

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

April 4, 2023, 6:00 pm

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Welcome/Invited Guests:

1. Oath of Office: Bryan D. Taylor ~ Police Chief

Trustee Nelligan welcomed everyone and began by recognizing our acting Police Chief, Chad Guist for filing in for the last several months. She thanked him for stepping up and helping out the department and the township.

Trustee Nelligan gave a history of how the process of choosing a new Police Chief was attained. Trustee Nelligan gave Bryan Taylor's background as a police officer. She felt his resume stood out and how Brian Taylor wants to see Perry Township grow.

Trustee Nelligan began the Oath of Office:

I, Brian D. Taylor, in conformance with Ohio Revised Code section 505.49(B)(2), do hereby swear that I shall support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Ohio and the Rules and Regulations of the Perry Township Police Department and that I will, well and faithfully, discharge the duties of Chief of Police, Perry Township, Ohio Police Department to which I have been appointed according to law and to the best of my ability.

2. In memory of Anthony J. Norcia

A plaque and a dedication to Anthony Norcia were held in his honor. Police Officer, Danielle Paciorek read the plaque which stated: With great honor and appreciation for his commendable and dedicated commitment to the Perry Township Police Department and community. Many people walk in and out of our lives, but only some will leave footprints on our hearts. We owe you our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks. Trustee Nelligan stated to Anthony Norcia's family that we owe you our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks.

3. 10-minute recess

Public Speaks: Scheduled Speakers:

Excused absence:

Anthony Davide

Additions/Deletions to Agenda:

Chief Guist – Would like to add the topic of 2 cruisers that were just delivered.

Law Director Mathews – Adding for the Board to consider the passage of a resolution to declare the condition of a leaning tree near 13th SW and Westland a nuisance so we can continue with an abatement of that tree.

Communications:

- 1.** Raffle for the Walk ~ Saturday, May 6, 2023, at McKinley Eagles

Trustee Miller talked about this event and indicated that the Township applied for a Grant for the improvements of Meredith Park. When the Township originally applied for the Grant, it was for a \$600,00.00 project and the Township was funded up to \$300,000.00 which leaves a good amount he indicated. There are private fund-raising efforts happening currently. This raffle for the walk is being designed to directly support that project financially so we can support the Grant in trying to close that gap between what the original cost was and what it will be. The drainage should be covered by the grant and hopefully, there will be leftover Grant money from the drainage project in combination with any fundraising efforts we should be able to get the walk done.

- 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
- 4.** Ohio Division of Liquor ~ Notice to legislative authority Benxi Inc. DBA Perry Drive Thru 5824 Navarre Rd SW Unit A, Perry Township, Canton, Ohio 44706 Permit #0625952. Any responses or concerns must be postdated no later than 4-24-23

Public Hearings/Invited Guests:

Public Speaks on items up for Board Approval:

Township Business Requiring Board Action:

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Administration:

Consider hiring Bryan D. Taylor as Perry Police Chief

Administrator Martin stated the Board has received the signed Police Chief employment letter for Mr. Taylor and in addition to that offer the Law Director has created a formal resolution for consideration. Law Director Mathews stated that a resolution was drafted to memorialize the hiring of the new Police Chief. This incorporated many of the terms from the offer that was extended to him.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

Consider renewal of Sedgwick TPA ~ BWC

Administrator Martin stated our worker's compensation third-party administrator is Sedgwick. Perry Township worker's compensation claims are handled through Sedgwick. Administrator Martin asked the Board to make a motion to pay the renewal invoice not to exceed \$8,995.00.

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 hiring Days Landscaping to maintain Perry Park System

Public Works Director, Anthony Davide was absent this evening but his assistant, Chris Young was present. Chris Young stated that a meeting was held with Chris Day of Day's Lawn Care in which he gave Public Works Director, Anthony Davide a quote to mow all the park properties. In his proposal, he included mowing, and string trimming all walks/drives, flower beds/patios, and playground areas. Blowing of grass debris as needed. The quote is based on 30 weeks of cuts. Also, they have no problem skipping mowing when there is no rain and grass isn't growing. Chris Young attached a copy of Day's Lawn Care quote along with a breakdown of the cost for the Parks payroll, Mechanics hours worked on equipment, and repair of equipment parts for 2022. I am requesting the Board to make a motion to accept the quote from Days Lawn Care to maintain all Park properties for 30 weeks this 2023 season.

Trustee DeChiara asked if there were other quotes. Chris Young responded there were two other companies but they would not state a quote because they felt it would be too expensive. Trustee DeChiara asked if then there was only one company that gave a quote. Trustee Nelligan stated she had reviewed this topic with Public Works Director, Anthony Davide and that was correct that only one vendor gave a quote.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to consider hiring Day's Lawn Care to maintain the Perry Park system in the amount of \$74,250.00 for the 2023 season. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

Zoning:

Consider hiring 2023 Mowing Contractors

Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell is requesting a motion to accept JT Lawn Care and C&B Lawn and Landscaping and Lamont Lawn Care as contractors for the 2023 nuisance mowing and weed abatement season and to adjust the mowing fees from \$40.00 to \$50.00 an hour. Zoning Inspector Whytsell had supporting documents such as BWC certificates, W-9 certificates, and Proof of Insurance for each company which has been reviewed and approved by Township Law Director Jim Mathews.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller

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

Consider a motion to declare 320 Adele Ave NW Canton, Ohio 44708 a nuisance property

Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell is requesting a motion be made to declare 320 Adele Ave NW Canton, Ohio 44708 as a nuisance property. There will be issued a citation for \$100.00. Zoning Inspector Whytsell wanted to let the Board know that a minimal number of notifications were sent to the owner and pictures were taken. He also stated that the owner moved the products back and forth on the property and added to a side fence and has not abated anything.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Police Department:

Consider purchasing 5 Dell Latitude semi-rugged laptops for cruisers

Police Chief Guist asked for the Board's consideration to purchase 5 Dell Latitude semi-rugged laptop computers from Virtual Data Works in the amount of \$14,325.00. Each Laptop costs \$2,865.00. Chief Guist stated these laptops will be used for the newly ordered patrol vehicles and will be an upgrade of the current surface pro laptops currently in use for our patrol vehicles. Mr. DeWees from Virtual Data researched these laptops with the department's needs in mind and they will be compatible with all of the current platforms in use by our department and will include compatibility with World Live CAD, and the new in-car camera system through Digital Ally.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

Purchase of the upfitting for the 2 acquired Ford SUV Police Cruisers

Police Chief Guist added to the agenda the purchase of the upfitting for the 2 acquired Ford SUV Police Cruisers. Police Chief Guist asked the Board to consider the cost for this service. Each cruiser would cost \$15,502.68 for a total cost of \$31,005.36. Two of the Ford SUV's purchased from Wakiem last year came in sooner than expected. Represented from Diehl's (formerly Wakiem) contacted the Police Department to let them know the vehicles are in and they were picked up today. The upfitting will be completed by Fallsway Equipment Co. in Akron, Ohio. This process will take 6-8 weeks. Police Chief Guist asked the Board to approve the amount of \$31,005.36 to Fallsway Equipment Co. for the upfitting.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Fire Department:

Consider Deputy Chief Candidates ~ Executive Session

Chief Sedlock asked the Board to consider an executive session to discuss the deputy chief position for the fire department

Law Director Updates:

Law Director Mathews stated the service department and the Administrator brought to his attention the condition of the tree that is leaning in the road right away near 13th SW and Westland SW. It is his understanding that the owner was previously advised of the condition and would need to be removed. There was no action taken by the owner. In light of the condition and the risk that it proposes, Law Director Mathews stated that he would recommend that you pass a resolution declaring it a nuisance. We will have the notice sent out quickly and if there is no action from the owner, we will make sure the street department arranges to take care of the tree.

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 3-21-23 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$274,099.61 and week ending 3-28-23 for bills in the amount of \$201,234.07 for a combined total of \$475,333.68. Fiscal Officer Chessler asked the Board for a Motion to approve the pending warrants.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. 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. – Summerdale Park

Trustee DeChiara stated that the Board received a notification regarding Summerdale Park and the flooding and swampy issues. Trustee DeChiara wanted to have this discussion with the Board. He would like to have the Stark Water and Soil come out to help to determine the best way to form some drains to get rid of some of the water. Trustee DeChiara stated the Road Department has done some work in that area but it's an installation or location problem it is not working out. Before we spend more money and time, he feels we should work as a group to get the Stark Soil involved and see what our road department can do or hire an excavator. Chris Young indicated that the Road Department did some work there last year and is now way beyond what can be done. They need to have someone come out and know what they are doing and level some dirt. The Board discussed removing of trees at Summerdale.

Public Speaks:

Steven Tharp

Steven Tharp presented his address as 274 W. 2nd Street Brewster, Ohio. He presented himself stating he is a candidate for Clerk of Courts. He gave a history of past fiscal experience and his employment history.

Problem Properties:

Executive Session(s):

ORC 121.22 (G)(3) to discuss pending litigation to include the Board, Law Director, and Fiscal Officer

ORC 121.22 (G)(5) to discuss matters to be kept confidential by U.S. law to include the Board, Law Director, Fire Chief, and Administrator

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 to include the Board, and Law Director

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Nelligan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 pm; Seconded by Trustee Miller

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: 9:36 pm

With nothing further to come before the Board, Trustee Nelligan made a motion to adjourn the executive meeting at 9:36 pm; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara

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

Lisa Nelligan, President

Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer