

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

May 3, 2022 7:00 pm

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Welcome/Invited Guests

1. Pledge Leader: Patrick Jones ~ Air Force Veteran

Mr. Patrick Jones said a few words as he accepted a plaque given by Trustee Nelligan

2. Swearing in of Firefighter Tyler Marchand

Trustee Miller asked Tyler Marchand to please raise his right hand.

I, Tyler Marchand, do solemnly swear to support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, Resolutions of Perry Township, Ohio; the rules, Regulations, Standard Operating Guidelines, Standard Operating Procedures, and Policies of the Perry Township Fire Department; and will faithfully, honestly and impartially discharge the duties of Firefighter of the Perry Township Fire Department and this I do as I shall answer unto God

3. Proclamation Acknowledgment of Police Week ~ Presented to Officer Ben Barrett, Union President
4. Proclamation Acknowledgment of Wreaths Across America Educational Mobile Exhibit

Trustee Miller gave the history of the Wreaths Across America. Steve Toohey presented information on the display of the Wreaths Across America Education Mobile Exhibit that will be on May 6, 2022, at Perry High School.

Public Speaks: Scheduled Speakers:

Excused absence: Trustee DeChiara, Law Director Mathews

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Zoning Inspector Whytsell added a process of the follow-up FHA amendment resolution for zoning tech change.

Public Hearings/Invited Guests:

Communications:

James Michael Fisher recognizes Captain Ron Riggs

Trustee Nelligan read a letter the Township received concerning Captain Riggs. The letter was from James Fisher who was in an accident in November 2021 and would like to recognize Captain Riggs and

the ambulance driver, Mike Wyant, who responded. Mr. Fisher wanted to express his heartfelt gratitude to the two individuals from the Perry Township EMS.

Yard Waste Site

Reminder Yard Waste site is open. Trustee Nelligan announced that the Perry Township Yard Waste Site opened on March 9, 2022 – Hours of operation will be Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 8 am to 4 pm.

Board of Trustees Meeting Change

The second Board of trustees meeting in May will be on May 24th at 7:00 pm instead of May 17, 2022.

Public Speaks on items up for Board Approval:

Township Business requiring Board Action:

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Administration:

Consider accepting Yard Waste Block Grant check from Stark Tusc-Wayne Solid Waste Management District in the amount of \$13,392.50.

Administrator Martin would like the Board to consider accepting the Yard Waste Block Grant check from Stark Tusc-Wayne Solid Waste Management District in the amount of \$13,392.50.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to consider accepting the Yard Waste Block Grant check from Stark Tusc-Wayne Solid Waste Management District in the amount of \$13,392.50. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes.

Consider paying the Everbridge/Nixle Invoice in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Administrator Martin would like the Board to consider paying the Everbridge/Nixle Invoice in the amount of \$5,000.00. This is an annual fee. This is a free service to the residents of Perry Township for notification of any emergency, road closing, or events in the township.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to pay the invoice of Everbridge/Nixle Invoice in the amount of \$5,000.00. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes.

Road and Park Department:

Zoning:

Zoning Inspector Whytsell stated the Zoning Commission reviewed the amendment (text changes) that were presented to them during a public hearing. At that time the Zoning Commission recommended the approval of the text as it was worded in the amendment with no changes. Zoning Inspector

Whytsell stated following the protocol, the Board of Trustees must schedule its own public hearing to formally adopt this resolution. To conform with R.C. 519.12, and for the convenience of the Board, that hearing should be held in conjunction with the May 24, 2022, regular meeting, either before, at 6:00 p.m. perhaps, or during the 7:00 p.m. meeting itself.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to conform with the R.C. 519.12 to proceed with a hearing on May 24, 2022, for the public at the regular meeting held at 7:00 p.m. to review the FHA Zoning amendment. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes.

Police Department:

Consider the purchase of two (2) Ford Police Interceptor SUV's

Police Chief Pomesky asked the Board to consider the purchase of two (2) Ford Police Interceptor SUV's. This purchase will replace two aging patrol cars nearing the end of service life for the department. These are not additions to the fleet.

Chief Pomesky reached out to Waikem Ford and they were unable to give a quote because they had balanced out the 2022 Explorer Interceptors and right now there is not an ETA date for 2023. He also reached out to Statewide Ford and was given a price for both vehicles of \$104,998.00. This price included all upfitting and installation of our radar unit, mobile radios, and in-car camera supplied by our department. Additionally, it includes the installation of the reflective decals.

He stated with the increase in fuel prices, it is essential we look at ways to cut that cost. The total cost increase to purchase two (2) hybrid police interceptor SUVs is \$6,158.00. Chief Pomesky stated that based on Ford's data, this additional cost can be justified as it will produce a reduction in fuel cost.

Trustee Nelligan asked Chief Pomesky if these cars were budgeted for the year and he responded yes. She also asked what will these two cars be replacing and Chief Pomesky stated it will be cars that will be in need of more repair.

Trustee Miller asked if we have the ability to service these vehicles that are Hybrid. Is there training needed for the mechanics? Chief Pomesky said possibly but we have a warranty and also may need to buy the service manual for the repair information.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to purchase two (2) Ford Police Interceptor SUV's with a total price of \$104,998.00. Seconded by Trustee Miller

ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes.

Cen Com status update

Chief Pomesky gave an update on Cen Com. The work order is pending because it must be timed for the transfer. Chief Pomesky is working on several other transfers to Cen Com and will know later this week more detail. He stated we are on track contingent upon Chief Peterson that everything is good to go. Chief Pomesky continued to explain to the Board the transition procedure that will happen and the connection with the fire department. Trustee Nelligan asked what the backup plan would consist of

when we receive notice from Red Center and Chief Pomesky stated Cen Com would work with us and renew the request. Chief Pomesky stated that May 21 would be the last day of Red Center servicing our township.

Fire Department:

Consider approving Link Layering for Motorola MARCS

Chief Sedlock asks the Board to consider approving the Link Layering (transferring data through the radio and providing an additional layer of security) for Motorola MARCS radios. To receive Motorola statewide pricing, Chief Sedlock stated the department needs to have a purchase order to Motorola Solutions no later than June 30, 2022. The cost for the Link Layering is \$138.73 per radio. Chief Sedlock stated we have a couple of newer radios that because they are newer, may not require this programming. Therefore, we will not be charged for them. They need to check the radio to determine this. After June 30, 2022, the price will increase, and after 2025 the radios will no longer function if the 'Link Layering' is not done. Chief Sedlock recommends the Board approve the "Link Layering" for the fire department radios for the amount not to exceed \$8,186.25 (59 radios x \$138.75).

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to approve the "Link Layering" for the fire department radios for the amount not to exceed \$8,186.25 (59 radios x \$138.75). Seconded by Trustee Miller.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes.

Consider price increase for McBurney Concrete Motion

Chief Sedlock stated the previous Board approved concrete work to be done by McBurney Concrete at Station 3 and the Maintenance Garage from quotes that were obtained by the previous Fire Administration. Chief Sedlock contacted McBurney Concrete on May 20, 2021, and let them know we were hiring them to complete the concrete work. They were behind and the pandemic had caused issues. Chief Sedlock stated he contacted them this year and they stated the price of material has gone up so they sent an updated quote. The total price has increased from \$25,493.50 to \$26,357.50 an increase of \$864.00.

Trustee Nelligan and Trustee Miller were questioning the timetable again for this project. Chief Sedlock stated he would go back to the company and try to negotiate the increase and also confirm the timeline of the project.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to table this issue till the next Board of Trustees meeting. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes.

Consider Ohio Fire Chief Association's proposal to conduct a Deputy Fire Chief selection process

Chief Sedlock followed up with the Board on the Ohio Fire Chief Association process to conduct the deputy fire chief selection process. Chief Sedlock stated that if the proposal is approved the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association will send a document for the Board to sign to continue with the process of finding the next Deputy Fire Chief of Perry Township. Chief Sedlock said he will forward information to the Board when he receives it.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to approve the proposal to conduct the Deputy Fire Chief selection process with the Ohio Fire Chief Association pending the approval of the Law Director. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes.

Law Director:

Consider Perry Township Board of Trustees and Ohio Council 8 and Local 935 Perry Organized Workers Agreement

Trustee Nelligan represented absent Law Director Mathews and present the contracts the Board will consider.

Trustee Nelligan stated to consider accepting the Perry Township Board of Trustees and Ohio Council 8 and Local 935 Perry Organized Workers Agreement. This is an agreement with the Road Department and the Mechanics contract. This has been reviewed by the Law Director.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to accept the Ohio Counsel 8 and Local 935 Perry Organized Workers Agreement. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes.

Consider accepting the EMS Billing contract

Trustee Nelligan stated the next contract to consider is the Life Force EMS Billing contract. It is a renewed contract for the upcoming year.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to accept the new contract with Life Force EMS Billing contract. Seconded by Trustee Miller

ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes.

Consider accepting the Huntington (First CommonWealth) scanner agreement

Trustee Nelligan stated the Fire Department will have a new process when receiving checks for the EMS billing. The Fire Department will be scanning checks received for Life Force and will need the scanner for this process.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to accept the Huntington (First CommonWealth) scanner agreement. Seconded by Trustee Miller

ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes.

Fiscal Officer:

Consider Bank Reconciliation Documents

Fiscal Officer Chessler proposed a motion that the Board consider pending warrants for the week ending 4-19-22 for bill/payroll in the amount of \$217,504.89 and the week ending 4-26-22 for bills in the amount of \$17,425.06 for a combined total of \$234,929.95.

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ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes.

Board of Trustees Updates – Roll Call

Trustee Nelligan – Consider a motion to consider using ARPA funds for the payment of essential non-union workers not to exceed \$58,000.00.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to use ARPA funds for the payment of essential non-union workers not to exceed \$58,000.00. Seconded by Trustee Miller

ROLL CALL: ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes.

Problem Properties:

Executive Session(s):

Trustee Nelligan indicated that they will hear all 3 executive sessions together tonight.

1. ORC 121.22 (G)(1) personnel to discuss performance evaluation to include the Board, and Law Director and others as requested

Trustee Nelligan made a motion that the Board adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(3) Seconded by Trustee Miller.

ROLL CALL: ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes.

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at: 8:10 pm

The Board adjourned from Executive Session at: 9:46 pm

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to extend the probationary period for Chief Larry Sedlock for 6 months and increase his salary by \$1000.00 immediately.

ROLL CALL: ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes.

2. ORC 121.22 (G)(1) personnel to discuss exempt vs non-exempt to include the Board, Administrator and Law Director

Trustee Nelligan made a motion that the Board adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(3) Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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3. ORC 121.22 (G)(3) concerning imminent or pending court action to include the Board and Law Director

Trustee Nelligan made a motion that the Board adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(3) Seconded by Trustee Miller

ROLL CALL: ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes.

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Department Matters Not Requiring Board Action:

Administration:

Fire Department:

Police Department:

Road Department:

Parks/Recycling:

Zoning:

Law Director:

Announcements:

Public Speaks-Open Forum:

Tim Blythe

Tim Blythe stated his address as 1996 Masters Point SE Massillon. He discussed putting on unfinished business back onto the agenda. He feels there are questions presented at meetings and if the answers are not readily available then answers can be researched and then discussed at the next meeting. The Trustees stated they would research this and discuss it with the Law Director.

Tim Blythe asked Chief Pomesky about coordinating communication with his department and the fire department. Chief Pomesky and Chief Sedlock gave their opinions on each process. Chief Pomesky stated the goal is to function in an emergency so that the other department knows that they can quickly communicate.

Tim Blythe spoke with an individual and was informed that the Perry Police Department system does not communicate well with the Stark County system. Chief Pomesky said they will have full access when they are with Cen Com. Chief Pomesky went into detail concerning this issue.

Christopher Tritt

Christopher Tritt stated his address as 3133 Lynch. He was curious about the plan for hiring a deputy fire chief. He asked what the process for hiring was and why the township was not hiring within the department. Trustee Nelligan stated to Mr. Tritt the process. He was wondering why the township was not hiring within the department. She stated it is not a policy but the Board had voted on the procedure and approved this process. She stated this is a different position than the previous Fire Chief position and questions may be different.

Mr. Tritt also discussed the Road Department and communicating with the Police and Fire Departments. Chief Pomesky stated all three departments, Police, Fire, and Road, can communicate.

Jim Roman

Jim Roman stated his address as 713 Pine Hills Dr SW, Massillon. He wanted to discuss the COVID monies. He wanted to know how the monies were determined. He asked about the Plymouth Knolls project. Superintendent Masalko stated that residents in the Plymouth Knolls area had basements that were getting flooded. This was sent into motion approximately 4 years ago. Fiscal Officer Chessler stated it is a larger area than Pine Hills. The Township made applications twice and was denied and this was an opportunity to use COVID money to make up the difference so this project could go forward. Trustee Nelligan remarked that it was approved for phase 2 and the Township received some grant money. But Phase one was not approved because we did not score high enough to get funding. There are 3 phases. Trustee Nelligan, Trustee Miller, and Superintendent Masalko explained to Mr. Roman the phases of Plymouth Knolls.

Adjournment:

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Nelligan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 pm; Seconded by Trustee Miller

ROLL CALL: ROLL CALL: Ms. Nelligan, yes. Mr. Miller, yes

Lisa Nelligan, President

Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer