

**Perry Township Board of Trustees
Reorganizational Meeting
January 5, 2021 6:00 pm**

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Invited Guest(s):

Reorganizational Matters:

Appointment of Board President

Trustee DeChiara made a motion that the Board appoint Doug Haines as our Board President for 2021; Seconded by Trustee Shreffler.

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

Appointment of Vice President

Trustee Haines stated that he would appoint Mike Shreffler as Vice President for 2021; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Establish 2021 Annual Compensation for Board and Fiscal Officer per ORC 505.24

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board establish a 2021 annual compensation for the Board and Fiscal Officer per ORC 505.24; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Establish a Wage Schedule for all Non-Union Bargaining Units

Motion made by Trustee Haines; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

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

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board reappoint personnel to fiduciary and non-bargaining unit positions to include benefits, terms and conditions of employment; Seconded by Trustee Shreffler.

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

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

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board authorizes the Fiscal Officer to do advances from the General Fund as deemed necessary and on that we also said that based on the Auditor's report that those should be brought to the Board at the next meeting; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

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

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board set the monthly Board of Trustee meetings for the first and third Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:00 pm and then do Work Sessions as necessary; Seconded by Trustee Shreffler.

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

Approve Receipt of all Advances from County Auditor on Property Taxes

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board approve receipt of all advances from the County Auditor on our property taxes; Seconded by Trustee Shreffler.

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

Consider Accepting the Approval of the 2021 Township Budget - \$16,131,393.02

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board accept the approval of the 2021 Township Budget of \$16,131,393.02; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Consider Setting 2021 Mileage Reimbursement at 56 cents per mile per Current IRS Rates

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board set the 2021 mileage reimbursement at 56 cents per mile per the current IRS rates, down from 57.5 cents last year; Seconded by Trustee Shreffler.

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

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

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board authorize the Fiscal Officer to invest interim funds and conduct operational transfers within funds as available and necessary; Seconded by Trustee Shreffler.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Haines, yes. Mr. Shreffler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, 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 Assistance Road Superintendent - \$500.00**
- 3. Fire Chief and Deputy Chiefs - \$750.00**

4. **Zoning Inspector and Assistant and Assistant Zoning Inspector - \$500.00**
5. **Township Administrator - \$500.00**

Trustee DeChiara directed that payments will be made by reimbursements through the quartermaster system.

Motion made by Trustee Haines; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Consider Utilizing GovDeals.com Auction Site for Calendar Year 2021

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board utilize GovDeals.com auction site for the calendar year 2021; Seconded by Trustee Shreffler.

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

Consider Affirming and Ratifying Video Service Provider

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board affirm and ratify our video service provider fee for 2021; Seconded by Trustee Shreffler.

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

Consider Authorizing Township Administrator to Proceed with Actuarial Report for 2020 Self-Funded Vision and Dental Benefits Per State Auditor's Request

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board authorize the Township Administrator to proceed with the actuarial report for 2020 self-funded vision and dental benefits per the State Auditor's request; Seconded by Trustee Shreffler.

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

Departmental Reports:

Excused Absence:

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Public Speaks: Scheduled Speakers:

Communications:

Public Speaks on Items Up for Board Approval:

Township Business Requiring Board Action:

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Fiscal Officer:

Trustee Haines made a motion to consider accepting pending warrants of bills for the week ending December 15, 2020 in the amount of \$99,180.93 and bills and payroll for the week ending December 22, 2020 in the amount of \$346,063.75 and bills for week ending December 29, 2020 in the amount of \$248,807.26 for a combined total of \$694,051.94; Seconded by Trustee Shreffler.

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

Administration:

Discussion of Road Department Levy and Review of Other Department Levies

Trustee Haines referenced the supporting documents before the Board regarding all the Township levies, when they were first established and when the last renewals were. Trustee Haines relayed that we have a road levy approaching expiration in 2020 and indicated that the Board would need to look at what we want to do and how we want to move forward with this levy since the auditor's certification would be needed and the deadline is February 3, 2021.

Law Director Hall gave more explanation regarding the Board's request for the auditor's certification and the necessary process. Mr. Hall stated that his recommendation would be that the Board pass a resolution tonight to request the auditor's certification. Mr. Hall indicated that he would plan to get this request to the auditor's office this week and then relay back to the Board.

Further discussion took place regarding the scheduling of a Special Meeting concerning this levy matter to take place on Wednesday, January 12, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

Trustee Haines stated that based on the information that we have now, made a motion to ask Law Director Hall to get from the Auditor's Department what a renewal of the two-mil levy numbers would be; Seconded by Trustee Shreffler.

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

Discussion of Augusta Lakes Annexation Request

Trustee Haines stated that the Board has an annexation request from Attorney Jamie Haren in order to annex two quarter acre lots and another ten-foot lot at Richville Drive, the lot numbers being 4301534; 4301533 and 4301532; the surrounding property is all surrounded by the City of Massillon and Augusta Lakes. Trustee Haines stated that if we recall, a couple of years back, there was a house there that was condemned and torn down and this time, this completes Ms. Haren's property that they can continue to develop that area.

Fiscal Officer Chessler inquired if any township funds were expended for the above-mentioned demolition; Zoning Inspector Cugini stated no and indicated that this was done by the current owner.

Trustee Haines made a motion that based on the discussion of the Augusta Lakes annexation request by Ms. Haren, that the Board acknowledge this and move forward with it; Seconded by Trustee Shreffler.

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

Consider \$1,500 MS4 Annual Permit Payment to Ohio EPA

Trustee Haines referenced the supporting documents before the Board and indicated that we have an invoice from the Ohio EPA regarding the annual discharge fee in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Trustee Haines stated that based on that information, made a motion to approve the \$1,500.00 MS4 annual permit payment to the Ohio EPA; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Consider Indigent Burial Request

Administrator Fetzer referenced the supporting documents before the Board and relayed an indigent burial request regarding indigent decedent, Matt J. Bower; the Lamielle Funeral Home cost was the lowest of three (3) quotes in the amount of \$700.00 and the marker stone from Family Memorials in the amount of \$220.00 for burial at Richville Cemetery. Administrator Fetzer referenced the cemetery sexton's memo to the Board to request payment of both of these invoices.

Trustee Haines stated that based on the information from our cemetery sexton, made a motion that the Board approve the indigent burial request for a total of \$920.00; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Consider FMLA Request of Employee A

Administrator Fetzer stated that the Board is in receipt of a request for an FMLA leave from a member of the Police Department; this request is for leave from December 14, 2020 to possibly January 13, 2021.

Trustee Haines stated that based on that information, made a motion that the Board approve the FMLA request from Employee A; Seconded by Trustee Shreffler.

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

Fire Department:

Police Department:

Consider Renewal of Dispatching Services RED Center

Chief Pomesky stated that attached for the Board of Trustees' review and approval is a copy of the Local Organized Governments in Cooperation (L.O.G.I.C.) agreement for dispatching service through RED Center; this is a one (1) year contract for dispatching service starting January 1, 2021 running through December 31, 2021. The total cost for this contract is \$360,141.00 (based on \$12.90 per person).

Trustee DeChiara stated that based on that information, made a motion that the Board enter into an agreement or contract with The Regional Emergency Dispatch Center for 2021 Police Department Dispatching fee of \$362,141.00; Seconded by Trustee Haines.

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

Road and Park Department:

Law Director:

Consider Amending 12/15/20 CARES Act Resolution for Stark County Commissioners

Law Director Hall referenced the December 15, 2020 Agenda Item: Consider Accepting Additional CARES Act Funds in the Amount of \$77,163.88 wherein the Board had passed a resolution to accept and then to allocate to the police and fire salary accounts. Mr. Hall stated that the meeting minutes apparently did not reflect that so he would ask the Board to pass a resolution to amend the December 15, 2020 resolution.

Trustee Haines stated that based on that information, made a motion that the Board make an amendment to the motion for December 15th to accept the money from the county in an amount of \$77,163.88; the money will be appropriated to the police and fire salary accounts for COVID reimbursement; Seconded by Trustee Shreffler.

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

Consider Disability Zoning Exemption Resolution

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board table Consider Disability Zoning Exemption Resolution until the January 19, 2021 meeting; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Zoning:

Department Matters Not Requiring Board Action:

Administration:

Fire Department:

Police Department:

Road Department:

Trustee Haines stated that he wanted to make note that the Yard Waste site will close for the season after Wednesday, January 6, 2021 until spring.

Parks/Recycling:

Zoning:

Law Director:

Announcements:

Executive Session(s):

ORC 121.22 (G) (1) Compensation to Include the Board and Fiscal Officer

ORC 121.22 (G) (3) Pending Court Action to Include the Board and Law Director

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (3) pending court action to include the Board, Law Director and Fiscal Officer with possible action to be taken; Seconded by Trustee Shreffler.

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

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at: 6:25 pm

The Board adjourned from Executive Session at: 7:18 pm

Trustee Haines stated that based on the discussion in our Executive Session, I will make a motion that upon recommendation of the Ohio Attorney General and the finding for recovery against Cynthia Abbott and C & C Billing and to ensure the recovery of the funds; seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (1) compensation to include the Board and the Law Director; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at: 7:19 pm

The Board adjourned from Executive Session at: 7:38 pm

Adjournment:

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Haines made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm; Seconded by Trustee Shreffler.

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

Doug Haines, President

Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer