

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

August 20, 2019 6:00 pm

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Excused absence:

Trustee Chessler welcomed Assistant Fiscal Officer, Karen Moser, here this evening in Fiscal Officer Schlegel's absence.

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Trustee Chessler indicated that Road Superintendent Masalko has requested that Agenda item "Consider Payment of Diesel Emission Reduction Grant for Two Road Truck Replacements" be removed from tonight's Agenda under the Road and Park Department.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board amend the Agenda to delete this item; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Public Hearings/Invited Guests:

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 \$44,816.99 for the week ending August 13, 2019 and bills and payroll in the amount of \$784,504.06 for the week ending August 20, 2019 for a combined total of \$829,321.05; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Fiscal Officer:

Administration:

Consider Scheduling Step II Grievance for Adam Reiger

Trustee Chessler stated that the Board has received a copy of an employee grievance form that was received by the Administrator on August 13, 2019 and signed by the employee on August 14, 2019; the Board's upcoming meeting schedule for September 2019 would be on September 3rd and September 17th to schedule this grievance hearing. Trustee Chessler acknowledged that the grievant, Adam Reiger was here this evening and inquired if he had a meeting date preference for this upcoming hearing; Mr. Reiger stated that he would prefer the September 3rd meeting, if possible.

Trustee Chessler stated that based on the Collective Bargaining Agreement and the documents received, made a motion that the Board schedule the hearing before the Board on the grievance involving Adam Reiger on September 3, 2019 at our regular meeting; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Consider Response to Officer Barrett's Grievance

Trustee Chessler stated that at the last regularly scheduled meeting of August 6, 2019, the Board had adjourned into Executive Session at the request of the grievant, Officer Barrett, to consider arguments for and against the stated grievance matter. Trustee Chessler indicated that the grievant's union representative was also present at that time, along with other union representatives from the Township; this matter was taken under advisement, but no decision had been made.

Trustee Chessler inquired if Law Director Hall would please give an update regarding this matter. Law Director Hall gave a brief explanation regarding additional communication with union representative, Chuck Aliff and stated his recommendation to the Board.

Trustee Haines stated that based on the discussion from the August 6th meeting as well as discussion with Law Director Hall, he was in agreement with Mr. Hall's recommendation.

Trustee Chessler asked if Chief Pomesky, for the record, would state what that formal recommendation was; Chief Pomesky indicated that it was a two-week suspension.

Law Director Hall confirmed this to be a 10-day suspension with the officer's option, by way of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, to deduct those ten (10) days from his paid leaves, vacation leave, or comp time accrued; Officer Barrett has already served the ten (10) days.

Trustee Chessler stated that based on those discussions, our presentation and evidence and the Executive Session requested by the grievant, made a motion that the Board accept and adopt the recommendation of the Chief with a ten (10) day suspension to be imposed on Officer Barrett; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Consider the SCOG Agreement

Trustee Chessler stated that the Board previously had some communications from the Administrator of the Stark Council of Governments (SCOG) requesting that the Board consider another recommendation to adopt an alternative method for apportioning the Stark County Undivided Local Government Fund for 2020 through 2022. Trustee Chessler relayed that the Board has previously been a part of SCOG and indicated that we have a written resolution tonight to approve and adopt this extension.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board adopt, approve and authorize to enter into that agreement; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Trustee Chessler indicated that the resolution as it is set forth requires the notation of the votes of the Board and the signature of the Fiscal Officer and Law Director; Assistant Fiscal Officer Moser acknowledged and affirmed.

Fire Department:

Consider Purchase of Smoke Alarms

Fire Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is requesting the Board of Trustees to authorize the purchase of 333 Kidde Lithium Battery Operated 10-year Photoelectric Smoke Alarms from The Home Depot at a cost not to exceed \$4,828.50.

Chief Martin referenced that there have been eighty-five (85) unintentional residential fire deaths in Ohio as of August 1, 2019 and indicated that the Perry Township Fire Department has installed close to 16,000 smoke alarms in the last four (4) years.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board authorize the purchase of 333 Kidde Lithium Battery Operated 10-year Photoelectric Smoke Alarms from The Home Depot at a cost not to exceed \$4,828.50; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Police Department:

Road and Park Department:

Consider 4th St./Pleasant Hills Storm Sewer Improvement Phase II Pay Request #3

Trustee Chessler indicated that the Board is well aware of the project that we are doing called the 4th Street/Pleasant Hill Storm Sewer Project Phase II. Trustee Chessler stated that we have received Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) pay request #3, a part of which will go to Hammontree & Associates and part of which will go to Easton Construction, Inc. Trustee Chessler referenced the supporting documents and confirmed that this is pay request #3; Road Superintendent Masalko confirmed yes.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that based on the information submitted, the Board approve payment to Hammontree & Associates, the Township's portion of \$2,640.32 and payment to Easton Construction, Inc., the Township's portion of \$8,795.70; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

Trustee Chessler stated that this will be in addition to the portions that will be paid by the Ohio Public Works Commission, but the approval by motion is just for the Township portion.

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

Consider Approval for the Roof Replacement at Recycle Site at 5075 Southway St. SW

Trustee Chessler stated that the Board has received a request from the Road Superintendent for quotes for a new roof to be installed at the Perry recycling site, 5075 Southway St. SW. Trustee Chessler indicated that there are three (3) quotes to be reviewed and discussed tonight; the Roof Doctor; Frank's Brothers and Dan Buxton Roofing. Road Superintendent Masalko stated that he is recommending the Roof Doctor.

Trustee DeChiara inquired if there was anything inside that building. Road Superintendent Masalko indicated that there were several pieces of road utility equipment stored inside. More discussion took place.

Trustee Chessler stated that based on the request of the Road Superintendent, and based on his review of these quotes, made a motion that the Board authorize and enter into an agreement with the Roof Doctor for the replacement of the roof at the location of 5075 Southway Street at the cost not to exceed \$3,500.00; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

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:

~Saturday, September 21, 2019 – Join us for the 6th Annual Perry Township Community Parade from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Keith Nutter, AQUA Director is the Grand Parade Marshal! Immediately following the parade, we will celebrate the 6th Annual Perry Township Oktoberfest from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Hartwick Park. Food, Fun & Fellowship for all to enjoy! Perry Township Community Events are sponsored by AQUA.

Trustee Haines stated that he wanted to thank Chief Martin for leading him and all the department heads regarding the implementation of the mass notification system, The Nixle System, being used by

thousands of communities within the United States to notify the general public about events such as road closures, nearby fires or tornado warnings. Trustee Haines indicated to register with the Nixle System: text 888-777 and then insert the key word PERRYTWPOH, you will be set up to begin receiving notifications, by text message.

Public Speaks-Open Forum:

Steve Toohey, 642 Summerdale Avenue – Mr. Toohey stated that he had an opportunity to meet with Dave Waikem, the Chairman for the upcoming November Police Levy and had an idea that he wanted to introduce to the Board; they've already spoken to the property owners and they have given their approval for passing out some information regarding the upcoming Police and Road Levies on Saturday, October 5th for an approximate time of Noon to 3:00 or 4:00 pm within the Marc's shopping center parking lot. Mr. Toohey gave more explanation in regard to attaining the support of area businesses and getting this levy information out to the township residents. Trustee Chessler thanked Mr. Toohey.

Adjournment:

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Chessler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Craig Chessler, President

Joe Schlegel, Fiscal Officer