \$2,450 to be allocated to the 14D PRIDE money account for donations; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

**Administration:**

**Consider Recommendation of the Employee Health Benefits Committee to Utilize the Services of Matthew DiRuza of Sirak Agency as the Employee Health Benefits Insurance Broker**

Trustee Chessler stated that for the next item, he would refer to a memo from June 3, 2019 from the Administrator to the Board regarding the various discussions and meetings involving the Township and

the Health Benefits Committee. Trustee Chessler asked if Trustee Haines or Administrator Fetzer would please describe these recommendations in detail.

Trustee Haines briefly described the concerns with our current health care agency, Huntington Brokerage and some opportunities we were missing. Trustee Haines stated that they have met with Matt DiRuza of the Sirak Agency, along with the Health Benefits Committee members and felt that the Sirak Agency would better handle the Township health care matters. Administrator Fetzer referenced the list of services offered by the Sirak Agency, attached before the Board.

Trustee Chessler stated that the Board gives authorization to the Law Director to provide the necessary notice to Huntington Brokerage that we will be terminating our agreement with them and to review and enter into an agreement with Sirak Agency. This, under the terms outlined in the agreement, after the Law Director's review and approval; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

Trustee Chessler stated that this motion is based on the review of the Employee Health Benefits Committee and their recommendation to the Board.

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

**Consider Beginning Board of Trustees Meetings at 6:00 pm the First and Third Tuesday of the Month Beginning June 18<sup>th</sup>**

Trustee Chessler stated by popular demand, the Board of Trustees are going to move the starting time of our regularly scheduled meetings from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm and this will commence on the next meeting of June 18, 2019. Trustee Chessler indicated that these meetings will remain on the first and third Tuesdays of each month and we will continue this at least into the fall months and see how this works out.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that based on review and discussion, the Board of Trustees, commencing with the June 18, 2019 Regular Meeting, will start the Board of Trustee meetings at 6:00 pm and continue this scheduled time until the end of the year; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Fire Department:**

**Police Department:**

**Consider Accepting Two (2) PRIDE Program Donations**

- 1) Central Ohio Recovery \$300
- 2) Sunrise Equipment \$150

Trustee Chessler stated that the memo from Chief Pomesky dated Tuesday, May 21, 2019 indicates that the Board has been provided with two offer donations for the PRIDE program; one is from Central Ohio Recovery in the amount of \$300.00; the other came from Sunrise Equipment Company in the amount of \$150.00. Trustee Chessler made the motion that the Board gladly accept those donations; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Trustee Chessler asked Chief Pomesky if he would please send both of those businesses a note expressing the Board's appreciation; Chief Pomesky confirmed that he would.

### **Consider National Speaker Request**

Trustee Chessler indicated that the next item on the Agenda is again a late addition but relayed that he thought there might be some time sensitivity to it so he had requested the Police Chief to get more supporting documents for tonight's Agenda. Trustee Chessler stated that the Chief writes that our DARE and School Resource Officers have been requested to do a team presentation in conjunction with a national school safety conference and expedition. Trustee Chessler asked Chief Pomesky if he would please give more particulars regarding this matter.

Chief Pomesky briefly explained that Officer Blanc and Officer Letta have been requested to do a team presentation out in Las Vegas for the annual week long National School Safety Council. Chief Pomesky relayed that they would be doing a team presentation with the Louisville Police Department and would discuss the overview of the occurrences of the teen suicides that we have experienced previously, how the district coped, how we responded as an agency and a plan moving forward with how those things were mitigated. Chief Pomesky also indicated that this would be an excellent opportunity for these officers to receive national level training at the conference to bring back to use in our community.

Chief Pomesky stated that he spoke with Superintendent Beatty and the school district is willing to split the cost of this speaker request 50/50. Chief Pomesky stated that he is requesting the Board to authorize up to \$3,800.00 to send these officers to this training and to present at this conference.

Trustee Chessler confirmed that the amount of \$3,800.00 would be split between the two entities; Chief Pomesky indicated that the \$3,800.00 was the total projected cost and indicated that it would be split between the two entities.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that based on the information provided by the Chief that the Board authorize the amount not to exceed \$1,900.00 for the participation of our officers to attend the School Safety Advocacy Council's National Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada July 22-26, 2019; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

### **Road and Park Department:**

#### **Consider Hiring Two (2) Park Employees, Molly Campitelli and William Phillips**

Trustee Chessler indicated that the Road Superintendent is requesting, by memo dated May 31, 2019, to hire two (2) part-time seasonal employees; the supporting documents are the applications, background checks and copies of other pertinent information.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that based on the request of the Road and Park Superintendent, the Board hire Molly Campitelli and William Phillips as part-time seasonal employees for the Park Department at \$10.50 per hour; a work week not exceeding 28 hours or to exceed 1500 working hours within the year; they will be assigned to conduct general maintenance at park and recycle and yard waste sites along with mowing and weed eating; their start dates will be effective immediately subject to the drug and alcohol testing; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

**Law Director:**

**Zoning:**

**Problem Properties:**

**Executive Session(s):**

**ORC 121.22 (G) (1) Personnel to include Board, Fiscal Officer and Law Director and Police Chief**

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board of Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Law Director and Police Chief adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (1) to discuss any of the items under that section involving personnel; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at: 7:28 pm

The Board adjourned from Executive Session at: 7:50 pm

**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:** None.

**Public Speaks-Open Forum:** None.

**Adjournment:**

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Haines made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

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Craig Chessler, President

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Joe Schlegel, Fiscal Officer