

Perry Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

June 6, 2023, 6:00 pm

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:

Welcome/Invited Guests

Excused absence:

Additions/Deletions to Agenda – Roll Call by Department:

Communications/Announcements Details available at Perrytwp.com:

1. Perry Township Community ~ Picnic in the Park Saturday, June 10th 12 pm to 3 pm at Hartwick Park
2. Township Survey ~ Ongoing through June ~ visit perrytwp.com

Public Speaks on Agenda Items Up for Action

Unfinished Business:

Department Agenda Items (Information/Action Items)

Administration:

1. ODNR Pickleball grant status

Administrator Martin stated to the Board of Trustees the status of our parks system and updates on grants and facilities that they are in the process of being ordered. Administrator Martin began with updates on the ODNR grant for additional pickleball courts at the Regis Perry Memorial Park. This was submitted to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources on June 1, 2023, and the Board of Trustees submitted a very strong application with strong community support and partnership with Perry Rotary and an anonymous donation from Pickleball players. Administrator Martin indicated that the Board of Trustees has considered restroom shelters, and another bathroom facility and came down to the pickleball request. The Board of Trustees will know by the end of November or mid-December.

2. ARPA-funded restrooms status for Regis Perry Memorial Park and Summerdale Park.

Administrator Martin indicated the Board of Trustees is in the process of purchasing two new restrooms, one for Summerdale Park and one for Perry Regis Memorial Park. The township has received a state-wide discount and received a reasonable rate. The Board of Trustees is in the process of applying for those discounts. Administrator Martin indicated the restrooms have not been ordered at this time.

Road and Park Department:

2023 Road paving status update

Public Works Director Anthony Davide was absent and Administrator Martin stepped in. Administrator Martin indicated Public Works Director Anthony Davide is in the process of finishing up the 2022 paving project starting out with approximately 23 miles of road. He did have to remove approximately 3 miles of the road because the bid came in overpriced. Due to the previous Road Superintendent informing the Shelly Materials Company not to grind the roads because of the condition of the roads, they were able to add back in roads that were taken off. Some roads were able to be added. Administrator Martin added, with a budget of approximately eight hundred thousand dollars, we are anticipating paving approximately 4 miles of road this year, and with a process of evaluation to determine which roads are in the most need of being paved. The Road Department will be working on getting out a bid as soon as they possibly can.

Zoning:

Police Department:

Consider accepting the Ohio Bullet Proof Vest Grant award in the amount of \$21,513.75

The Police Department asked the Board of Trustees to accept the Ohio Attorney General Office Law Enforcement Body Armor Program Grant. Chief Taylor stated the Grant awarded \$21,513.75 to use towards the bulletproof vest's outer carriers and shields. This grant provides a 75% reimbursement when we purchase vests for our officers. The Grant has a period that we can look back into any vests that we would have purchased in 2022 into 2023 and submit them under this particular award. Chief Taylor asked the Board of Trustees to accept the grant in the amount of \$21,513.75.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

Consider purchasing a one-year Lexipol law enforcement policy manual in the amount of \$9,729.60

Chief Taylor asked the Board of Trustees to approve a one-year Lexipol Law Enforcement Policy Manual in the amount of \$9,729.50. This includes the annual law enforcement policy, manual, and daily training bulletins. The annual subscription is from 8-1-23 to 7-31-24. The total expenditure amount is \$9,729.60.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

Fire Department:

Consider hiring full-time EMTs Gary Eudy, Harrison Williams, and Brandon Henkel at a starting wage of \$15.00 per hour

Chief Larry Sedlock asked the Board of Trustees to consider hiring 3 full-time EMTs. These are the remaining 3 out of the 6 that were going to be hired. All their paperwork is back and everything is in order. Chief Sedlock asked the Board of Trustees to consider hiring them full-time at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. Their start date will be sometime in the next pay period.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Trustee Nelligan confirmed that we will be doing a recognition at the next meeting for swearing in all 6 new employees. Chief Sedlock agreed and mentioned that on that night there will also be a recognition from a previous fire.

Law Director:

Consider executive session ~ MOU entered into by the Perry Township Board of Trustees, Stark County and the Ohio Council 8 and Local 935 AFSCME ~ American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees

Law Director Mathews indicated that he would like to speak on an executive session item picking up on a prior executive session. It would be executive session number one.

Fiscal Officer Report

Consider Pending Warrants

Fiscal Officer Chessler stated the following pending warrants for week ending 5-16-23 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$237,713.90 and week ending 5-23-23 for bills in the amount of \$164,633.60 and week ending 5-30-23 for bills and payroll in the amount of \$281,415.33 for a combined total of \$683,762.83. Fiscal Officer Chessler asked the Board of Trustees 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.

Consider accepting meeting minutes from May 2nd, 9th and 11th, 2023

Fiscal Officer Chessler asked the Board of Trustees to consider accepting meeting minutes from May 2nd, 9th and 11th, 2023.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Board of Trustees of Trustees Updates – Roll Call

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

Public Speaks:

Dorothy Hamilton

Dorothy Hamilton stated her name and address as 4045 Richmond SW. She wanted to thank the township for coming out and putting rocks in her ditch, however, she indicated that it did not fix the problem and it made it worse. She is asking for help. She wants a culvert placed there. She indicated the water goes into her garage. Trustee Nelligan stated to Administrator Martin to contact the Road Department and see what can be done.

Maria Kimball

Maria Kimball stated her name and give an address of 3665 Briardale NW Massillon, Ohio. She was there on behalf of her mother. At a previous meeting, Maria Kimball talked about a ditch issue at her mother's residence. It was resolved after the Zoning Department sent a letter to the neighbor and the neighbor removed the dirt from their ditch. She was going to ask Public Works Director Anthony Davide if he had spoken to Rome Marinelli from Stark Soil and Water to determine the drainage issue. Also, she feels that the drainage ditch that runs along Brunnerdale Rd. is the township's responsibility and is still in need of maintenance.

Maria Kimball stated that in reference to pin markers, she found out that she would have to pay for a surveyor. Maria Kimball went down the makeshift road behind her mother's property, and the poles with the cables were pulled out and were sitting on the culvert. She continued to give updates on that area. This area is still an issue she stated.

Trustee Nelligan stated she had done the research and this is not our area.

In reference to the communication tower, she did find information that multiple people had connections with building that tower, but ultimately Verizon owns it. She feels the application was not completed. Residents within feet of the tower were not notified. Also, the residents have concerns that the tower should not be as close to a church. She asked if there is anyone to contact to see if this was done properly. Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell corresponded with Ms. Kimball. Trustee Nelligan asked Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell to pull the permit and research this.

Problem Properties:

Executive Session(s):

ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to discuss personnel issues to include the Board of Trustees, Law Director, and Administrator

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With nothing further to come before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Nelligan made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 6:21 pm; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

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:

The Board of Trustees adjourned from Executive Session at 9:10

With nothing further to come before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Nelligan made a motion to adjourn the executive meeting at 9:10 pm; Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

Lisa Nelligan, President

Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer