

**Perry Township Board of Trustees**

**Regular Meeting**

**April 21, 2020 6:00 pm**

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

Trustee DeChiara stated that based on the recommendation of Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Health, the general public is not permitted to physically attend this public meeting, however, the meeting will be live-streamed on the Perry Township Police Department Facebook page. Comments or inquiries can be made to [office@perrytwp.com](mailto:office@perrytwp.com) or 330-833-2141.

**Excused absence:** John Masalko, Road/Parks Superintendent; Joyce Fetzer, Township Administrator; Tim Cugini, Zoning Inspector

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:**

Trustee Haines indicated that we have one item listed on the Agenda twice: to consider a part-time pay increase under the Fire Department and then again listed as an Executive Session consideration; Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board place this matter under an Executive Session with possible action to be taken after the Executive Session; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Public Hearings/Invited Guests:**

**Swearing in of Trustee Dr. Mike Shreffler by the Honorable Judge Frank Forchione**

Trustee DeChiara stated that we have a special occasion tonight and welcomed Dr. Mike Shreffler as our newest member of the Perry Township Board of Trustees. Trustee DeChiara stated that Dr. Shreffler would be sworn in by the Honorable Judge Frank Forchione.

Judge Forchione asked Dr. Shreffler to please raise his right hand:

*I, Dr. Michael R. Shreffler do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the State of Ohio and will support the Township and all resolutions of Perry Township, Stark County, Ohio. I will faithfully and impartially discharge all duties incumbent upon me according to the best of my ability and understanding and this I do as I shall answer to God.*

**Communications:**

**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 and payroll in the amount of \$181,529.24 for the week ending April 14, 2020 and bills in the amount of \$51,487.16 for the week ending April 21, 2020 for a combined total of \$233,016.40; so moved by Trustee Haines; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Fiscal Officer:**

**Consider Accepting the Meeting Minutes from 04/07/20, 04/09/20 and 04/14/20**

Trustee DeChiara stated that the Board will consider accepting the meeting minutes from April 7, 2020; April 9, 2020; and April 14, 2020; so moved by Trustee Haines; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Consider Cares Act Grant Money**

Fiscal Officer Chessler gave a brief explanation regarding a Cares Act stimulus payment received by Perry Township in the amount of \$13,306.32 from the United States Health & Human Services Department for expenses related to COVID-19 services.

Trustee DeChiara made a motion that the Board accept \$13,306.32 for the Care Act from the federal government, Health and Human Services; Seconded by Trustee Shreffler.

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

**Administration:**

**Fire Department:**

**Consider Awarding Personal Protective Equipment Bid**

Fire Chief Martin stated that the Fire Department is recommending that the Board of Trustees authorize the Fire Department to purchase forty-five (45) sets of personal protective equipment (PPE/Turnout Gear) from Fire Force Inc. at a price not to exceed \$97,425.00. Chief Martin gave a brief explanation regarding the two bid options submitted by Fire Force Inc. from the April 7, 2020 Regular Meeting. Chief Martin also indicated that the Law Director has reviewed the bid and the recommendation and has approved both.

Trustee Haines stated that based on the information from the Fire Chief made a motion that the Board authorize the Fire Department to purchase forty-five (45) sets of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE/Turnout Gear) from Fire Force Inc. from Columbiana, Ohio with a price not to exceed \$97,425.00; Seconded by Trustee Shreffler.

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

**Consider Part-Time Pay Increase**

**Police Department:**

**Road and Park Department:**

**Law Director:**

**Zoning:**

**Problem Properties:**

**Department Matters Not Requiring Board Action:**

**Administration:**

**Fire Department:**

**Police Department:**

**Road Department:**

**Parks/Recycling:**

**Zoning:**

**Law Director:**

**Announcements:**

~Yard Waste Site at 1500 Jackson Ave. SW: Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, 8 am to 4 pm.

~Spring Clean-Up -- Saturday April 25, 2020, 8 am to 4 pm at Perry Road Department, 1500 Jackson Ave. SW, Massillon 44646 – No bags, boxes, garbage or commercial dumping. Details at [www.perrytwp.com](http://www.perrytwp.com).

**Public Speaks-Open Forum:**

Lee Laubacher, 5006 14<sup>th</sup> St. SW – Mr. Laubacher stated that he wanted to thank Trustee Haines and Trustee DeChiara for picking a very deserving gentleman as a fellow Trustee. Mr. Laubacher also congratulated Dr. Shreffler as the newly appointed Trustee and stated that he felt he would be an excellent addition to the Township. Trustee Shreffler stated his thanks to Mr. Laubacher.

**Executive Session(s):**

**ORC 121.22 (G) (1) Compensation for Part-Time Fire Department Employees to Include the Board, Fiscal Officer, Fire Chief and Law Director**

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board enter into Executive Session under ORC 121.22 (G) (1) for compensation for part-time fire department employees to include the Board, Fiscal Officer, Fire Chief and Law Director with possible action to be taken; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at: 6:15 pm

Trustee Shreffler made a motion to come out of Executive Session; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

The Board adjourned from Executive Session at: 6:40 pm

Trustee DeChiara stated that this pay raise difference of \$1.00 per hour for part-time employees of the Fire Department will be effective April 24, 2020 and will be retroactive to January 1, 2020; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

**Adjournment:**

Trustee DeChiara stated that with nothing further to come before the Board, a motion is needed to adjourn the meeting; so moved by Trustee Haines; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

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Ralph DeChiara Jr., President

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Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer