

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

July 16, 2019 6:00 pm

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Excused absence:

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Public Hearings/Invited Guests:

Communications:

Public Speaks on items up for Board Approval:

Township Business requiring Board Action:

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Fiscal Officer:

Consider Minutes from June 18, 2019 Meeting

Trustee Chessler indicated that this first Agenda item is to consider the June 18, 2019 meeting minutes.

Trustee Haines made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from June 18, 2019; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Fiscal Officer Schlegel indicated that he received notification from the Stark County Auditor's office about the 2020 Public Hearing Alternative Budget. Mr. Schlegel stated that this is going to be posted in the newspaper; it's a public hearing for the 2020 budget and we will be approving this at the August 6, 2019 meeting.

Administration:

Fire Department:

Police Department:

Road and Park Department:

Consider Proposal for Plymouth Knolls Sewer Improvements

Trustee Chessler stated that the Board has received in supporting documents a memo dated July 12, 2019 from the Road Superintendent regarding the consideration of a proposal for the Plymouth Knolls storm sewer improvement project.

Trustee Chessler indicated that Plymouth Knolls is a well-established allotment and the existing storm sewer system there is between forty to fifty years old; an on-site meeting was scheduled near the allotment earlier today. Trustee Chessler thanked resident, Larry Myers, for being here this evening; Mr. Myers prompted this meeting and has provided video and pictures of the intersection where the flooding during the last two or three torrential rains has taken place. Road Superintendent Masalko, Assistant Road Superintendent Young and Jay Jordan, Stark Soil and Water representative, added input to the meeting discussion as far as his knowledge of the area and the flood plain designations, all in attendance at this on-site meeting.

Trustee Chessler stated that the Plymouth Knoll neighbors were made aware that this matter would be considered as an Agenda item this evening and inquired if Road Superintendent Masalko and Karl Oprisch from Hammontree Engineering could please relay what we would need to consider as far as engineering and as far as the lay of the land and sequence of events that would need to take place to put together a large in-scope project for this drainage matter.

Road Superintendent Masalko gave a brief account regarding this project and indicated that the road budget does not have the funds to handle this scope of project so he is requesting for the Board to approve this project as a General Fund expenditure to at least get the preliminary plans together to apply for an OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) grant, due September 15, 2019. Fiscal Officer Schlegel confirmed that as the Board was aware, the road budget is very tight for this year and stated his recommendation that these preliminary/final design monies would be eligible to come out of the General Fund if the Board would so desire.

Trustee DeChiara referenced the supporting documents and verified that Road Superintendent Masalko was asking for the Board's approval of \$24,800.00 for the preliminary engineering design proposal. Trustee Haines also verified Mr. Masalko's request of \$43,800.00 for the final engineering design proposal for a total of \$68,600.00. More discussion took place regarding if the grant were to be received and the percentage that the Township would contribute. Trustee Chessler also inquired what possible estimation our scoring might be for this OPWC grant procedure; Mr. Oprisch gave a brief explanation regarding several points that would be considered.

Trustee Chessler again thanked Mr. Myers for sharing the pictures and videos regarding the on-site meeting that was held today and asked him to relay that the Board was aware of the scope and size of this project and are committing to the first step in this project of putting a design together and make an application for funding this project. Trustee Chessler explained that the Township is competing against all the other projects in the community; there is a score system and sometimes you don't make it, but what that means is you go back the next year and try again; the Board knows there is a problem and are intent on fixing it.

Trustee Chessler explained the notification by the County Commissioners this year that they are no longer handling off-road draining/funding drainage remediation projects; moving forward, those

affected by a drainage problem must form a taxing district to assess themselves the cost through their real estate taxes. Trustee Chessler inquired of Law Director Hall if he would look into, as an alternative, information regarding the creation of drainage districts.

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board move forward with the plans for the field investigation preliminary design proposal for Plymouth Knoll storm sewer improvements for the amount of \$24,800.00 and then the final design proposal for the Plymouth Knolls storm sewer improvement project for a total not to exceed \$43,800.00; this will be coming out of the General Fund as a one-time expense so that we can begin the projects due to insufficient funds in the Road Department budget; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board authorize the Road Superintendent, with the assistance of Karl Oprisch of Hammontree, and the Law Director, if necessary, to take the steps necessary to complete and submit an application to Stark County Regional Planning for Issue 2 funding for the project that is yet to be named in the Plymouth Knolls area; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Law Director:

Zoning:

Problem Properties:

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:

Public Speaks-Open Forum:

Christian Walton, 2944 12th St. NW, Massillon – Mr. Walton stated he had a number of things he wanted to address to the Board; one issue was regarding weeds growing up and around a boat on Chippendale; Zoning Inspector Cugini indicated that they would address this matter the following day.

Mr. Walton indicated that his neighbor with the pool has weeds growing all over; Zoning Inspector Cugini indicated that they were aware of the ongoing grass issues at this address and stated that they would address this matter as well.

Mr. Walton explained the water issues on 12th Street; the catch basins are higher than the road itself causing everyone's backyards to flood. Mr. Walton stated that he doesn't know why they didn't address these issues when they were working on the 12th Street project since they had the machinery there. More explanation took place regarding this matter; Trustee Haines referenced this project previously done on 12th Street and stated that this was a county project, but he and Road Superintendent Masalko would make an effort to contact the county engineers to come out and look at it this area with them. Trustee Haines stated if they could arrange a meeting, they could plan to meet on-site with Mr. Walton.

Mr. Walton indicated that he had contacted his insurance company as well as the neighbor's insurance company regarding an ongoing issue in addressing his neighbor's dead tree and asked if anything could be done before this tree actually fell, possibly on his house. Trustee Haines indicated that a tree on private property was not under the jurisdiction of the Township zoning property maintenance code.

Mr. Walton stated that he did not feel the police department was enforcing the laws and gave more explanation regarding his criticism toward the department. Trustee Haines referenced the Police Department's monthly reports and indicated that they were most certainly enforcing the laws. Mr. Walton stated that he didn't feel that the Police Department was as visible in the community as in the past.

Executive Session(s):

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (4) to discuss collective bargaining matters to include the Board, Fiscal Officer, Law Director and Fire Chief with no action to be taken; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at: 6:34 pm

The Board adjourned from Executive Session at: 7:00 pm

Adjournment:

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee DeChiara made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 pm; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Craig Chessler, President

Joe Schlegel, Fiscal Officer