

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

August 17, 2021 6:00 pm

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Public Speaks: Scheduled Speakers:

Excused Absence:

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Change Order:

Trustee Doug Haines stated under Road Department we have a change order for the pickle ball- tennis courts.

Trustee Doug Haines stated there is also a change order with the Road Department OPWC grant with the county.

Public Hearings/Invited Guests:

Consider Opening Spot Paving Bids

Fiscal Officer Craig Chessler stated we have 2 packets, 1st one is from Superior Paving Materials with a quoted price of \$170,528.00. The next submission is from Chagrin Valley Paving. Quoted price total project cost is \$215,638.00.

Trustee Doug Haines made a motion to have the Law Director and Road Superintendent look at the bids and make sure they contain all the necessary documents needed and which bid is the lowest advertised.

Seconded by Trustee Michael Shreffler

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

Consider Opening Salt Dome Roof Repair Bids

Fiscal Officer Craig Chessler stated the bids are in no particular order.

1. Master Renovation, Inc. Boardman, Ohio - \$73,990.00.
2. Central Structures, LLC - \$206,000.00
3. Advanced Construction Group - \$125,825.00, \$9.00 per square foot.
4. TEC Enterprises, LLC - \$65,499.00
5. Dan Buxton Roofing, Inc. – 84,325.00

6. Bulk Storage, Inc. - \$129,920.00

Trustee Doug Haines stated there were various bids. Trustee Haines made a motion based on the Law Director and Road Superintendent to make sure they were equal and quality of materials are equal, then move forward with the bids. Trustee DeChiara asked Superintendent John Masalko if he received the bid for Quonset Hut. Road Superintendent Masalko stated he had not. Trustee Ralph DeChiara stated he does not want to put a roof on this until we have that information.

Trustee Doug Haines made a motion that we review the bids and make sure they are equal and proceed with it because we have talked about it several times.

Seconded by Trustee Michael Shreffler

ROLL CALL: Mr. Haines, yes. Mr. Shreffler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, as motion stands, no.

Consider Opening Saratoga Ave SW Road Construction Bids.

Fiscal Officer Craig Chessler stated we received one bid from Chagrin Valley Paving for the Saratoga project. The bid is \$487,000.00. It is the only one received. Trustee Doug Haines asked what was budgeted. Mr. Carl Oprisch from Hammondtree and Associates responded \$385,000.00. Carl Oprisch stated that would be about 10%. Attorney Hall, if they did exceed the 10% we must reject. Trustee Haines stated it is higher than what it was.

Trustee Haines made a motion to have Law Director and the Road Superintendent Masalko review the bids and bring it back to the board based on over the 10% higher than the engineer original quote was.

Seconded by Trustee Michael Shreffler

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

Communications: none

Public Speaks on items up for Board Approval: none

New Business:

Trustee Doug Haines made a motion to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$23,184.03 for the week ending 8/3/2021 and bills only in the amount of \$268,283.05 for the week ending 8/10/21 for a combined total of \$291,467.08;

Seconded by Trustee Michael Shreffler

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

Fiscal Officer:

Consider Approval of 07 Lighting District Renewal

RESOLUTION 2021 – 026

Fiscal Officer Craig Chessler asked to consider approval of the 07 Lighting District Renewal. As the past, it is an annual renewal of the district we created for the township. The charges are assessed on taxes based on current rates that providers have in place. He asked if there were any planned increases this year and there was not, according to First Energy and AEP. The prices and assessments will remain the same for the tax year 2021 to be billed in 2022 in the amount \$17,135.40.

Trustee Haines made a motion to approve and renew the Lighting District Renewal with a total township cost of \$17,135.40 be assessed.

Seconded by Trustee Ralph DeChiara.

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

Administration: none

Fire Department:

Consider Resignation of Brad Shaffer Full-Time Member of Perry Township Fire Department

Trustee Doug Haines stated we have a resignation letter from Brad Shaffer. Chief Sedlock stated he has been in the military for sometime and away for an extended period of time and he has taken an opportunity to move on in Cybersecurity Professional for the Department of Defense. Mr. Shaffer has been in a good period of time but he felt it was in the best interest of his family and they have moved on to take this position with the Department of Defense.

Trustee Haines made a motion that we accept the resignation of full-time firefighter, Brad Shaffer as of August 17, 2021. Has he already been replaced? Chief Sedlock responded, yes.

Seconded by Trustee Ralph DeChiara.

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

Police Department:

2021 Ammunition Purchase

Police Chief Pomesky stated a quote to purchase ammunition that includes duty and range ammunition and qualification for the officers. Total price is \$6,311.65. That purchase meets state-term pricing. Purchasing from Van's Law Enforcement. This is the lowest price. This price of \$6,311.65 is the correct price.

Trustee Doug Haines made a motion the purchase of ammunition for the Police Department from Vans Law Enforcement not to exceed \$6,311.65.

Seconded by Trustee Michael Shreffler.

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

Consider Resignation of Officer Lohr Full-Time Member of Perry Township Police Department

Trustee Haines considered a resignation of Officer Lohr. Chief Pomesky stated Officer Lohr turned in a resignation letter to the department. He and his family are moving out-of-state. Chief Pomesky is asking the Board to accept Officer Lohr's resignation effective last Thursday.

Trustee Doug Haines made a motion to accept the resignation of Office Lohr effective August 12, 2021.

Seconded by Trustee Michael Shreffler.

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

Road Department:

Consider payment to Hammontree and Associates for the Plymouth Knolls Storm Sewer Improvement Project Phase 2

Road Superintendent Masalko stated that in Phase 1 it was authorized that Hammontree and Associates to engineer Phase 1 which came out general fund's monies. There was never anything in place for Phase 2 engineering. He received an invoice for \$7,000.00. Road Superintendent Masalko asked the Board direction where the funds should come from, Road Fund or the same as Phase 1 and come out of the general fund? Trustee Doug Haines asked if this is the one that we are working on OPWC to get the grant for? Superintendent Masalko stated, yes. Trustee Doug Haines suggested the general fund.

Trustee Doug Haines made a motion to recommend that we approve the payment to Hammontree and Associates for Plymouth Knolls Storm Sewer Improvement Project Phase 2 and not to exceed the amount of \$7,000.00.

Seconded by Trustee Michael Shreffler.

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

Pickle Ball Court

Trustee Doug Haines gave information on the Pickle Ball Court and underlying soil and courts. He believes they were all probably backed up before. Superintendent Masalko stated Crescent Gardens is a wet area. The Park was even wetter. When they did excavate for the homes in Crescent Gardens, they used Perry Park as a dumping site. When leveled out, they made this area a park. When they were doing proof rolling, they did excavate to see what was under there and it was organic material. That was unforeseen when they bid the project. Road Department is asking for a change of over \$3,500.00 to excavation and agravic and fiber be put on these areas that are bad. Trustee Doug Haines asked if this would solve the problem? Superintendent Masalko stated they are still working on it today and he is to call to see if it improved and if will keep moving forward. Trustee DeChiara asked if this mesh is guaranteed to work? Superintendent Masalko stated, he was sure. Trustee DeChiara stated he doesn't want to spend all the money we are already are spending and \$3,500.00 more only to find out 10 years from now we are going to be back where we are. The other recommendation was to dig it down to the base which was \$25,000.00? Superintendent Masalko stated yes. Trustee DeChiara stated he was okay with the \$3,500.00 if it is going to work. Mr. Chessler stated to President Haines, there was similar problems when we did the basketball court. That seemed to have worked. Mr. Chessler stated that the guy who did the project encountered the same thing. Trustee Doug Haines stated he would make motion that we proceed with the change order of \$3,500.00 and give Superintendent Masalko the okay

to move forward with the 6 inches of agravic and fiber as long as we can get a guarantee of the workmanship. Superintendent Masalko stated awhile till they finish. Trustee Doug Haines asked if any other discuss.

Trustee Doug Haines stated he would make a motion again. I am going to recommend that we move forward with estimate agravic and fiber 6 inches with change order of \$3,500.00. Seconded by Trustee Michael Shreffler.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Haines, yes. Mr. Shreffler, yes. Mr. DeChiara, no.

OPWC Grant with the County.

Trustee Doug Haines shared OPWC Grant allocation for the year 2022 on improvement of a road way and two culverts at Sippo Creek near Summerdale Park. Replace aging culverts and resurfacing Summerdale Ave to Marion Ave. He encouraged the Board to consider this allocation with the county engineer and to move forward with the OPWC projects. Our share of this \$13,000.00 is the county is 26% and Perry Township is given 74%. Superintendent Masalko stated this is going from 12th street to Marion will be surfaced at Summerdale. Trustee Doug Haines asked when will this project take place? Superintendent Masalko stated shortly after funding, he would assume spring.

Trustee Doug Haines made a motion that we approve the project OPWC Grant thru the County Engineers to replace 2 culverts at Sippo Creek near Summerdale Park and the resurfacing of Summerdale to Marion Avenue.

Seconded by Trustee Michael Shreffler.

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

Public Speaks:

Tim Lewton stated lives at Sherwood Avenue and has lived in this township for 74 years. Allotment was a decent place and now it is falling apart. There is a 2-block area with 6 abandoned cars in their yards, cars parked on streets and actually one that the license plates expired in 2019. Duplex next to him and behind him that have mowed the yards but the weeds are high. Now getting ground hog problems and states nobody wants to do anything about it. There are three businesses within a block of his house that are being run out of their homes. One is a concrete business, he has his concrete trucks, concrete trailer and another truck on his property. There is a child care service in one of the duplexes. Up on the corner an auto repair business run on a part time basis. He thought we were not to have businesses in homes. Another thing that is an eye sore is Fasnacht Farm. Mr. Lewton states an opinion about the Tenant Farmer and not keeping the place up and Mr. Lewton has a copy of the lease. He was supposed to maintain that property. There is plastic from the green house laying on the ground for 2 years and covered with water, breeding mosquitos. He has mowed nothing. Coming down Jackson the grass is all grown over. Mr. Lewton has called the road department. The view is obstructed. Hope someone will do something. Car issue is a big thing. This is a police or road department issue. Trustee Doug Haines asked if he was seeing these things right on his road or side roads? Mr. Lewton stated this is within a 2 block radius. Trustee Haines stated we will do research on these issues.

Joe Mayo stated lives at 1036 Norwich NW, he is still waiting on information regarding flooding problem. He is trying to get that resolved and hasn't heard anything back. Trustee Doug Haines stated that this is an individual basis, only so much we can do. Joe Mayo also stated they are not homes they are businesses. Siffrin is a corporation a nonprofit corporation. Mr. Mayo stated pay no taxes and we should revoke allowance of being here. People that keep their homes up aren't getting the assistance from the township. The duplex behind me is a trust. That's not set up as neighbor policy. It's set up as a company to get a tax advantage. Trustee Doug Haines stated Siffrin is not doing anything out of home policy maintenance code. Mr. Mayo stated he is talking about putting in a larger drain at the drainage ditch. Enlarge that so that doesn't come down the hill. He has talked to lawyers. Mr. Mayo wants the Board to write these businesses a letter and tell them they need to do something. He has offered to pay for a drainage pipe. This has been going on for 5 years. Trustee Doug Haines asked if he has had Stark Soil out there? Joe Mayo stated yes. Trustee Doug Haines stated would be our ally on who we would address. Mr. Mayo stated if he talked neighbors about the situation, they would work out a solution. He has not seen anything from Siffrin. Trustee Doug Haines stated they pay real estate taxes. Joe Mayo stated "no they don't". Only \$48.00 a year is all they pay; no taxes and they have been here 20 years. Joe Mayo continues to state about the Siffrin driveway. Trustee Ralph DeChiara stated personally would like to have the law director investigate other jurisdiction on how they handle these situations and what our legal rights are.

Tim Blythe stated his address is 1996 Masters Point SE, Massillon, 44646. Saturday parents had their home busted into on 200 block of Pershing Ave. First, he wanted to thank the police for coming out, it obviously an invasion of privacy nobody likes to experience. The police gave him information that was very helpful. He checked out the house to see if we can find anything laying around the house and we went around all of the wonderful drug infested hotels in the area to see if we could find anything thrown on the ground. By midnight we were looking at a suspicious car four-five doors down. We are watching it, then the police came. The guy has a backpack on, he gives police false information who he is, where he is going and where he has been. He clearly was on some substance. He runs from police, they put him in police car. They admit he has warrants in two surrounding counties, picked him the Tuesday before, trying to steal Cali converters from cars. They know where he lives, Newport Avenue, the police went and looked in the windows. That was the only thing they had done. The man was driving on a flat tire. They let the guy go. Gave him a warning. At what point do we say we are doing an investigation. There was no arrest. Trustee Doug Haines asked Police Chief Pomesky if he could do some research on that. Mr. Blythe stated it was same shift of police officers. If we are not going to do anything we don't need a police department.

Jenn Miller stated her address of 4895 3rd NW Canton. She wanted to get an update on the roof at the farm house. Road Superintendent John Masalko stated there have been no bids. Jenn Miller asked about tours to see what it is like in the inside. Trustee Doug Haines stated Administrator Joyce Martin reached out to our insurance agency. Ms. Martin stated most importantly is safety. Risk Management has toured the house before and was not recommended at this time until an assessment could be done because of the hole in the roof. Trustee Haines stated there is no decision at this time to put on a roof. He also indicated there is restrictions in the deed of the farm and what we can do with it. There is a list of descendants that would have to sign off if we chose to do anything with the farm. The Board does not know where the descendants stand on improvements for the farm. Jenn stated the parks are terrible. Jenn is in favor of a park levy. Trustee Ralph DeChiara stated would like to make a separate Parks

Department. The Board would have to agree with it. Trustee Mike Shreffler stated its hard to compare to Jackson Township. Trustee Haines indicated there was a 2013 Park levy that was turned down pretty drastically. Mr. Blythe stated you would be surprised to know that Perry Township pays a higher total millage than Jackson.

Mr. Blythe asked about the contract on Fasnacht Farm, who recommended such a complicated contract with so many restrictions for the Board to accept? Trustee Haines stated he couldn't answer that because he was not here and Trustee Shreffler stated the same. Trustee Shreffler stated it's not that easy, stated we have to figure out what is worth saving and what is not.

Unknown speaker stated he is very upset with Fasnacht Farm and something needs to be done with it now. He went on to state all the issues he felt needed to be addressed at the farm.

Executive Session(s):

Trustee Doug Haines made a motion under ORC 121.22 (G) (1) the Board adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to discuss compensation to determine what action should be taken.

Seconded by Trustee Michael Shreffler.

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

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

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As a result of the discussion in executive session, Trustee Haines moved that the rate of compensation for interim Fire Chief Sedlock shall be increased from \$30.22 an hour by 10% to \$33.24 per hour, effective from the date of his taking that position. All Board members voted in approval.

Adjournment:

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm; Seconded by Trustee Michael Shreffler.

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

Doug Haines, President

Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer