

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

11-21-2023, 6:00 pm

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Welcome/Invited Guests

Excused absence:

Public Works Director Anthony Davide

Additions/Deletions to Agenda – Roll Call by Department:

Trustee DeChiara wanted to add_no parking on Westland and the signs for discussion

Communications/Announcements Details available at Perrytwp.com:

1. Join us for the 27th Perry Rotary Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day.
2. Announcing the 2023 Light Up Perry Christmas Lights Contest
3. 2023 Letters to Santa program

Public Speaks on Agenda Items Up for Action

Unfinished Business:

Department Agenda Items (Information/Action Items)

Administration:

Consider paying the Canton Data Print invoice

Administrator Martin requested the Board consider the fall invoice from Canton Data Print in the amount of \$10,417.14. Administrator Martin indicated how many compliments the Board has received about the magazine. Administrator Martin asked the Board to have a motion to approve the Canton Data Print invoice in the amount of \$10,417.14.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

Consider accepting the Gov Deals check in the amount of \$8,352.78

Administrator Martin requested the Board consider the check from Gov Deals.com. Previously the Board reviewed and approved the summary sheets, the supporting documents, the descriptions and the forms provided by Gov Deals.com items to be sold. The auction was advertised. Each department will receive funding for each item sold from the department. The Board is in receipt of a check in the amount of \$8,352.78.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

Consider the Seasonal Weight Restrictions request of Stark County Engineers

Administrator Martin indicated that this is a status update for the Board confirming with the Road Department. The Board has received a communication from Stark County Engineers requesting a list of township roads that we want to have legally posted for the season weight restrictions. Chris Young compiled a list of streets and forwarded it to the Stark County Engineers.

Road Department

*Trustee Nelligan filled in for Public Works Director Anthony Davide's absence

Consider hiring Jamson Rohaley

The Road Maintenance Specialist job description was posted on September 19, 2023. Mr. Rohaley has successfully passed all testing procedures. A starting rate of pay will be \$21.70 an hour, then after 6 months increase to \$25.47 and after a one-year successful probationary period, the pay will increase to the full rate of \$28.06. His anticipated start date is December 6, 2023.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara

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

Consider purchasing a Salt Dogg Pro 1500

The road department is requesting the Board's authorization for the purchase of a Salt Dogg Pro 1500 Electric Poly Hopper Spreader to be installed on our 2016 Ford F250 pick-up truck. This will allow us to plow and salt alleys and to be able to plow and salt around the road department garage.

Public Works Director Anthony Davide would like to request the Board to make a motion to authorize the purchase of the Salt Dogg Hopper Spreader from Cross Trucking Equipment Co., Inc. in the amount of \$6,775.00.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

Consider purchasing a Glenhill Snow Plow

Trustee Nelligan stated that Public Works Director Anthony Davide would like to request the Board to make a motion to authorize the purchase of the Glenhill Snow Plow PR5 11' x 42". This purchase will be for the new Concord truck. The road department received a quote from Concord Truck Company but was told they are two months behind on their snow plows. The road department will also be using Gledhill on future up-fittings on the new trucks. Public Works Director Anthony Davide requested the Board to make a motion to authorize the purchase of the Gledhill Snow Plow Model PR5 11"x42" for \$13,772.12.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

Zoning:

Police Department:

Consider approving the annual maintenance agreement with Central Square

Police Chief Bryan Taylor asked the Board to approve the annual maintenance agreement with Central Square. This is for the EmergiTech Software annual maintenance fee. The annual subscription is from December 1, 2023, to November 30, 2024. The expenditure amount is \$5,014.89.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

Consider accepting a donation from the McKinley Eagles

Police Chief Bryan Taylor is requesting that the Board of Trustees accept the donation from the McKinley Eagles. This donation is to be used for the purchase of an implementation of a drone program. The total donation amount of \$17,800.00

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Consider authorizing the purchase of an Axon Air drone from Axon by way of the donation from McKinley Eagles.

Police Chief Bryan Taylor is requesting that the Board of Trustees authorize the purchase of an Axon Air drone from Axon. The total purchase price for the first year is \$17,800.08. This amount was donated to the police department by the McKinley Eagles. This price includes the drone, all hardware, training, and 2 pilot licenses. Police Chief Taylor stated that having a drone program at the Perry Township Police Department will give our department a cutting-edge approach to search and rescue efforts, solving different types of cases, mapping out crime scenes, analyzing accident scenes and other types of crime scenes without putting anyone at risk.

Trustee DeChiara asked if insurance could be put into place on that equipment. It was answered by Administrator Martin that yes it would be under insurance through OTARMA.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

Fire Department:

Law Director:

Consider application to forfeit land from the Stark County Prosecutor parcel number 4302301; 4307725.

Law Director Mathews stated there was a notification about the prospect of the forfeiture of two parcels of land. Zoning Inspector Jeffrey Whytsell stated the addresses are on Tuscarawas Street which was the properties that were demolished last year. Law Director Mathews stated that if you don't ask that the properties be taken as part of the land then they will be forfeited to the state. He indicated there are no obligations to take the properties but the township is given the option. Trustee DeChiara asked if there was any cost. Law Director Mathews stated he didn't believe there was any cost. Law Director Mathews asked the Board to pass a motion to authorize him to advise the county that the Board wants to elect to take the properties.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Fiscal Officer Report

Consider Pending Warrants

Fiscal Officer Chessler stated the following pending warrants for week ending 10-31-2023 for bills in the amount of \$152,958.01 for week ending 11-7-2023 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$230,521.48 and 11/14/2023 for bills in the amount of \$94,022.34 for a combined total of \$477,501.83.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller

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

Scheduling 2024 Budget Hearings for December 5, 2023

Fiscal Officer Chessler requested the department heads to have their budgets in before Thanksgiving. He will then draft a budget for the Board's consideration and conduct the annual hearings on December 5, 2023.

Consider September 2023 Bank Reconciliation

Fiscal Officer Chessler asked the Board to accept the September 2023 Bank Reconciliation.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

Board of Trustees of Trustees Updates – Roll Call

1. Trustee Nelligan- There was a discussion on increasing the department head's credit card limits.

There was discussion on Days Landscaping bills and receiving a discount if paid within the time limit. Trustee Nelligan wanted to increase the limit on the Mastercard. Trustee DeChiara suggested increasing the Road Department's limit to \$7,500.00. Trustee DeChiara asked if there are points to be earned on the credit card. Law Director Mathews stated it is not a preferred way because it is a difficult way to account for in a public office. He recommended to negotiate the rate.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to increase the Road Department Mastercard limit to \$7,500.00. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

2. Trustee Miller

Trustee Miller gave a park update. Trustee Miller stated last week there was fall fertilization and a top spread of additional seed at the park. The goal is to get soccer back to the field in the spring. As to Summerdale and Perry Park, Public Works Director Anthony Davide sent an update about preparing the site. He spoke with the plumber on the project and received an update. Next will be pouring the pad for the restroom.

3. Trustee DeChiara, Jr

Public Speaks:

Maria Kimble

Maria Kimble gave her address as 3665 Briardale Dr SW Massillon, Ohio. Ms. Kimble referenced the Road Department. She discussed the drainage on Brunnerdale Rd. Trash is more now than before. She knows from a previous discussion; Perry Township is not responsible for the drainage. She then directed issues to the Police Department. She discussed cars being parked on the road and hearing gunshots. Ms. Kimble's next discussion was concerning the Massillon Cable Co. She contacted Chris Thomas and left him a message but has not had a return phone call. Next on Ms. Kimble's items was thanking the Zoning Department for receiving the packet about the Telecommunications tower. She would like the Perry Zoning resolution codes. Law Director Mathews responded to her concerns.

Problem Properties:

Department Matters Not Requiring Board of Trustees 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 of Trustees, Trustee Nelligan made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:33 pm; Seconded by Trustee Miller

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

With nothing further to come before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Nelligan made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 6:33 pm; Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

Executive Session(s):

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

ORC 121.22 (G)(1) personnel to include Board, Law Director, Fire Chief, and Administrator

ORC 121.22 (G)(1) hiring to include Board, Law Director, and Police Chief

ORC 121.22 (G)(3) personnel to include Board, Law Director, and Police Chief

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Nelligan made a motion to adjourn the executive meeting at 9:40 pm; Seconded by Trustee Miller

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

Lisa Nelligan, President

Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer