

**Perry Township Board of Trustees
Reorganizational Meeting
January 7, 2020 6:00 pm**

Reorganizational Matters:

Appointment of Board President

Trustee Chessler welcomed everyone to the Regular Meeting, the reorganizational meeting of the Perry Township Board of Trustees of January 7, 2020.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board appoint Ralph DeChiara to be the President of the Board for the upcoming year; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Appointment of Vice President

Trustee Chessler made a motion to appoint Doug Haines as the Vice President of the Board for the year 2020; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Invited Guest(s):

Swearing in of Trustee Ralph DeChiara Jr.

Fiscal Officer Schlegel commenced the swearing-in of Trustee DeChiara:

I, Ralph DeChiara, Jr., do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Ohio and will faithfully discharge the duties as Trustee of Perry Township, Stark County, State of Ohio during my continuance in office.

Establish 2020 Annual Compensation for Board and Fiscal Officer per ORC 505.24

Trustee DeChiara stated that the Board would establish the 2020 annual compensation for the Board and Fiscal Officer per ORC 505.24; so moved by Trustee Chessler; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Establish a Wage Schedule for All Non-Union Bargaining Units

Trustee DeChiara stated that the Board would establish a wage schedule for all non-union bargaining units. Trustee Chessler requested that the Board conduct an Executive Session to discuss this matter and defer action until after that time; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Reappoint Personnel to Fiduciary and Non-Bargaining Unit Positions to Include Benefits, Terms and Conditions of Employment

Trustee DeChiara stated that the Board will reappoint personnel to the fiduciary and non-bargaining unit positions to include benefits, terms and conditions of employment; so moved by Trustee Chessler; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Consider Authorizing the Fiscal Officer to do Advances from the General Fund as Deemed Necessary

Trustee DeChiara stated that the Board will consider authorizing the Fiscal Officer to do advances from the General Fund as deemed necessary; so moved by Trustee Haines; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Set Monthly Day and Time for Regular Meetings/Consider Work Sessions as an Allotted Time Period Prior to Regular Meetings

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board continue with the Board of Trustees meetings the first and third Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:00 pm; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Approve Receipt of All Advances from County Auditor on Property Taxes

Trustee DeChiara stated that the Board will consider to approve receipt of all advances from County Auditor on property taxes; so moved by Trustee Chessler; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Consider Accepting the Approval of the 2020 Township Budget - \$14,241,028.85

Trustee DeChiara stated that the Board will consider the approval of the 2020 Township Budget of \$14,241,028.85.

Trustee Chessler stated that for purposes of discussion made a motion to approve that; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

Trustee Chessler inquired of Fiscal Officer Schlegel if there was anything that needed highlighted regarding this matter; Mr. Schlegel indicated that the Board has received copies of everything at the Budget Hearing and felt that this matter was sufficiently conveyed.

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

Consider Reconciling Outstanding Checks Over 1 Year Old in the Amount of \$28.00

Trustee DeChiara stated that the Board will consider the reconciliation of outstanding checks over 1 year old in the amount of \$28.00 in total.

Fiscal Officer Schlegel clarified that this matter should read clearing out these checks.

Trustee Haines stated that based on the information given from the Fiscal Officer on the bank reconciliation, made a motion that we clear those two checks for a total of \$28.00; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Consider Setting 2020 Mileage Reimbursement at 57.5 Cents Per Mile Per Current IRS Rates

Trustee DeChiara stated that the Board will consider setting the 2020 mileage reimbursement at 57.5 cents per mile per the current IRS rates; so moved by Trustee Haines; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Authorize Fiscal Officer to Invest Interim Funds and Conduct Operational Transfers Within Funds as Available and Necessary

Trustee DeChiara stated that the Board will authorize the Fiscal Officer to invest interim funds and conduct operational transfers within funds as available and necessary; so moved by Trustee Haines; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Establish Rate of Reimbursement for Uniform Clothing Allowance for Non-Union Personnel Limited as Follows:

1. Police Chief - \$1,200.00
2. Road Superintendent and Assistant Road Superintendent - \$500.00
3. Fire Chief and Deputy Chiefs - \$750.00
4. Zoning Inspector and Assistant Zoning Inspector - \$500.00
5. Township Administrator - \$500.00

Trustee Chessler made a motion to table this matter until after the Executive Session; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Consider Utilizing GovDeals.com Auction Site for Calendar Year 2020

Trustee DeChiara stated that the Board will consider utilizing GovDeals.com auction site for calendar year 2020; so moved by Trustee Haines; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Consider Affirming and Ratifying Video Service Provider

Trustee DeChiara stated that the Board will consider affirming and ratifying our video service provider fees; so moved by Trustee Haines; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Departmental Reports:

Excused absence:

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Trustee Chessler indicated that he would like to add an Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.122 (A) (1) under personnel matters to discuss the compensation of employees; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Public Hearings/Invited Guests:

Matthew DiRuzza, Sirak Agency Broker – Flexible Spending Account

Trustee DeChiara indicated that the next item on the Agenda is in regard to the flexible spending account for health insurance and welcomed Matt DiRuzza from the Sirak Agency here tonight.

Mr. DiRuzza thanked the Board for having him here this evening and indicated that he was here to talk about further clarification regarding the flexible spending account. More discussion took place regarding this matter.

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board approve and encumber the funds equal or not to exceed the total amount per each participant employee effective February 1, 2020; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board, with the changes that the Law Director has indicated, approve the Administrative Services Agreement with Aultcare; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

On behalf of the Board, Trustee DeChiara thanked Mr. DiRuzza for being here this evening.

Communications:

Public Speaks on items up for Board Approval:

Daryl Smith – Mr. Smith stated that he was the owner & operator of Advanced Solutions here in Perry Township and referenced the above-mentioned Video Service Provider matter. Trustee Haines clarified and gave a brief explanation regarding the video service provider fees paid to the township from video service providers such as AT & T and Massillon Cable.

Township Business requiring Board Action:

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Fiscal Officer:

Trustee DeChiara made a motion to consider accepting pending warrants of bills for the week ending December 17, 2019 in the amount of \$64,834.60 and bills and payroll for the week ending December 14,

2019 in the amount of \$237,216.52 and bills for the week ending January 7, 2020 in the amount of \$332,869.79 for a combined total of \$634,920.91; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Consider 12/10/19 Meeting Minutes

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board accept the December 10, 2019 meeting minutes; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Administration:

Consider Indigent Burial Request

Trustee DeChiara indicated that this next Agenda item was in regard to an indigent burial request for decedent Robert Lee Nelson, his date of death of 12-30-19. Trustee DeChiara relayed that Mr. Nelson was a resident of Hanover House and indicated that this matter has been determined as an indigent status and would fall under the responsibility of the Township. Trustee DeChiara verified that the decedent's remains would be turned over to Mr. Nelson's daughter; Administrator Fetzer confirmed that was correct.

Trustee Haines made a motion to move forward with paying for Decedent Robert L. Nelson's cremation through the Heritage Cremation Society with an amount not to exceed \$700.00; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Fire Department:

Police Department:

Consider Purchase of Crime Matrix Interface – Emergitech

Chief Pomesky stated that the Police Department is requesting the Board to authorize the expenditure of \$5,400.00, as a one-time cost, for the purchase of the Emergitech-Crime Matrix Interface.

Chief Pomesky indicated that in 2019, the Stark County Prosecutor's Office implemented Crime Matrix throughout their office; by purchasing this interface, it will allow our police department to electronically upload case files directly into the Stark County Prosecutor Office system without reentering data.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that based on the Chief's request, the Board approve the Emergitech Crime Matrix Interface at a cost not to exceed \$5,400.00 as a one-time cost; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Road and Park Department:

Consider Approval for Payment to Cargill Salt and De-Icing Technologies

Road Superintendent Masalko referenced his December 30, 2019 memo to the Board and stated it is time to replenish their supply of salt for the upcoming 2020 snow and ice season. The Road Department is asking for the Board's approval of \$257,590.00 to be used for the vendors of Cargill, Inc. De-icing Technologies and DRS services for salt purchase and elevation.

Trustee DeChiara stated that the Board will make a motion to approve a total payment of \$257,590.00 to Cargill Inc. De-icing Technologies; so moved by Trustee Chessler; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Law Director:

Zoning:

Problem Properties:

Department Matters Not Requiring Board Action:

Administration:

Fire Department:

Police Department:

Road Department:

Yard Waste Site Closed Beginning January 7, 2020 – Until Spring

Parks/Recycling:

Zoning:

Law Director:

Announcements:

Trustee Chessler gave a brief introduction to future assistant fiscal officer, Cindy Seybold, here with us this evening. Trustee Chessler stated that Cindy recently joined us as of Monday, January 6, 2020 and welcomed her on behalf of the Board; Cindy stated that she was glad to be here.

Public Speaks-Open Forum:

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 to include the Board, Fiscal Officer, Fire Chief and Law Director; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at: 6:28 pm

The Board adjourned from Executive Session at: 6:55 pm

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (4) to discuss an offer we have received to settle a Bureau of Worker's Compensation Case to include the Board, Fiscal Officer, Fire Chief and Law Director; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at: 6:56 pm

The Board adjourned from Executive Session at: 6:58 pm

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (1) to discuss compensation with action to be taken; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

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

The Board adjourned from Executive Session at: 7:29 pm

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board adopt a wage scale for all non-union bargaining personnel with the Township effective January 3, 2020; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Board of Trustees status for the year 2020 for the following uniform allowances:

1. Police Chief - \$1,200.00
2. Road Superintendent and Assistant Road Superintendent - \$500.00
3. Fire Chief and Deputy Chiefs - \$750.00
4. Zoning Inspector and Assistant Zoning Inspector - \$500.00
5. Township Administrator - \$500.00

Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Adjournment:

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Haines made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Ralph DeChiara Jr., President

Joe Schlegel, Fiscal Officer