

**Perry Township Board of Trustees**

**Regular Meeting**

**January 17, 2023 6:00 pm**

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

**Welcome/Invited Guests:**

**Recognition of John Masalko**

**Oath of Office - Anthony M. Davide**

**Oath of Office – Officer Andrew Weber**

**10-minute recess**

**Stark County Regional Planning Presentation (Presented later in the meeting)**

**Public Speaks: Scheduled Speakers:**

**Excused absence:**

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda:**

Trustee Nelligan added an executive session would be under **ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to discuss personnel matters to include the Board, and Law Director**

**Public Hearings/Invited Guests:**

**Communications:**

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

**Township Business requiring Board Action:**

**Unfinished Business:**

**Consider establishing a rate of reimbursement for uniform clothing allowance for non-union personnel**

Consider establishing a rate of reimbursement for uniform clothing allowance for non-union personnel limited as follows:

- a. Police Chief \$1,200.00
- b. Public Works Director \$500.00
- c. Establish uniform allowance for fire chief and deputy chiefs to be equal to employees of collective bargaining units

- d. Township Administrator \$500.00
- e. Zoning Inspector and Assistant Zoning Inspector \$500.00

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to approve the following clothing allowance establishing a rate of reimbursement for uniform clothing allowance for non-union personnel limited as follows:

- f. Police Chief \$1,200.00
- g. Public Works Director \$500.00
- h. Establish uniform allowance for fire chief and deputy chiefs to be equal to employees of collective bargaining units
- i. Township Administrator \$500.00
- j. Zoning Inspector and Assistant Zoning Inspector \$500.00

Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

**New Business:**

**Administration:**

**Consider hiring Anthony M. Davide as the Perry Township Public Works Director pending all pre-hire testing**

Administrator Martin asked the Board to make a motion to hire Anthony M. Davide as the Perry Township Public Works Director at a rate of \$70,000.00 including all benefits offered to a full-time employee being health, dental, vision insurance, and uniform allowance. His start date will be January 18, 2023.

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Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Consider FMLA request of Employee A.**

Administrator Martin asked the Board to consider FMLA for Employee A. for approximately May 30, 2023, to August 30, 2023, to bond with the newborn. She has met all the FMLA requirements. No certification was required for a pregnancy leave according to Law Director Mathews.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

**Consider FMLA request of Employee B.**

Administrator Martin asked the Board to consider FMLA for Employee B. They are requesting for purposes of taking care of a family member with a serious illness. The employee has met all the FMLA requirements.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

**Consider paying Stark Soil and Water invoice in the amount of \$7,500.00**

Administrator Martin asked the Board to approve the invoice from Stark Soil and Water in the amount of \$7,500.00. They provide services for EPA reports and other services.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Resolution 2023-**

**Consider accepting the Stark County Mitigation Plan Resolution**

Administrator Martin stated the Stark County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update has been approved at the State (OEMA) and Federal (FEMA) levels. The only remaining issue is for Perry Township to sign and return an official resolution adopting the plan. We would like to have the signed resolution back by the end of the calendar year. This plan is required to be updated and adopted every five years. This version of the plan will expire in September of 2027, and the township will have an opportunity to participate in the next update approximately one year before expiration.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Consider accepting the resignation of Tina DeSimone Administrative Assistant**

Administrator Martin indicated to the Board that she was notified by the Administrative Assistance's last day will be January 28, 2023. Administrator Martin asked the Board to accept Tina DeSimone resignation.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

**Consider advertising for Administration Assistant for the Administration Office**

Administrator Martin asked the Board for permission to post for that position. Beginning 1-18-23 with the same hourly wage of \$21.50.

Trustee Nelligan so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

**Road and Park Department:**

**Zoning:**

**Consider renewal invoice for iWorQs in the amount of \$8,100.00**

Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell asked the Board to consider approval and renewal of the iWorQs contract. Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell stated the software and the support of the staff at iWorQs have proven to be an incredible asset for the zoning department in terms of digital tracking and communications with residents and commercial contractors.

Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell stated that he and his zoning assistant have been able to create templates and files with photos, notes, and detailed information tracking zoning complaints and zoning certificate applications, fees, and payments, greatly minimizing stacks of paper that easily get lost, while presenting professional zoning documentation to the public.

Trustee Miller made a motion to approve the contract with iWorQs Software Systems to purchase and utilize their web-based software in the of \$8,100.00. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

**Break in Meeting for Presentation from Stark County Regional Planning**

Stark County Regional Planning introduced themselves and gave a presentation on the plan they have with Perry Township. Questions from the Board were discussed. The focus would like to be from the Board the Perry Parks and infrastructures.

**Police Department:**

**Consider hiring Andrew Weber as full-time police officer**

Police Chief Guist stated he would like to recommend to the Board to hire Andrew Weber as a full-time police officer. Chief Guist gave a history of Mr. Weber. consider hiring Mr. Andrew Weber as a full-time police officer. Mr. Weber's start date will be January 20, 2023, with all benefits negotiated with the Police Union. His starting salary will be \$25.75 per hour and he will be entitled to a uniform allowance in the amount of \$1,200.00. He has passed his testing for a police officer.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

**Consider Massillon Jail Transportation Agreement**

Chief Guist recommended to the Board of Trustees to approve the agreement between Massillon City and Perry Township Police Department for the cost of the yearly jail transport fee. The agreement is for 3 years beginning January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025.

Prisoner Transport:

January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, \$154.50 per prisoner 3% increase

January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, \$154.50 per prisoner 3% increase

January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, \$154.50 per prisoner 3% increase

Fingerprinting: \$25.00 for each prisoner

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to approve the contract agreement between Massillon City and Perry Township Police Department for the cost of the yearly jail transport fee. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

### **Fire Department:**

#### **Consider renewing Fire/EMS 2023 dispatching agreement with Cencom**

Chief Sedlock stated he would like to ask the Board to approve the contract for Fire/EMS 2023 dispatching agreement with Cencom

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to approve the contract for Fire/EMS 2023 dispatching agreement with Cencom. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

### **Law Director:**

#### **Consider Police Department Step II Grievance ~ Article 22 Section 4**

Law Director Mathews indicated to the Board that he did receive the grievance papers from the police department and will review them. He will discuss this in an executive session at the next meeting

### **Fiscal Officer Report (informational/action items)**

#### **Consider Pending Warrants**

Fiscal Officer Chessler stated the following pending warrants for week ending 01/03/2023 for bills in the amount of \$54,977.67 and week ending 01/10/2023 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$299,914.18 for a combined total of \$354,891.85. 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 01/03/2023 for bills in the amount of \$54,977.67 and week ending 01/10/2023 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$299,914.18 for a combined total of \$354,891.85. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

## **Consider Meeting Minutes**

Fiscal Officer Chessler asked the Board to consider accepting meeting minutes for 12/06/2022 and 01/03/2023.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for 12/06/2022 and 01/03/2023. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

## **Board of Trustees Updates – Roll Call**

1. Trustee Nelligan
2. Trustee Miller
3. Trustee DeChiara, Jr.

## **Public Speaks:**

### **Penny Vick**

Trustee Nelligan asked Penny Vick to give her address. Ms. Vick stated she lives at 1233 Fairlane SW. She came to speak concerning the former Angelo's Restaurant. She complimented the Trustees on returning her call on New Year's. She wasn't sure what activity was happening in the area. She voiced her opinion on things that are getting worse in West Manor

### **Eric Vick: no comment**

### **Sam Randazzo:**

Sam Randazzo stated his address as 1124 Western Ave Canton, Ohio. He asked what the plan for paving West Manor would be. He spoke with Dillon from Stark County Engineers Office and he said approximately 3-4 years ago he met with prior Trustees there was grant money they were trying to obtain. Mr. Randazzo stated that Canton City would not work on water lines until Perry Township is ready to pave these roads. He indicated that water lines are over 90 years old in that area. He feels it is a safety issue now.

### **Tim Singo**

Mr. Singo gave his address of 115 Anna Avenue. He indicated that someone wanted to use "Angelo's Restaurant" as a private Social Club. Police have been called multiple times. He gave details of New Year's Eve party. Chief Guist commented also on the situation. Zoning Inspector Whytsell also commented on the building and codes. Chief Sedlock then spoke on occupancy guidelines. Trustee DeChiara indicated the township will monitor the situation.

### **Cary Coates**

Cary Coates stated his address as 3011 Meadowood NW. Mr. Coates was there concerned with Fasnacht Farms. He indicated he would not like to see Fasnacht Farms look like Southway St. Mr.

Coates is also concerned with Young Trucking property on Southway. Trustee DeChiara said he would like to discuss issues further with Mr. Coates.

**Problem Properties:**

**Executive Session(s):**

**ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to discuss personnel matters including Board, Law Director, Public Works Director, and Administrator**

Trustee Nelligan made a motion that the Board adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(4) collective bargaining matters to include the Board, Fiscal Officer, Law Director and Public Works Director. Second by Trustee Miller.

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

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at: 7:20 pm

**ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to discuss personnel and compensation matters to include the Board, Fire Chief and Administrator**

Trustee Nelligan made a motion that the Board adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(1) investigate charges to include the Board, Law Director, Administrator and Fire Chief. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

**ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to discuss personnel and compensation matters to include the Board, and Law Director**

Trustee Miller made a motion that the Board adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(1) investigate charges to include the Board and Law Director with no action to be taken. Seconded by Trustee Nelligan.

The Board adjourned from Executive Session at: 9:50 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 9:50 pm; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara

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

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Lisa Nelligan, President

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Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer