

**Perry Township Board of Trustees**

**Regular Meeting**

**November 5, 2019 6:00 pm**

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

**Excused absence:**

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:**

**Public Hearings/Invited Guests:**

**Veteran Pledge Scott Yurick**

Trustee Chessler welcomed veteran Scott Yurick here this evening to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Trustee Chessler indicated that Mr. Yurick began his military service in September of 1988 and continued through September 1993 and gave a brief detail of Mr. Yurick's military background.

On behalf of the Board, Trustee Chessler thanked Mr. Yurick for joining us tonight and presented him with a flag and display case as a token of appreciation for his dedicated service.

Mr. Yurick briefly described his service and his chance to see the faraway places his military experiences afforded him. Mr. Yurick thanked the Board and expressed his sincere appreciation for inviting him here this evening.

**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 in the amount of \$94,455.95 for the week ending October 22, 2019 and bills and payroll in the amount of \$297,808.35 for the week ending October 29, 2019 and bills in the amount of \$33,421.89 for the week ending November 5, 2019 for a combined total of \$425,686.19; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Fiscal Officer:**

**Consider Accepting the Meeting Minutes from 10/01/19 and 10/15/19**

Trustee Chessler referenced the electronic supporting documents regarding the minutes from the two meetings of October 1<sup>st</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and inquired if there were any proposed edits or changes to those minutes as submitted; seeing none,

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board approve the minutes as submitted; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

#### **Administration:**

##### **Consider Indigent Burial Request**

Trustee Chessler referenced a memo dated October 31, 2019 to the Board regarding a request to approve indigent burial fees. Trustee Chessler indicated that we received a call from the Stark County Coroner's office on October 1, 2019 and was informed of the decedent, Thomas J. Proctor and the request to consider this for an indigent burial; our cemetery sexton conferred with Law Director Hall regarding the indigent burial application and he verified that this matter did meet the qualifications for an indigent burial and the township's responsibility.

Trustee Chessler further confirmed our follow up procedure of soliciting quotes for cremation burial costs, Lamiell Funeral Home being the lowest quote in the amount of \$595.00 as well as a 12 x 8 marker stone from Family Memorials in the amount of \$250.00. Trustee Chessler also referenced the memo that listed the decedent's personal items found in his possession as well as cash in the amount of \$216.00; Trustee Chessler verified of Law Director Hall what his direction would be regarding how these items should be handled and or disposed of. Mr. Hall indicated if there were no living relatives, the \$216.00 in cash would be applied into the General Fund to offset the burial costs and additionally, dispose of the decedent's miscellaneous personal effects as having no value.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that based on the information the Board has received that there was \$216.00 in cash on the possession of the decedent, Thomas J. Proctor and the Board has expended funds in excess of that and that we authorize that cash to be deposited into the General Fund and applied to the burial costs; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board approve the payment of \$595.00 to Lamiell Funeral Home for the cremation services and \$250.00 to be paid to Family Memorials for the 12 x 8 marker stone; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

#### **Fire Department:**

##### **Consider Resignation of Alec Williamson PT Firefighter**

Trustee Chessler stated that Chief Martin has submitted a memo requesting the Board to accept the resignation of part-time firefighter, Alec Williamson, effective today and there is a letter dated October

15, 2019 formally signed by Mr. Williamson; he indicated that he will resign as a part-time firefighter and stated that he is grateful for the appointment and experience.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board accept the resignation as submitted from Alec Williamson; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

**Police Department:**

**Road and Park Department:**

**Law Director:**

**Consider EMS Resolution**

Trustee Chessler stated that this next matter is one that the Board is quite familiar with; it involves a miscalculation that was recently discovered and had been a long-standing part of how we accrue and account for sick leave. Trustee Chessler asked if Law Director Hall would please summarize the resolution, attached before the Board, and the basis of the new adjustment.

Law Director Hall stated when we first started the EMS program, it was a determination of annual accumulation of sick leave hours and after the union was formed and negotiations were entered into, the contract amended that amount; this information was not communicated to the Fiscal Officer and was not programmed into the software system so the error continued on. Mr. Hall indicated that we met with the local union president, Adam Reiger, also here this evening, and relayed that we have come to an agreement. In addition, Mr. Hall relayed that this matter was reviewed by the State Auditor suggesting that if there was a period between union and the employer, which there is, as reflected in the resolution and approved by the Board upon meeting, the matter should be resolved. Law Director Hall stated that he would just ask Union President Reiger to affirm that the union is in agreement with the resolution as provided. Mr. Reiger confirmed that they do affirm the resolution as provided.

Trustee Chessler stated that Law Director Hall has presented a proposed written resolution that effective September 25, 2019, the Fiscal Officer made a change to correct the sick leave accrual calculations to the computer payroll and accounting software so that current and future accruals are corrected prospectively, and there shall be no reduction in sick leave retroactively and it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were conducted in an open meeting of the Board of deliberations that resulted in such formal action where meetings are open to the public and complies with the Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Trustee Chessler stated that based on that, he will move that the Board adopt this written resolution as submitted; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

**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:**

~Fall Leaf Drop Off – Collected at Perry Township Road Dept., 1500 Jackson Ave. SW, Massillon, OH 44646 – Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> through Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (Weekdays: 7 am to 2:30 pm) (Saturday & Sunday: 8 am to 3:30 pm) Leaves only, No bags, boxes, garbage or commercial dumping. Closed Veteran’s Day, Monday, November 11, 2019. Details at: [www.perrytwp.com](http://www.perrytwp.com)

**Public Speaks-Open Forum:**

Daryl Smith, 6280 Bosford St. SW, Navarre – Mr. Smith stated that he would like to thank the Board for holding the community forum concerning the former Doctors Hospital.

**Adjournment:**

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Haines made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 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