

REGULAR SESSION  
April 13, 2010

Mr. Ferrell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Trustees Michael Printy, Timothy Coleman, and Jeffrey Ferrell answered the roll call.

The next scheduled meeting is the Regular Session on April 27, 2010.

Mr. Coleman moved to accept the agenda as presented. Mr. Printy seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the Financial Statements for the period ending April 13, 2010. Mr. Printy seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Pat Shenigo, Erie County Commissioner, explained the presentation the County gave at Akron for the ODOT grant. The goal was to get people from one point to the other safely on Milan Road by foot and/or bicycle. He then reviewed the power point that was presented. In order to sell the project they came up with the "bottleneck" term. As traffic goes from Mason Road to Route 6, the traffic becomes a bottleneck in the area of Route 250. The end of the bottleneck is at the lake in the city of Sandusky at Route 6. Because this is a ODOT grant, transportation to the islands gets you more points in the grant process. They pointed out the amount of money that has already been spent in the area and noted the need to finish the project.

Mr. Shenigo said that usually when the engineering is approved, the construction money usually follows. Mr. Ferrell explained how the process started with five students at Perkins High School. Mr. Shenigo then presented the students with a check representing the \$900,000 Grant from ODOT for the engineering costs for sidewalks on State Route 250. The students who gave the sidewalk presentation were Alyssa Bass, Erika Taylor, Amanda Schroeder, Chrissy Thompson, and Danyelle Bass.

Mr. Coleman encouraged the students to not let this be the pinnacle of their actions, but they should continue to do better things. He presented them each with a Perkins Bicentennial plate and the history of Perkins Township.

Tim Obergefell then introduced a second group of Perkins students who gave a presentation of the development for Strickfaden Park on Bell Avenue. The group consisted of Liz McGory, Kody Kaser, Richard Hohler, and Erin Foreman

They gave ideas of how the park could be used and a cost associated with each activity. They developed their ideas to appeal to all age groups.

The total budgeted cost was projected to be \$960,000. They projected that this would cost the average homeowner \$30.62 per year per \$100,000 valuation. This could be offset by grants and/or a levy. A one-mill levy would generate \$453,000 per year.

Some of the activities included baseball fields, basketball courts, sand volleyball, bandstand multi-use handicap playground, concession stand, and picnic pavilions. The mound could be used as a sledding hill. The basketball courts could be flooded in the winter for a skating rink.

It could be used for community events such as festivals, tournaments. This would serve as a focal point of the Township. It would be very family oriented.

Mr. Coleman thanked the students for the presentation.

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A question was asked about a running trail. The students did not include that since the Trustees were already considering it. Mr. Coleman said that they had a primary cost of \$80,000 for a perimeter running trail. Initially the trail would be stone.

Another question was about the parking. There would be the asphalt lot that is there and additional parking in the back that would be stone.

Someone asked about tress. The students propose to keep as much of the natural landscaping as possible.

The Township would provide maintenance. Mr. Ferrell noted that they are looking at partnering with other agencies such as Erie Metro Park, but we are just in the conceptual stage.

Someone asked who paid for the development so far. Mr. Ferrell said that most of it was done with an ODNR NatureWork Grant.

Mr. Ferrell noted that this was the second time the students have given the presentation. There were a number of questions raised at that time.

Mr. Ferrell thanked the students and school officials for their attendance.

Mr. Ferrell then introduced Dean Frederick who is doing the study for the park development. The cost of the study is being paid by Erie County. He praised the students on their presentation. He said that they hit many of the goals that had been set. There will be a public meeting on April 27, 2010, to get public input. He noted that the students, not only included the initial costs, but the cost of the yearly maintenance.

Mr. Coleman commented on the desire to keep as much as the green as possible. Mr. Frederick said that has always been a goal.

Tom Jenkins liked both ideas, the sidewalks and the park.

Somebody asked if there was a groundbreaking date for the sidewalk project. Mr. Ferrell explained that the grant was for the engineering study. Actual construction would be after that.

Bill Dwelle likes the idea of a larger play area for children. He said that this could become a drawing point of the park. Mr. Ferrell said that he wants it to include special needs equipment.

Jeff Printy noted that the Park Board is recruiting new members.

Another person asked what type of buffer zone was being planned. Mr. Frederick said that most of the structures were internal. As much of the trees will be kept as possible. She suggested planting trees around the perimeter. They must be careful not to disturb the natural drainage.

Another person asked if this park would compete with American Legends. Mr. Coleman explained that it would not. American Legends is more of a camp program.

Cheryl Best-Wilke did not like the idea of partnering with Erie Metro Parks for a number of reasons.

Adolphus Matthews asked a question regarding the drainage. Mr. Frederick explained how this issue would be addressed in the development of the park.

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Mr. Ferrell said that the first project that they plan to develop is the walking trails. There are grants available for rubberized materials for the walking trails. He explained that we could not pass up the asphalt paving of the parking lot because it was done at the same time as the road paving.

Mr. Ferrell noted that there was still some work to be done on the infield, but it was draining properly.

**Resolution #2010-0052**

**APPOINT ERIC DODRILL, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Coleman moved to appoint Eric Dodrill, Highway Superintendent, as of May 10, 2010, at \$70,000.00 with a 5% Educational Bonus. Mr. Printy seconded the motion. Mr. Coleman said that with the upcoming retirement of Daryl Sternberg, the Board has reviewed a number of possibilities for his replacement. Eric's name was one of those. Based on his qualifications, his past history with the Township, and his current position with the County, Mr. Coleman believes he is the best available candidate for the position. Mr. Ferrell echoed those comments. Also people talked about Eric's work ethics. This appointment will save the Township time and money to be spent on much needed development. Mr. Printy said he was very excited about the appointment. Cheryl Best-Wilke questioned if the Board advertised for the position. She asked if it was a union position and if it had to be posted. Mr. Ferrell said that it was not a union position and it did not have to be posted. She also wanted to know, if not advertised, how the Trustees knew they got the best person for the position. Mr. Ferrell said that based on his past work history and their personal knowledge, they believed that they did get the best person. Ms. Wilke wanted to know if that was going to be the way they handle the zoning position when it comes up. Mr. Ferrell said that they would consider that when it comes up. With no other discussion, roll call: Mr. Printy, yes; Mr. Coleman, yes; Mr. Ferrell, yes. Resolution adopted.

Mr. Dodrill said that he started with the Township in 1996. And it is somewhat bitter sweet. He has enjoyed his work with the Soil & Water Department. He looks forward to his return to Perkins. He has an open door policy. He thanked the Board for the opportunity and thanked Daryl for suggesting him.

**Resolution #2010-0048**

**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the following supplemental appropriations for the police department:

2261-210-750 Vehicles – Two Chevrolet Impalas \$18,500.00

The source of the funding is unappropriated funds in Fund 2261. Mr. Printy seconded the motion. Lt. Matthews explained that these were replacement vehicles for the administration portion of the Police Department. They are in good condition with low mileage. Ms. Wilke questioned if these were the same as the two from a past meeting. Mr. Ferrell said that they were not. She also asked if they had to be placed on bid. Mr. Ferrell said that Chief Klamar had checked with Mr. Coppeler and they did not because they were less than \$25,000.00. Roll call: Mr. Printy, yes; Mr. Coleman, yes; Mr. Ferrell, yes. Resolution adopted.

**Resolution #2010-0049**

**APPROVE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH OHIO VETERANS HOME  
FOR THE USE OF THE BASEBALL FIELDS**

Mr. Coleman moved to approve a leases agreement with the Ohio Veterans Home for the use of the baseball fields, subject to approval of legal counsel. Mr. Printy seconded the motion. Mr. Ferrell explained that the contract was an annual contract for \$1.00 year to the use of the two ball fields at OVH. We would have access to the fields from April 15<sup>th</sup>

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to October 31 each year. The Township would provide the maintenance and upkeep. This would provide more fields in case of the sale of Sartor Park. Mr. Coleman noted that it was a win-win for the Township since we did not have to spend money to build the new fields. It also allows for night games. Mr. Coleman said that there would be a master list posted as to the use of the fields with a contact number. A number of people asked what protection was given so that OVH could not cancel the agreement after the improvements were made. Mr. Ferrell said that they would request that Mr. Coppeler include something in the agreement. Roll call: Mr. Printy, yes; Mr. Coleman, yes; Mr. Ferrell, yes. Resolution adopted.

**Resolution #2010-0050**  
**APPROVE 2010 RESURFACING AND PAVEMENT**  
**MARKING AGREEMENT WITH ERIE COUNTY**

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the 2010 resurfacing and pavement marking agreement with Erie County in the amount of \$3,400.00. Mr. Printy seconded the motion. Ms. Wilke asked what streets would be included. Mr. Boos had not seen the listing. Roll call: Mr. Printy, yes; Mr. Coleman, yes; Mr. Ferrell, yes. Resolution adopted.

**Resolution #2010-0051**  
**APPROVE 4% EDUCATIONAL BONUS FOR DAVID MURPHY**

Mr. Coleman moved to approve a 4% Educational Bonus for David Murphy, Fire Fighter/EMT, retroactive to March 20, 2010. Captain Murphy received a BS in Fire & Safety Engineering Technology from the University of Cincinnati. Mr. Printy seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Printy, yes; Mr. Coleman, yes; Mr. Ferrell, yes. Resolution adopted.

**NOTICES:**

Ms. Schaefer announced that the Township had received an Achievement Award at the recent Sandusky Safety Council meeting for cutting our workers' compensation claims by at least 25%. They also announced that the discounts had been extended for being members of safety council. There is also a revised Drug Free Work Place program that permits group members to earn an additional discount. The original DFWP program was only a 5-year program. The new program is not limited.

Ms. Schaefer also announced that the new Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources is \$10,122,460. The net amount (total less transfer) is \$9,341,200.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Fire Department**

Chief Myosky reported that he had received communications from Doug Downs of ShenCon Construction that they had completed rehab on the building damaged by fire in November 2008. Mr. Downs is requesting a refund of the \$26,671.35 insurance money paid to the Township to assure reconstruction and/or demolition. Chief Myosky has heard from all the inspectors except for one. He hopes to be able to issue an occupancy permit tomorrow. Ms. Schaefer explained that this amount was included in the Permanent Appropriations. Once she receives a copy of the occupancy permit, she will be able to process the check. Mr. Printy asked for further clarification since he has never been involved in this issue.

Chief Myosky said they were continuing with maintenance.

**Highway Department:**

Mr. Boos welcomes Mr. Dodrill aboard. Mr. Boos then reviewed the recent activities of the highway department. They have been working on the parks, catch basins, and mowing in the parks and cemetery.

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Mr. Boos announced that this Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, through an ODNR grant they would be holding a Tire Recycling Program. This is the first program of this type. The Perkins Police Cadets will be assisting in collecting the tires. One of the requirements is the labor must be volunteer. The grant is for advertising and the removal of the tires. The program is limited to residents only, no commercial. The maximum amount covered by the grant is 10 Tons.

Mr. Boos also announced that the Brush & Yard Waste program would be held April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Perkins Cemetery and Barnes Nursery. Both of these locations are free on this date only.

A resident asked if there were any plans for curbside pickup program. Mr. Boos explained that we do not currently have that service. If the Township goes to a curbside recycling program it would be available, but not through the Highway Department.

Ms. Wilke asked if the tires could be recycled into a road-resurfacing project.

**Police Department**

Lt. Matthews reported that activities are picking up with the warmer weather.

**TRUSTEE DISCUSSION**

The Trustees did not have any additional discussion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Gilchrist, Strub Road, asked if a meeting date set had been set for discussion with Lakecrest. Chief Myosky said that April 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm is fine with Lakecrest. Mr. Ferrell said that the zoning department will be sending notices and contacting the surrounding property owners.

Cheryl Best-Wilke, Pennsylvania Avenue, commented that the property on Woodlawn looks great since the house was demolished. Mr. Ferrell noted that this was a project that was done through the County.

Mr. Ferrell introduce Chris Decker, Vermilion Township Trustee. They have taken over their own recycling program.

Mr. Printy reminded the audience that there would be a Utility Aggregation meeting to be held on Thursday here at the Township Hall. This will be an opportunity to ask any questions. Both issues will be on the ballot on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Coleman moved to go into executive session to discuss a legal issue. Mr. Printy seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Printy, yes; Mr. Coleman, yes; Mr. Ferrell, yes. Motion approved.

Mr. Coleman moved to return to regular session. Mr. Printy seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Printy, yes; Mr. Coleman, yes; Mr. Ferrell, yes. Motion approved.

With no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

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Jeffrey Ferrell, Chairman

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Diane Schaefer, Fiscal Officer