

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

December 20, 2022, 7:00 pm

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Welcome/Invited Guests

1. Stark County Regional Planning Presentation

To be re-scheduled, Cancelled

Excused Absence: none

Additions/Deletions to Agenda-Roll Call by Department

Public Hearings/Invited Guests:

Public Speaks on Agenda items up for Action:

Communications:/Announcements

Unfinished Business

Department Agenda Items (Information/Action Items)

Administration:

Consider paying EPA Permit in the amount of \$1,500.00

Administrator Martin presented an invoice from the Ohio EPA regarding the annual discharge fee invoice in the amount of \$1,500.00. Permit #3GQ00053 CG, this permit applies to all MS4 Operators pursuant to ORC 3745.11 (L)(6). Administrator Martin indicated over 500 entities in Ohio including townships, villages, and cities are required to obtain an annual discharge permit. Stormwater discharge has been proven to cause multiple problems for our rivers, lakes, and streams. In an effort to keep pollutants under control, the Ohio EPA has enforced this annual permit requirement. Administrator Martin asked the Board to please consider making a motion for the annual MS4 permit in the amount of \$1,500.00 payable to the Ohio EPA.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to pay the invoice from the Ohio EPA regarding the annual discharge fee invoice in the amount of \$1,500.00. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara

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

Consider Accepting Recommendation of EHBC ~ Employee Health Benefits Committee Meeting for Aultcare Insurance Renewal

Administrator Martin spoke on the upcoming renewal between Aultcare and the Perry Township Board of Trustees. After conducting several meetings, they discussed the options of the 2023 programs and the members recommended that the Township adopt the 2023 plan that is up to 25.01% Aultcare renewal. And up to 24.41 for the FSH plan. The adjustments were made in the deductible and prescription plans. The plan will be provided to each employee. FSA ~ flexible spending account will be circulated for all eligible members for their consideration. Those participants will be brought to the Board for approval at the January 3, 2023 meeting. She asked the Board to please consider the 2023 Aultcare Health Benefits renewal plan up to 25.01% with the expectation that the increase will come down lower with the adoption of the adjusted benefits pending union majority votes.

Trustee Miller made a motion to consider the 2023 Aultcare Healthcare benefits renewal. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

Trustee DeChiara asked because we do not have the actual numbers that came back and we still will see adjustments. Trustee DeChiara asked if this motion will allow up to these percentages. Administrator Martin indicated that they will be lower.

Trustee Nelligan abstained from voting

ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes.

Consider Aultcare Administration Fees

Administrator Martin presented information that was recently received from Aultcare. The Township uses Aultcare Administrative services for Vision, Dental, and COBRA administrative duties. The fee agreement is effective January 1, 2023, in which Aultcare provides the TPA, third-party services, to self-funded benefits plans. The renewal rates presented are per member per month. They have increased by .15 total from last year. Administrator Martin asked the Board to consider a motion to renew the Aultcare TPA at the new rate of \$1.85 per member per month, dental \$4.30 per member per month, COBRA per member per month will be \$2.80 per member per month for a combined total of \$8.90 per member per month with an annual cost of \$590.00.

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the new rate of \$1.85 per member per month, dental \$4.30 per member per month, COBRA per member per month will be \$2.80 per member per month for a combined total of \$8.90 per member per month with an annual cost of \$590.00. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara

Trustee Nelligan abstained from voting.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Miller, yes. Mr. DeChiara, yes.

Road Department:

Park Department:

Zoning:

Police Department:

Fire Department:

Law Director:

Law Director Mathews presented a Memo to each of the Board members. He informed the Board that a new planning levy would be coming up in their final year of effectiveness next year. Law Director Mathews indicated that there are two Police levies and one Road levy that will expire in 2023. The first opportunity to place a renewal or replacement levy on the ballot will be the general election on November 7, 2023. Law Director Mathews specified that the code was revamped over the past year and a half with when you can put levies on, certain changes to mechanisms for the placement of levies, and changes in the ballot language that is necessary for a township levy as well. Unfortunately, there are none of the exceptions in the code that would authorize the Board to consider placing either a renewal or a replacement of these levies at the primary. Law Director Mathews explained the levy laws. For planning purposes, the first step in the placement of a levy for consideration by the voters is the passage of a "resolution of necessity". That resolution represents the Board's determination that funds are required, in excess of the 10 mills limitation, to fund the operation of the township.

Law Director Mathews stated he provided a Resolution to the Board of Trustees of Perry Township. He explained the process that the Auditor's Office requires. There was further discussion with the Board on deadline dates and answers to the Board's concerns with the levies.

Fiscal Officer:

Consider Pending Warrants

Fiscal Officer Chessler stated the following pending warrants for week ending 12/06/22 for bills in the amount of \$750,877.60 and week ending 12/13/22 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$117,227.69 for a combined total of \$868,105.29. Fiscal Officer Chessler asked the Board for a Motion to approve the pending warrants.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to approve the pending warrants for week ending 12/06/22 for bills in the amount of \$750,877.60 and week ending 12/13/22 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$117,227.69 for a combined total of \$868,105.29. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

Consider clearing outstanding checks over one year old

Fiscal Officer Chessler stated that the fiscal office needs to clear outstanding checks over one year old. The total of checks was stated as \$463.41.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to clear the outstanding checks for a total of \$463.41. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

Consider accepting Meeting Minutes

Fiscal Officer Chessler asked the Board to accept the following meetings for approval. November 1, 8, 15, 29, 2022, and December 13th special meetings.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to accept the November 1, 8, 15, 29, 2022, and December 13th special meeting minutes for approval. Seconded by Trustee Miller

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

Board of Trustees Updates –

Trustee Miller

Trustee Miller indicated that the speaker for the Stark County Regional Planning was ill and canceled the presentation for that evening. However, Trustee Miller stated that the topic of discussion was to be amending the date entered for the contract with Perry Township. Since the representative was unable to attend in December, we would agree the first of the year would be the effective date on the contract with Stark County Regional Planning.

Trustee Miller made a motion to accept the contract with Stark County Regional Planning effective January 2023. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan

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

Trustee Miller indicated he will reply to Stark County Regional Planning and receive a new contract.

Problem Properties:

Executive Session(s):

1. ORC 121.22 (G) (1) to discuss the deputy chief position to include the Board, Law Director, and Fire Chief
2. ORC 121.22 (G) (1) to discuss Public Works Director Position to include the Board and Law Director

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

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 7:02 pm

The Board adjourned from Executive Session at 7:28 pm.

Department Matters Not Requiring Board Action:

Administration:

Fire Department:

Police Department:

Road Department:

Parks/Recycling:

Zoning:

Law Director:

Announcements:

Public Speaks-Open Forum:

Adjournment:

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Nelligan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm; Seconded by Trustee Miller

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

Lisa Nelligan, President

Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer