

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

January 21, 2020 6:00 pm

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Excused absence:

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Public Hearings/Invited Guests:

Communications:

Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund Letter from Adam Silla -- Assistant District Chief

Trustee DeChiara stated that this first Agenda item is in regard to the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund and indicated that the Board has received some information from Assistant District Chief Adam Silla concerning this matter. Trustee DeChiara relayed that this fund is available to part-time and volunteer firefighters and their families should a Line of Duty Death or disability occur; the Volunteer Fire Fighter Dependents Fund board consists of five (5) members, two of which are appointed by our Board of Trustees. Trustee DeChiara indicated that Adam Silla and Larry Sedlock have been representatives in the past and verified of Administrator Fetzer if these gentlemen would again be willing to be reappointed; Administrator Fetzer confirmed yes.

Trustee DeChiara stated that based on this information made a motion that the Board appoint Assistant District Chief Adam Silla and Fulltime Deputy Chief Larry Sedlock as the Board's appointment to the Volunteer Fire Fighters' Dependents Fund; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Public Speaks on items up for Board Approval:

Township Business requiring Board Action:

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Trustee DeChiara made a motion to approve bills in the amount of \$266,750.12 for the week ending January 14, 2020 and bills and payroll in the amount of \$195,795.33 for the week ending January 21, 2020 for a combined total of \$462,545.33; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Fiscal Officer:

Consider Accepting the Meeting Minutes from Special Meeting 12/19/19 and Reorganizational Minutes of 01/07/20

Trustee DeChiara stated that the Board would consider the meeting minutes from the Special Meeting on December 19, 2019 and the Reorganizational Minutes from January 7, 2020; so moved by Trustee Haines; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Administration:

Consider Authorizing FMLA Request for Employee A

Trustee DeChiara verified of Administrator Fetzer if Employee A had met all the criteria regarding this FMLA request; Administrator Fetzer stated that was correct.

Trustee Chessler stated that he would refer to the memo from the Township Administrator dated January 17, 2020 that sets forth all the requirements and notations that these requirements have been met and based on that, made a motion that the Board approve the FMLA leave requested by Employee A; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Consider Stark County Engineer Highway Mileage Request

Trustee DeChiara referenced the request made from the Stark County Engineer's Office for Perry Township's annual Highway Mileage and indicated that the Road Superintendent was provided with a copy of our current 145.187 road miles to be certified; Road Superintendent Masalko confirmed this was correct.

Trustee DeChiara indicated that a motion was needed to accept this; so moved by Trustee Chessler; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Consider Tax Incentive Review Council Appointments

Trustee DeChiara indicated that the Board's consideration for the 2020 Tax Incentive Review Council appointments would be needed at this time.

Trustee Chessler stated that he served as the Board's representative last year and indicated that he would again volunteer for this year's reappointment since the meetings are close in proximity and convenient for him to attend; Trustee Haines confirmed his agreement and relayed that he once attended a meeting in Trustee Chessler's absence and could also again serve as an alternate. Trustee DeChiara confirmed this as well.

Trustee DeChiara made a motion that Craig Chessler be our 2020 Tax Incentive Review Council Representative; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Fire Department:

Consider Repairs for Engine 32

Fire Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is requesting that the Board of Trustees authorize the payment of \$6,987.21 to All American Fire Equipment for emergency repairs to Engine 32.

Chief Martin indicated that after the annual pump test on Engine 32 (back-up engine), it was sent to All American for minor pump repairs. As the work progressed, some minor additional issues were discovered; several of these were internal problems which were easier to correct since the pump was already disassembled.

Trustee Haines stated that based on that information made a motion that the Board approve the Fire Department to pay the All American Fire Equipment out of Ona, West Virginia for emergency repairs to Engine 32 at an amount not to exceed \$6,987.21; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Consider Requesting Bids for Personal Protective Equipment

Fire Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is requesting that the Board of Trustees authorize him to publish a Request for Bids to purchase personal protective equipment for part-time members.

- The current personal protective equipment/turnout gear worn by many of the part-time staff is 10 years old. It is recommended by several professional fire service agencies that turnout gear be replaced at the 10-year benchmark.
- While we are not mandated to replace the turnout gear, funding was allocated in the budget to replace the turnout gear.
- Once the new PPE is obtained, the current gear could be used in a back-up role which would then provide the part-time members with 2 sets of personal protective equipment.
- It is advantageous to have 2 sets of PPE in those situations where one set of PPE has been used and must be cleaned. Currently, this potentially leaves the part-time member with no PPE until the PPE is cleaned and dried. We have washers and dryers in-house to facilitate the decontamination process.
- Law Director Hall has reviewed all of the documents associated with the request and has approved the documents for legal sufficiency.

Trustee DeChiara asked for a motion to authorize the 2020 personal protective equipment which has been reviewed and approved by our Law Director to be advertised for public bid; bid opening will occur on February 18, 2020 at 6:00 pm; so moved by Trustee Chessler; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Police Department:

Consider Purchasing Phone System

Chief Pomesky indicated that attached before the Board is a memo from Warwick Communications that would update their phone service in the amount of \$19,538.09. Chief Pomesky relayed that in 2019 he was informed by their phone vendor that the Toshiba Strata phone system currently being used by the department would be going end-of-life in 2020 for support and production of parts. Chief Pomesky referenced his memo to the Board that listed the companies that he had reached out to for information and pricing; his recommendation to the Board is to purchase the phone system through Warwick Communications.

Trustee DeChiara stated that based on the information that has been provided by the Police Chief made a motion to authorize the Police Department to replace the phone system from Warwick Communications in the amount not to exceed \$19,538.09; Seconded by Trustee Chessler.

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

Road and Park Department:

Consider Soliciting 2020 Material Quotes

Road Superintendent Masalko stated that the Road Department is requesting the Board's authorization to solicit for material quotes from local vendors to obtain their prices for materials needed for the 2020 fiscal year.

Trustee Chessler made a motion that the Road Department is authorized to solicit for material quotes from local vendors to obtain prices for materials, as needed, for the year of 2020; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Law Director:

Zoning:

Consider Resolution to Amend Perry Township Zoning Resolution

Law Director Hall indicated that he would not ask the Board to take action on this matter tonight but stated that he wanted to try to start a dialogue concerning a recent zoning case heard through the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Hall also stated that he and Zoning Inspector Cugini have been talking for some time regarding numerous possible revisions, changes and amendments to the current Perry Township zoning resolution. More discussion followed regarding this matter.

Law Director Hall indicated that they would obtain more information concerning these amendments and relay to the Board.

Problem Properties:

Executive Session(s):

Department Matters Not Requiring Board Action:

Administration:

Fire Department:

Police Department:

Road Department:

Parks/Recycling:

Zoning:

Law Director:

Announcements:

Public Speaks-Open Forum:

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 DeChiara.

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

Ralph DeChiara Jr., President

Joe Schlegel, Fiscal Officer