

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

April 18, 2023, 6:00 pm

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Welcome/Invited Guests:

1. Special Commendation of Sergeant Matt Barker and Officer Zach Lohr

Trustee Miller presented Sergeant Matt Barker and Officer Zach Lohr with a special commendation for their heroism and bravery. On 4-7-23 Sergeant Barker and Office Lohr responded to an address in the Township for a welfare check. A family member had contacted dispatch and requested Officers respond to check on their loved one due to threats of self-harm. They found a resident in distress and both officers were able to assist the resident and able to secure the resident and then notified the fire department.

Based on Sergeant Barker and Officer Lohr's quick actions that day, a life was saved and a family still has their loved one. Our officers demonstrated professionalism and heroism under one of the most stressful circumstances.

2. 10-minute recess

Public Speaks: Scheduled Speakers:

Excused absence:

Jeff Whytsell ~ Zoning Inspector

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Paul DePasquale from the Stark County Health Department

Paul DePasquale from the Stark County Health Department wanted the Board to know of the different programs the Health Department does within Perry Township. He talked about all the services the Stark County Health Department provides. He provided Administrator Martin with a directory if she needs to contact anyone in the Stark County Health Department. Paul DePasquale also informed the Board that there is an event at R.G. Drage Vocational School that will be informative to the residents that have wells and they are able to do testing on the water for the resident. Trustee DeChiara asked Mr. DePasquale if a Grant was still provided for residents with septic systems that have gone bad. He responded yes and that it is limited each year. He indicated it is on a first come first served basis. Trustee DeChiara stated to Mr. DePasquale that he would like to give the name of a Perry neighborhood that would be in need of this type of program. Mr. DePasquale stated to Trustee Nelligan the township can start with the Stark County Health Department to begin the process for the Grant.

Communications:

- 1.** Raffle for the Walk ~ Saturday, May 6, 2023, at McKinley Eagles
- 2.** Perry Township Community Picnic in the Park Saturday, June 10th, from 12 pm to 3 pm at Hartwick Park
- 3.** Township Survey ~ Ongoing through June

Public Hearings/Invited Guests:

Public Speaks on items up for Board Approval:

Township Business Requiring Board Action:

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Administration:

Consider Everbridge ~ Nixle invoice in the amount of \$5,000.00

Administrator Martin stated the Board has been in contract with Everbridge which is Perry Townships Nixle program for the past 5 years which is a communication tool. Administrator Martin asked the Board to consider the renewal of the Nixle program in the amount of \$5,000.00 to Everbridge.

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 Reinstating Ed Stearn as a Seasonal Employee

Public Works Director, Anthony Davide asked the Board to reinstate Ed Stearn. His starting date will be April 19, 2023, at a rate of \$17.00 per hour. Mr. Stearn will be a seasonal employee throughout the duration of the paving project with the Shelly Company. Public Works Director, Anthony Davide stated that Mr. Stearn was a great asset overseeing the paving and striping program each year. Trustee Miller asked what other duties will he be performing. Public Works Director, Anthony Davide responded that he will also train other employees because they may have more than one crew to finish the paving program.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

Zoning:

Consider a Declaration Nuisance at 4615 Pleasant Hills Rd NW

Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell was absent and Administrator Martin filled in. She indicated that Zoning Inspector Whytsell wanted to share that there was a complaint brought to the Zoning Department on February 17, 2023. Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell provided 3 written notices sent both to the occupant and the owner. He had telephone conversations with the owner who stated he would instruct the tenant to abate the nuisance. Several items were removed but trash once again is building up on the property. Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell did a reinspection today and he is requesting the Board make a motion to declare 4615 Pleasant Hills Rd NW, Canton, Ohio 44708 as a nuisance property and to issue a citation in the amount of \$100.00.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Police Department:

Consider SHEP (Summer Holiday Enforcement Program) Grant 2023 in the amount of \$20,017.45

Trustee Nelligan welcomed Police Chief Taylor on his first Board of Trustee Meeting. Police Chief Taylor brought to the Board asking the Board the approval for the SHEP, Summer Holiday Enforcement program which is a grant that is based on traffic safety issues. The grant is in the amount of \$20,017.45 and runs from April 1, 2023, to September 30, 2023.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

Consider Taser Purchases

Police Chief Taylor is requesting the Board to authorize the purchase of 4-Taser X2s in the amount of \$6,540.00. The department recently received two (2) donations to cover the cost of the new tasers - \$6,000.00 from the McKinley Eagles and \$1,500.00 from the Perry Alumni Association. The Board previously accepted those donations at the meeting on March 7, 2023.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

Fire Department:

Consider switching service providers from Verizon to AT&T Firstnet Responder Network

Chief Sedlock asked the Board to consider allowing the department to switch over from Verizon to AT&T Firstnet Responder Network. Because ESO is a web-based program and it will require more data. The Fire Department is currently on a shared plan data with Verizon which will not be able to support the new reporting system without incurring overage fees. Chief Sedlock stated switching to AT&T Firstnet and going with an unlimited plan will provide us with the necessary data, and cell tower priority which will ensure we have connectivity when we need it, and will not reduce our speed during busy times.

Chief Sedlock noted, equipment-wise, should upgrade our equipment at this time as well. Doing so will ensure we have the latest equipment and technology for our new reporting program.

Chief Sedlock provided a spreadsheet comparison between Verizon and AT&T for the price breakdown. Chief Sedlock stated that even purchasing all new equipment the department will still save money by going to AT&T Firstnet. Chief Sedlock will be replacing all equipment (IPADs, phones, hotspots plus 3 additional iPads). Chief Sedlock will monitor the data usage and see if in the future we can move to a less expensive data plan. The monthly recurring data plan will cost \$675.78 and the purchase of the equipment will be a one-time cost of \$4,694.78.

Law Director Mathews asked Chief Sedlock to provide him with the pricing agreement and participation agreement so he can review that there isn't a fixed term.

The start date is aiming for May 1, 2023. Also, a one-year term.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara

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

Consider removing Jessica Bender from the department roster

Chief Sedlock asked the Board to consider removing Jessica Bender from our department effective today, April 18, 2023. Chief Sedlock indicated that Jessica was still on probation but was not meeting the department minimums. Chief Sedlock tried numerous times to obtain a letter of resignation but has been unsuccessful. At her request, Chief Sedlock was willing to sit down and talk to her, again, without further contact on her part.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara

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

Consider Deputy Chief candidates ~ Executive Session

Chief Sedlock asked the Board to consider the Deputy Chief in Executive Session.

Law Director:

Fiscal Officer Report

Consider Pending Warrants

Fiscal Officer Chessler stated the following pending warrants for week ending 4-4-23 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$194,435.93 and week ending 4-11-23 for bills in the amount of \$206,895.26 for a combined total of \$401,331.19. 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.

Consider meeting minutes for:

February 7, 2023	Regular Meeting
February 14, 2023	Special Meeting
February 21, 2023	Regular Meeting
February 28, 2023	Work Session
March 7, 2023	Regular Meeting
March 14, 2023	Work Session
March 17, 2023	Special Meeting Session
March 21, 2023	Executive session 5:00 and Regular Meeting followed
March 28, 2023	Special Meeting
April 4, 2023	Regular Meeting

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

Board of Trustees Updates – Roll Call

1. Trustee Nelligan
2. Trustee Miller – Update on the park project.

Trustee Miller indicated that 2 weeks ago met with Perry Youth Soccer to talk about the timeline to make sure we are able to do the work without interfering with their season. Perry Youth Soccer will relocate in the fall season across a couple of areas. The timeline would be to have the work done and seed in the ground by the first week in September.

3. Trustee DeChiara, Jr

Public Speaks:

Lisa Parramore of 8641 Scenicridge Ave NW Clinton, Ohio. Lisa Parramore introduced herself and indicated she is the communication manager for the Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Also, she is a parent of a young adult son with developmental disabilities. She talked about the approval of a renewal 5-year levy that is currently on the ballot on May 2, 2023. Lisa Parramore indicated that this will not cost the taxpayers any money.

Steven Tharpe 274 W2nd St Brewster, Ohio. Mr. Tharpe introduced himself as the running candidate for Clerk of Courts. Mr. Tharpe stressed the importance of getting out and voting.

Problem Properties:

Executive Session(s):

ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to discuss deputy chief candidates to include the Board, Law Director, and Fire Chief

ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to discuss personnel issues to include the Board, Law Director, and Police Chief

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Nelligan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 pm; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

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 8:39 pm

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Nelligan made a motion to adjourn the executive meeting at 8:39 pm; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Lisa Nelligan, President

Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer