

**Perry Township Board of Trustees**

**Regular Meeting**

**November 16, 2021 6:00 pm**

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

**Public Speaks: Scheduled Speakers:**

**Excused Absence:**

John Masalko – Road Superintendent – Chris Young in attendance  
Craig Chessler – Fiscal Officer – Cynthia Seybold in attendance

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:**

**Public Hearings/Invited Guests:**

**Communications:**

**Public Speaks on items up for Board Approval:**

**Township Business requiring Board Action:**

**Unfinished Business:**

**Perry and Tuscarawas Streetscape status update.**

Trustee DeChiara stated that Tim Blythe, at the last meeting, brought up about the Streetscape Project. Trustee DeChiara spoke with Karl Oprisch and asked if he could speak and give a little more over view. Mr. Oprisch stated originally the project started back in May 2021 with ODOT and the Township. The improvement project, at the intersection of Perry and 172, seemed an opportunity to make some improvements with poles and arms to make a match with what was done previously down Whipple and 172. There were two options presented to the Township. One was to upgrade the poles to have decorative poles with an estimated cost of \$50,000.00 to the Township. Option 2 was to have the poles and arms painted at an estimated cost of \$7,500.00 to the township. The first option would carry a requirement of the Township, if agreed, if the poles were damaged, and the poles needed replaced then more cost would come to the Township. The other option, if the poles were damaged, would be replaced with just a regular pole. The Township went with option 2. Trustee DeChiara asked Mr. Oprisch if they went with the standard poles, would the poles be the basic silver? Trustee Haines thanked Mr. Oprisch for his information on the Streetscape project.

**New Business:**

**Fiscal Officer:**

Trustee Haines made a motion to approve bills for the week ending 11-9-21 in the amount of \$76,722.13. Seconded by Trustee Shreffler.

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

**Consider scheduling department head 2022 – Budget Hearings on 12-7-21 in 10-minute intervals beginning at 5:10 p.m.**

Trustee Haines made a motion on scheduling the department heads for the 2022 budget hearings on December 7, 2021 in 10 minutes intervals beginning at 5:10 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Shreffler.

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

Trustee DeChiara requested that Administrator Martin extend an invitation to the newly elected officials.

**Administration:**

**Fire Department:**

**Consider accepting the resignation letter of Andrew Kendrick**

Chief Larry Sedlock stated he would like the Board to consider the resignation of Andrew Kendrick. Mr. Kendrick is moving onto a local department and turned in his resignation. Chief Sedlock stated he is a good employee and Mr. Kendrick wished to remain on as a part time firefighter. Chief Sedlock recommended to the Board that we accept his resignation and retain him as a part time employee. Law Director Hall stated he will then have the benefits of a part time fire fighter.

Trustee Haines made a motion that we accept the resignation of Andrew Kendrick effective November 15, 2021. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Trustee Haines made a motion also that we hire Andrew Kendrick as a part time firefighter/medic and he will have the benefits of a part time firefighter/medic. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Chief Larry Sedlock stated he would like the Board to consider the resignation of Nicholas Wilson. Mr. Wilson is moving to the same neighboring department and also turned in his resignation. Chief Sedlock stated he is a good employee and Mr. Wilson wished to remain on as a part time firefighter. Chief Sedlock recommended to the Board that we accept his resignation and retain him as a part time employee.

Trustee Haines made a motion that we accept the resignation of Nicholas Wilson effective November 16, 2021. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Trustee Haines made a motion also that we hire Nicholas Wilson as a part time firefighter/medic and he will have the benefits of a part time firefighter/medic. Seconded by Trustee Shreffler.

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

**Police Department:**

**Road and Park Department:**

**Law Director:**

**Consider Golf Cart Resolution**

Law Director Hall stated as far as he can determine from the BMV website, no Stark Township has approved a similar resolution but several villages have adopted ordinances permitting golf-cart operation. Mr. Hall drafted a resolution based upon discussion with Chief Police Pomesky. Chief Pomesky made the suggestion that operation of golf carts should be limited to Perry Dr., and Shepler Church. Mr. Hall asked how will this be posted. Chief Pomesky suggested also that if we amend streets to read no person shall operate a low speed/under speed utility or mini truck on a public township road that restricts it. There was much discussion between Mr. Hall and the Board. Mr. Hall also stated if it is going to be authorized, I would recommend the operation of the golf carts only to be allowed on the Township Streets. This eliminates the issues with Perry Dr., Southway and Shepler Church where golf carts would be unsafe to operate. Mr. Hall will make some changes to the resolution. This issue was tabled until 12-7-21 meeting.

**Consider**

**Zoning:**

**Problem Properties:**

**Executive Session(s):**

1. Trustee Haines 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 and Law Director. Seconded by Trustee Shreffler.

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

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

The Board adjourned from Executive Session at: 6:26 pm

2. Trustee Haines made a motion that the Board adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to discuss discipline of a public official or employee to include Board and Law Director. Seconded by Trustee Shreffler.

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

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at: 6:27 pm

The Board adjourned from Executive Session at: 6:41 pm

**Department Matters Not Requiring Board Action:**

**Administration:**

**Fire Department:**

**Police Department:**

**Road Department:**

**Parks/Recycling:**

**Zoning:**

**Law Director:**

**Announcements:**

**Public Speaks-Open Forum:**

Tim Looten stated his address of 1615 Sherwood Ave. Massillon, Ohio. He appeared about a month ago about all the “junk” at the Fasnacht Farm. Mr. Looten was told to give the Board some time and Mr. Looten stated it’s been over a month and nothing has been removed. Mr. Looten drives by every day and he stated its time that something needs to be done with the Farmer or clean things up. He stated its terrible, there is plastic laying everywhere and also 55-gallon drums. He is unsure what is in the drums. There is trash everywhere.

**Adjournment:**

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Haines made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 pm; Seconded by Trustee Mike Shreffler.

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

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Doug Haines, President

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Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer