

PERKINS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

June 9, 2020

The Perkins Township Trustees met Tuesday June 9, 2020 in the Township Services Facility located at 2610 Columbus Avenue. Trustees present were James Lang, Timothy Coleman, and Jeffrey Ferrell. Chairman Ferrell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Mr. Ferrell moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

MINUTES

Mr. Ferrell moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of May 12 and the Special Session of May 19. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

FINANCIALS

Mr. Ferrell moved to approve the financial reports for the month ending May 31 and the period ending June 9. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

PRESENTATIONS

The Board honored Robb Parthemore and Sylvan Wahl on their recent retirements.

Chief Donald presented Chief Parthemore with his retirement badge. Robb said that he appreciated everything the Township has done for him and that the Township is on the right path. Chief Donald also presented Linda Parthemore with a letter of appreciation for her service as well.

Mr. Ferrell then presented Robb with a memory box for his 27 years of service.

Chief Donald then introduced Sylvan Wahl, former Evidence Officer. The evidence room was a mess before Sylvan joined the department. Now the evidence room is in order. Chief Donald presented Sylvan with a certificate of appreciation along with a certificate for Jean. Chief Donald also introduced Sylvan's son Joe who came from Michigan to be here for this presentation. Sheriff Sigsworth also had a few words of thanks along with a story and picture when Sylvan worked for the Sheriff's Office.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2020-068

Contract with the Adaptive Engineering Group

Mr. Ferrell moved to authorize a contract with the Adaptive Engineering Group (AEG) related to the Safe Routes to School grant program in the amount of \$270,000. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Mr. Boyle noted that this is a project through Ohio Department of Transportation. Most of the expenses will be paid by ODOT. Mr. Coleman inquired as to the start date. Mr. Boyle said this month with the design work to be in late fall. Roll call vote: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2020-069

Amend Schedule A for Paul Ricci

Mr. Ferrell moved to amend Schedule A for Paul Ricci to reflect part-time status as of August 1, 2020. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Mr. Boyle reviewed the accomplishments of Mr. Ricci as full-time director. It is Mr. Ricci's desire to go to the part-time status. Mr. Ferrell noted that the department was in a bit of turmoil when Paul took over. Mr. Coleman said that Mr. Ricci has put his stamp of some of things he has put into place in the department. Mr. Lang also noted that Paul has done a great job and wished he could stay full time. Roll call vote: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

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RESOLUTION 2020-070

Accept the resignation of Firefighter Adam Buga

Mr. Ferrell moved to accept the resignation of Firefighter Adam Buga effective June 15, 2020. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Chief Murphy said that Firefighter Buga has accepted a position with Strongsville Fire Department near his wife's family. Mr. Ferrell thanked him for the years of service he has given Perkins Township. Mr. Coleman said that the resignation says a lot for Chief Murphy's leadership. Roll call vote: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2020-071

Accept the resignation of Administrative Assistant Kathy Niehm

Mr. Ferrell moved to accept the resignation of Administrative Assistant Kathy Niehm, effective June 30, 2020. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Mr. Boyle noted that Ms. Niehm had submitted her resignation this morning after 21 plus years of service to the Township. She certainly will be missed on both a personal as well as a professional level. He wished her the best in her future endeavors. Mr. Ferrell said that it was hard to accept this resignation. Mr. Coleman said that he will miss her cheerful face and kind words for everyone. He also wishes her the best in her future endeavors. Roll call vote: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION 2020-072

Accept resignation of Charles Life

Mr. Ferrell moved to accept resignation of Charles Life, effective June 9, 2020. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Chief Donald noted that Officer Life submitted his resignation stating personal reasons. Roll call vote: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Department – Chief Murphy advised the University Hospitals is arranging testing for first responders as part of a study they are conducting. His 2021 Budget has been submitted.

Police Department – Interim Chief Donald also advised that his 2021 Budget had been submitted. The officers are getting back to a normal routine. Recent protests have been peaceful.

Community Development – Mr. Ricci said they are having a busy spring as indicated by their monthly report. Development has started in the Hull Road area between Deerpath and Galloway. They are completing their needs assessment for the Homeville and Searsville area which will allow them access to HUD funds.

Zoning – Melanie Murray reporting that they are working on a block grant application seeking funding for demolition expenses in Searsville. Mr. Ferrell thanked them for the work on getting this task completed. Mr. Coleman was also excited about the plans for Searsville. Mr. Ferrell noted that this was all being done in-house.

Recreation – Mr. Boyle reported that they are resuming Movie Nights and have several Pavilion rentals this week.

Public Works – The Board had a copy of Mr. Crawford's report.

Administrator – Mr. Boyle said they had a couple of economic development leads which may or may not develop. With Mr. Ricci's return to part-time status, Mr. Boyle recommended the appointment of Angela Byington to the position of Community Development Director. She has had experience with both the cities of Sandusky and Elyria. He presented a draft copy of a contract for a Community Development Director.

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RESOLUTION 2020-073

Appoint Angela Byington, Community Development Director

Mr. Ferrell moved to appoint Angela Byington, Community Development Director as of July 6, 2020 at an hourly rate of \$32.65 per hour. Mr. Ferrell noted that Mr. Boyle could work out the details of her Schedule A. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Mr. Coleman said the experience that Ms. Byington has will be of value to us. Roll call vote: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted. The final base rate per the Schedule A was \$33.66 per hour.

Notices/Correspondence

- Special Meeting – June 10th at 1:00 p.m - Executive session related to economic development as provided for under ORC.121.22(G)(8).
- Next Regular Meeting – June 23rd at 9:00 a.m. – 2021 Budget Hearing

Fiscal Officer Comments

- Payments for the period May 13 – June 9 total \$477,716.36 and include payments to DMC Technologies for installation of Sonicwall; backpay for UAW; Keller Plumbing for replacement of water heater; Lynn Medical for medical supplies; Statewide Emergency Products for mounts for cruisers
- Back Pay for the UAW 2019-2022 contract has been completed
- Back Pay for IAFF 2019-2022 is being calculated
- Budget Hearing will be June 23
- Request an executive Session per ORC 121.33(G)(1) to discuss employment of personnel

Trustees Discussion

Mr. Coleman said that he had concerns about two events that were recently held. From the feedback he received everything went well without incident.

Public Forum

A resident of Gilcher Court commented on the paving project on Gilcher Court. He was concerned that they were not doing the curbs and driveway approaches. Then he said that the Township spent millions on the roundabout, but not on their driveways or sidewalks. Mr. Ferrell corrected him by saying that the Township had nothing to do with the roundabout since it was a County project.

He said that this was just a band aid and was supposed to be finished last week. Mr. Ferrell explained that all the streets in the projects were ground down first. Then the equipment was brought in for the asphalt paving. This results in a lower cost for the Township. The contractor ran into a problem getting asphalt from the plant.

Another resident complaint that the sidewalks needed repair. He also said that we have Gilcher Avenue up for the street sign instead of Gilcher Court. He said that there are semis coming down there and they must back up to get out because they cannot turn around. He also said there should be a stop sign coming out from the Kroger's drive.

Mr. Ferrell said that the County had put the sign up when they did the work on Columbus Avenue. He asked Mr. Boyle to have Mr. Crawford to change the street name sign. He also suggested a "Note a Through Street" sign at the street near Columbus Avenue. He also said we would see if we could put a stop sign up at the Columbus Avenue entrance to Kroger's.

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Mr. Ferrell explained that the money we use for road paving comes from the road levy. However, we cannot use those funds for sidewalks. Mr. Ferrell explained that there were a lot of streets in the Township that do not have curbs because of the lack of right-of-way. He also explained that if the base of the streets is strong, then we only resurface them.

Mr. Coleman said that since the road levy has been passed, they have conducted a survey of all streets to address the road repairs on a more scientific method.

Another resident complained about the weeds on the property next to his property. Mr. Ricci said that one was owned by Universal Equipment and the other is owned by Ohio Eastern. Mr. Ricci said that they had planned on purchasing a piece of equipment that would be helpful in clearing the brush. That purchase had been put on hold because of the uncertainty of funding. He assured the residents that he would work to see that the corrections are made.

At 7:05 pm Mr. Ferrell moved to go into executive session per ORC 121.33(G0(1) to discuss employment of personnel. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye.

Mr. Coleman moved to return to regular session. Mr. Ferrell seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Mr. Ferrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye.

Jeffrey Ferrell, Chairman

Diane Schaefer, Fiscal Officer