

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

March 7, 2023 6:00 pm

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Welcome/Invited Guests:

Opening of Plymouth Knolls Bids: Phase II Improvement Project

Fiscal Office Chessler read off the bids from 2 Companies:

1. Wenger Excavating - \$985,857.35
2. Eclipse Excavating – \$899,081.35

Tabled for Law Director and Public Works Director to review

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to table the Plymouth Knolls Bids. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Welcome Chris Whittenberger ~ Administrative Assistance

Public Speaks: Scheduled Speakers:

Excused absence:

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Public Hearings/Invited Guests:

Communications:

Public Speaks on items up for Board Approval:

Township Business requiring Board Action:

Unfinished Business:

Trustee Nelligan stated the following:

1. Police Chief Candidates Interviews are scheduled for March 14th at 5:00 pm. Interviews March 14, 2023 – 4 candidates.

New Business:

Administration:

Consider Employee A FMLA request

Administrator Martin asked the Board to consider FMLA (Family Medical Leave Act) request for Employee "A". Administrator Martin indicated employee "A" is requesting undetermined days off for FMLA to provide care for his/her own illness. The applicant has met all the appropriate criteria for FMLA. Administrator Martin explained that applicants are aware of the responsibilities of informing their department heads for scheduling purposes. Administrator Martin continued explaining the requirements of FMLA.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to accept the FMLA request of employee A. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

Consider increasing the department head purchase authorization amount from \$2,500.00 to \$3,500.00

Administrator Martin asked the Board for consideration of increasing department head expenditure amounts from the amount of \$2,500.00 to \$3,500.00 due to the increasing cost of several items that the township routinely orders. Administrator Martin stated the township is asking for this increase so we can more effectively run the township business in a timely manner.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

Road and Park Department:

Consider purchasing two dump trucks with ARPA funds

Public Works Director, Anthony Davide is requesting the Board to purchase 2 new dump trucks to replace two of the aging trucks. These trucks will be used for salt and plow trucks. These trucks will have the capability of being used for pulling a trailer with a backhoe. After obtaining quotes from Young Truck Sales (a company established in our Township) on a Freightliner 108SD Plus with a Cummings diesel L9 330 HP Allison 3,000 transmission in the amount of \$198,418.00 (for both trucks). This is a state bid pricing. The extended 5-year 100,000 miles warranty is built into the pricing. Upfitting: the next quote is from Gledhill Road Machinery for the stainless bed body hoist, hydraulics, lighting spreader, and front-mounted power takeoff. This is a state purchasing company, and everything is quoted under the state contract pricing, in the amount of \$193,899.90. The expenses are to be paid for out of ARPA funds.

Public Works Director, Anthony Davide requested the Board to make a motion to authorize the purchase of two dump trucks from Young Sales in the amount of \$198,418.00 and up fitting from Gledhill Road Machinery in the amount of \$193,899.80 for a combined total of \$392,317.80 to be paid for out of ARPA funds.

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

Consider advertising for Road Maintenance Specialist

Public Works Director, Anthony Davide requested the Board's consideration of hiring a Road Maintenance Specialist who would work under administrative direction and report directly to the Public Works Director and Road Foreman. This position is on a 24-hour call-out basis for snow and ice removal and/or other emergencies as deemed necessary by the Public Works Director and /or Road Foreman. Public Works Director, Anthony Davide stated in 2015 the Road Department employed nine (9) maintenance specialists. Due to previous members retiring, and not being replaced, in 2023 we currently have six (6) road, maintenance specialists. The hiring of one additional road maintenance specialist would afford us to maintain additional roads, address pipes and lateral maintenance, ditch and culverts, and ice and snow patrol routes.

Public Works Director, Anthony Davide requested the Board make a motion to authorize the Public Works Director to advertise and conduct interviews for Road Maintenance Specialists at the rate of \$21.70 per hour which increase to \$24.23 after 6 months.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to consider authorizing the Public Works Director to advertise and conduct interviews for Road Maintenance Specialists at the rate of \$21.70 per hour which increase to \$24.23 after 6 months. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

Status update West Manor

Public Works Director, Anthony Davide stated he met with Canton City Water Department and engineers. They went over some projects that will begin shortly. In a discussion on West Manor, this will be a phase 1 and phase 2 project and a storm sewer project. This is the beginning stage starting in 2025 with completion in 2026. Public Works Director, Anthony Davide stated he will be working on funding and working with Karl Oprisch.

Resolution 2023-

Zoning:

Consider resolutions for Maxine Selogy's Commercial Scrap Business

Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell is requesting a motion be made to declare 1534 Hess Ave NW Massillon, Ohio 44647 a nuisance and issue a financial citation for \$100.00. Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell requested a motion to be made to issue a notice of the township's intent to abate the issue. Any expenses incurred by the board in performing the task will be entered upon the tax duplicate and will be a lien upon the lands from the date of entry.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to declare 1534 Hess Ave NW Massillon, Ohio 44647 a nuisance and issue a financial citation for \$100.00. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara

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

Resolution 2023 –

Consider resolution for Maxine Selogy's Residential Property

Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell is requesting a motion be made to declare 1534 Hess Ave NW Massillon, Ohio 44647 a nuisance and issue a financial citation for \$100.00. Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell requested a motion be made to issue a notice of the township's intent to abate the issue. Any expenses incurred by the board in performing the task will be entered upon the tax duplicate and will be a lien upon the lands from the date of entry.

Trustee DeChiara asked Law Director Mathews his input on the charges for these situations.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to declare 1534 Hess Ave NW Massillon, Ohio 44647 a nuisance and issue a financial citation for \$100.00. Seconded by Trustee Miller

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

Police Department:

Consider a \$6,000.00 donation from McKinley Eagles / Consider accepting a \$1,500.00 donation from the Perry Alumni Association

Police Chief Guist asked the Board of Trustees to accept the two(2) monetary donations in the amount of \$6,000.00 from the McKinley Eagles and \$1,500.00 from the Perry Alumni Association.

Both donations are for adding tasers to our current inventory of 8 tasers. This will allow the police department to purchase four (4) more tasers to add to our inventory and resolve any issues of an officer not being able to have a taser available for patrol, extra due details, or any other funds that require the officer to have all the tools necessary to perform their duties. Chief Guist stated that the cost of tasers has increased and they now cost \$2,000.00. The amount donated by both organizations of \$7,500.00 will allow the agency to add four (4) tasers to bring our inventory to twelve (12) tasers. We will only have to use \$500.00 from another account to cover the cost of a fourth taser.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to Consider a \$6,000.00 donation from McKinley. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to consider accepting a \$1,500.00 donation from the Perry Alumni Association. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Fire Department:

Consider accepting a \$1,000.00 donation from the Perry Alumni Association

Chief Sedlock asked the Board to accept a donation from the Perry Alumni Association of \$1,000.00 to the Perry Fire Department. Chief Sedlock indicated he would like to use the money to update the ballistic vests. The vests will go out of date later this year.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Consider accepting a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the McKinley Eagles

Chief Sedlock asked the Board to accept a donation from the McKinley Eagles of \$5,000.00 to the Perry Fire Department. Chief Sedlock indicated he would like to use the money to update the ballistic vests.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Law Director:

Fiscal Officer Report (informational/action items)

Consider Pending Warrants

Fiscal Officer Chessler stated the following pending warrants for week ending 2-21-23 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$372,304.98 and week ending 2-28-23 for bills in the amount of \$123,200.25 for a combined total of \$495,505.23. Fiscal Officer Chessler asked the Board for a Motion to approve the pending warrants.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

Fiscal Officer Chessler stated that the fiscal office has been holding a fire escrow deposit for several thousand dollars as required by statute. This was a fire-damaged home that has been repaired to the satisfaction of the fire department. Fiscal Officer Chessler asked the Board to sign the pending warrants to release this check.

Board of Trustees Updates – Roll Call

1. Trustee Nelligan

JEDD update: Thursday 3-9-23 for the first meeting

2. Trustee Miller

SCRIP project update: Trustee Miller there was a finalization of the first step in the Stark County Regional Planning master plan for Perry Township. The first step in that project is to approve a survey that is going to go about for the community. The survey is now live and pushed out via social media. We will use the collected information from the residents that will help guide decision-making in terms of where to head across the board. Key focuses in the master plan are park planning, and State rt 172, and Trustee Miller continued on that subject in further detail. Stark County Regional Planning Commission will physically be at some community events for input.

Meredith Park topographic update

Trustee Miller gave an update stating it was approved to engage in a topographic study of the park so we can use the information in the bids we gather. This process has been completed and Trustee Miller gave further information on the study.

3. Trustee DeChiara, Jr.

Public Speaks:

Problem Properties:

Executive Session(s):

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With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Nelligan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 pm; Seconded by Trustee Miller

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

Trustee DeChiara 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.

Department Matters Not Requiring Board Action:

Administration:

Fire Department:

Police Department:

Road Department:

Parks/Recycling:

Zoning:

Law Director:

Announcements:

Public Speaks-Open Forum:

Adjournment:

The Board adjourned from Executive Session at: 10:16 pm

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to approve the following distribution of ARPA funds

\$400,000.00 Road

\$260,000.00 Police

\$332,000.00 Fire

Seconded by Trustee DeChiara

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

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Nelligan made a motion to adjourn the executive meeting at 10:18 pm; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara

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

Lisa Nelligan, President

Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer