

**Perry Township Board of Trustees**

**Regular Meeting**

**August 15, 2023, 6:00 pm**

**Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Welcome/Invited Guests**

1. Oath of Office for Police Officer Darren S. Vanest
2. Oath of Office for Captain Roger Carpenter and Captain Adam Reiger

**15 Minute Recess**

**Excused absence:**

**Additions/Deletions to Agenda – Roll Call by Department:**

**Communications/Announcements Details available at Perrytwp.com:**

1. Perry Township Rotary ~ Community Parade & 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Township Oktoberfest Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, from 12 pm to 4 pm at Hartwick Park Details at perrytwp.com
2. Perry Township Police Department Cookout with Cops! Sat. August 19, 2023, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Perry Police Department 622 Genoa Ave SW Massillon, Ohio 44646

**Public Speaks on Agenda Items Up for Action**

Cary Coates – Asked the Board to table the Fasnacht Farm Buildings demolition contract

**Unfinished Business:**

**Department Agenda Items (Information/Action Items)**

**Administration:**

**Consider purchasing an air conditioning unit and furnace from Shanklin Heating and Cooling for the Township Administration office**

Administrator Martin stated to the Board that Shanklin Heating and Cooling came to the Administration Building to replace a 25-year-old air conditioner and furnace. Administrator Martin asked the Board to approve the quote of \$5,497.13 for the air conditioner and \$9,526.82 for the furnace.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller

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

### **Consider the demolition of six (6) dilapidated structures at Fasnacht Farm Park**

Administrator Martin stated that our insurance agency, OTARMA recommended demolition of the dilapidated shed structures at Fasnacht Farm. Administrator Martin has obtained a quote for 6 of the structures. The structures have been documented as a potential liability structure and a nuisance by OTARMA. Pictures were provided. Administrator Martin presented a quote from Malavite Excavating in the amount of \$12,000.00 for the removal of 6 structures. Additionally, Malavite would remove debris around the structures, the barn, and the house at a cost of \$400.00 a truckload with an estimate of 10 loads, which would be \$4,000.00. Administrator Martin asked the Board to accept the recommendation of the liability company moving forward to make a motion.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller

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

Discussion: Trustee DeChiara stated he was concerned with tearing down history and losing character. Trustee DeChiara stated that we have struggled with a plan for Fasnacht Farm. He agrees some buildings need to come down but maybe not all of them. Trustee DeChiara plans on meeting with Cary Coates at Fasnacht Farms to get a history of some of the buildings. Trustee DeChiara would like to secure these buildings first. There was a discussion between the Board members on what should be done with these buildings.

The above quote was tabled for the \$12,000.00 Malavite contract for the demolition of the buildings.

Trustee Nelligan made a motion to board up the buildings. Trustee Nelligan made a motion to clean up the property. Seconded by Trustee Miller

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

The Board made a decision to go to the location before any further motions. The Board decided, however, to post signs of no entry. The Board would like to board up the buildings. At this time all decisions were tabled.

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

**Road and Park Department:**

**Zoning:**

**Resolution 2023-**

**Consider nuisance declaration and abate of 5601 Patrick St SW Canton, Ohio**

Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell requested a motion to accept a resolution granting approval to abate trash and personal items at 5601 Patrick St. SW Canton, Ohio 44706 per ORC 505.87

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

**Consider Nuisance Declaration and Abate of 4865 Tuscarawas NW**

Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell requested a motion for a resolution to declare a safety nuisance issue for the sign at 4865 Tuscarawas St. W Canton, Ohio otherwise known as Varney Chiropractic Clinic and Wellness Center, and to authorize the township to abate this safety nuisance. Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell gave Dr. Varney 30 days to respond and Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell went back in April and spoke with Dr. Varney and stated he was dealing with insurance issues.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

**Consider adopting by vote the recommendation of Stark County Regional Planning Commission and the recommendation of Perry Zoning Commission to approve the zoning reclassification of parcel 100013392 from B-1 Office and retail to R-3 Single Family, Duplex, and Four Family Residential.**

Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell told the Board that he had brought this issue to the Board previously. The recommendation from the Stark County Regional Planning Commission and the Perry Zoning Commission is to approve the zoning reclassification of parcel 10013392 from B1 Office and Retail to R3 single-family, Duplex, and Family Residential. Zoning Inspector Jeff Whytsell is requesting a Board resolution on the recommendation of the Stark County Regional Planning Commission and the Perry Zoning Commission to approve the zoning reclassification of parcel 10013392 from B1 Office and Retail to R3 single-family, Duplex, and Family Residential.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

**Police Department:**

**Consider hiring Patrol Officer Darren Vanest**

Chief Bryan Taylor recommended to the Board to hire Darren S. Vanest for the position of a full-time police officer. Chief Taylor stated Mr. Vanest is a 2019 Perry High School Graduate and a graduate of the police academy at Akron University. Mr. Vanest has completed all of the required pre-employment testing. Chief Taylor requested to hire Darren Vanest. His start date will be August 18, 2023. His initial salary will be \$25.75 per hour.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

**Consider accepting 2023-2024 Drug Use Prevention grant**

Chief Bryan Taylor stated the Attorney General's Office has awarded a grant to the Police Department of \$17,041.02 for the years 2023-2024 Drug Use Prevention Grant. The police department utilizes the funds to help pay the salary of the DARE Officer. The money is received in 4 installments. Chief Taylor asked the Board to accept the grant in the amount of \$17,041.02.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

**Consider the Police and Fire Department's request to purchase a mechanic's truck from Sarchione Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram**

Chief Taylor has a joint request with the Fire Department. They are requesting authorization to purchase a mechanics shop truck from Sarchione Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram. The truck will be a 2023 Dodge Ram 3500 for a total cost of \$67,363.50. The Board of Trustees previously set aside ARPA funds to cover 50% of the purchase of this vehicle. The remaining costs will be split between the police department and the fire department equally.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

**Fire Department:**

**Ohio Ambulance Transportation Program Grant**

Chief Sedlock stated the department recently applied for the Ohio Ambulance Transportation Program Grant. The fire department did receive the grant for \$20,000.00. Chief Sedlock asked the Board to accept the grant for \$20,000.00.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

**Consider Fire Prevention charges for various items**

Chief Larry Sedlock is asking the Board for approval of the pricing for various Fire Prevention items. Chief Sedlock explained fire prevention can be very time-consuming when it comes to various tests and training. The department came up with an attached list that he felt was most appropriate for the Perry Township department. He asked the Board to consider charging for the items listed to benefit the department. Therefore, he recommended that as of January 1, 2024, the department begin charging for the various fire prevention items as stated.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller

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

Trustee Miller asked how these fees will be categorized or accounted for so that you know what the fund's total.

Trustee DeChiara asked who would be doing the billing. Fiscal office or the fire department? Chief Sedlock stated he would come up with a plan once approved.

Trustee Nelligan asked a few questions concerning the proposed fee list. Chief Sedlock explained a few issues. Trustee Nelligan would like a fourth-quarter notice to go out to all the businesses to know that the Fire Department will be charging for some fire prevention items starting in January 2024. Chief Sedlock stated there would be a form presented. There was a discussion on further development of this project.

**Law Director:**

**Fiscal Officer Report**

**Consider Pending Warrants**

Fiscal Officer Chessler stated the following pending warrants for week ending 8-1-23 for bills in the amount of \$2,348.59 and week ending 8-8-2023 for bills/payroll in the amount of \$1,783,627.32 for a combined total of \$1,785,975.91. Fiscal Officer Chessler asked the Board of Trustees 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 accepting meeting minutes**

Fiscal Officer Chessler asked the Board of Trustees to consider accepting meeting minutes from the July 18, 2023, special meeting July 18, 2023, and July 25, 2023, special meeting.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

**Consider approval of the 2024 Alternative Tax Budget**

Fiscal Officer Chessler stated we had a very nice presentation from Amy Richards last week to help understand the alternative tax budget that is submitted to the county budget commission. The budget has been prepared and submitted for the board's consideration. This is a requirement. We submit a budget document that includes all the expected revenue that we are getting for the year, expenditures for the prior two years, and expenditures up to July of this year. Also, the estimate of what we will spend up to the end of the year. The county budget commission will review the document.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

### **Consider approval of the July 2023 Bank Reconciliation**

Fiscal Officer Chessler asked the Board of Trustees to consider the July 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 –
2. Trustee Miller – Trustee Miller went over to Meredith Park and stated without any grass in the area since the trees were removed and all graded out, there is a serious amount of land there to use. He continued the discussion of the area. The next step is for seeding. He gave several quotes. Trustee Miller asked to have a motion to accept the quote from Ready Field Solution in the amount of \$31,956.328.

Trustee Nelligan stated so moved. Seconded by Trustee DeChiara.

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

3. Trustee DeChiara, Jr. – Stated his computer from Virtual Data is not working. Looking at the prices from Virtual Data for new lab tops he feels is quite expensive. Talking in general he would rather have an iPad. He discussed a quote from Best Buy.

Trustee Nelligan stated this is for discussion only at this time. Trustee Nelligan asked Administrator Martin to look into this further

### **Public Speaks:**

#### **Linda and Dan Cottrill**

Mr. Cottrill stated his address and his concerns with Sheetz taking his driveway but now they call it a street. He discussed a letter he received. He gave information on the Sheetz project. He is concerned with the letter that states he needs to be moved out within 30 days. Mr. Cottrill requested an extension of time.

**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:**

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With nothing further to come before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Nelligan made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 7:35 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, Fire Chief, Administrator, Police Chief, and Public Works Director**

**ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to discuss matters to include the Board, Law Director, Fire Chief, and Administrator**

**ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to discuss personnel matters to include the Board and Law Director**



With nothing further to come before the Board of Trustees, Trustee Nelligan made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:35 pm; Seconded by Trustee Miller.

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

The Board of Trustees adjourned from Executive Session at 9:30 pm

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Lisa Nelligan, President

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Craig Chessler, Fiscal Officer