

PERKINS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

April 27, 2021

The Perkins Township Trustees met Tuesday, April 27, 2021, in the Township Services Facility located at 2610 Columbus Avenue. Trustees present were Timothy Coleman, Jeffrey Ferrell, and James Lang. Chairman Coleman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:00 a.m.

AGENDA

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

Mr. Colman moved to approve the minutes of January 12, January 26, and February 9, 2021. Mr. Ferrell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the financials for the period ending April 27. Mr. Ferrell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2021-77

Hire Robert Paytosh as a Class C Patrol Officer

Mr. Coleman moved to hire Robert Paytosh as a Class C Patrol Officer at \$22.97 per hour, effective May 8, 2021. Mr. Ferrell seconded the motion. Chief Donald said the Officer Paytosh has worked for Erie County Sheriff's Office. He has been through a thorough vetting process. Mr. Coleman noted that there were several officers from the department in attendance and that speaks volumes. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution adopted. Chief Donald then administered the oath of office to Robert Paytosh.

Resolution 2021-78

Hire Amanda McClain as Code Enforcement Officer and Residential Inspector

Mr. Coleman moved to hire Amanda McClain as Code Enforcement Officer and Residential Inspector, per a Schedule A, effective May 4, 2021, at a rate of \$27.88 per hour. Mr. Ferrell seconded the motion. Ms. Byington said that Amanda comes with 20 years of experience working in government as a paralegal and a code enforcement officer. She will begin training as a residential inspector. Mr. Boyle said they were fortunate to get someone interested in working with the Township with these credentials. It will complement the current staff. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2021-79

Approve Supplemental Appropriations for Entrance Sign

Mr. Coleman moved to approve Supplemental Appropriations:
1000-760-730-0000 Site Improvements (Entrance Sign) \$15,000.00
Source: General Fund unencumbered revenue

Mr. Ferrell seconded the motion. Mr. Boyle noted that this was additional funding for the Township building sign. Ms. Byington thought it was already in the appropriations; however, Ms. Schaefer said that that was for the Hull Road sign. There will be a sample sign on site this afternoon for those interested in viewing it. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution adopted.

Resolution 2021-80

Accept Resignation of Peter Gale

Mr. Coleman moved to accept the resignation of Peter Gale, effective April 23, 2021. Mr. Ferrell seconded the motion. Mr. Boyle noted Office Gale has been with us for a number of years. However, he has decided to resign at this time. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution adopted.

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Resolution 2021-81

Authorize Police Fund to Repay Advance from General Fund

Mr. Coleman moved to repay an advance made from General Fund to Police Fund in the amount of \$50,000. Mr. Ferrell seconded the motion. Ms. Schaefer explained that this was an advance for cash flow purposes until we received the first half tax settlement. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution adopted.

Public Participation:

At this time Mr. Coleman recognized Representative D.J. Swearingen and Erie County Commissioner Matt Old. Commissioner Old said they were making the rounds to discuss items of interest to the townships. One is the subdivision regulations. He appreciates the input and support from the townships although he has received some push back on some items like private roads. He hopes to be finished in May.

He would like for Erie County to become a “Transportation Improvement District”. This requires two votes. One is a resolution passed by the Erie County Commissioners creating the district. The other is an affidavit of the Erie County Engineer that there are \$15 million dollars in road improvements projects in the County. He has given the information to the County Engineer and is waiting for a response from him. He is asking each township to write a letter.

Mr. Coleman commented on the recent funds disbursed to local governments by the American Rescue Plan Act. He noted that Perkins was originally scheduled to receive over \$2 million dollars and now it looks like they will not receive anything. He also questioned why Sandusky received \$18 million and the County only \$4 million. Representative Swearingen claims that the OTA lobbyists missed the changes from the House version to the Senate version. Mr. Boyle felt the Congressional delegation understood our concerns about not being funded at the Federal level. Then the finger pointing was that the Secretary Yellen and the US Treasury came up with the rules. He did appreciate Representative Swearingen’s efforts to get this corrected.

Representative Swearingen said the money is to be distributed by end of May. He has sponsored a resolution with Representative Hall to get the funding back to the townships. He does not think it was the intent to leave any subdivision out, but he is not sure of that.

Representative Swearingen said that the “Transportation Improvement District works well in Ottawa County. They are also working with Jobs Ohio to attract businesses to the area. The “Township Omnibus Bill” will also be coming up for a vote.

Mr. Boyle thanked both Mr. Old and Representative Swearingen for their support. Mr. Ferrell thanked the gentlemen for everything they were doing.

Department Reports:

Police Department – Chief Donald presented his report in writing. Mr. Ferrell thanked the Chief for everything he was doing. Ms. Schaefer asked Chief Donald if he knew how many pounds of pills they collected. He said it was significant, 24.5, 17, and 13 pounds.

Fire Department – Chief Murphy also present his report in writing. Mr. Ferrell noted that the fire crew at the CleanUp Day did a heck of a job.

Public Works Department – Director Link thanked everyone who helped on Saturday to make the CleanUp Day a success, including all the vendors who provided services. They had 7 Cyclone containers, including mattresses, tires, and appliances. Mr. Ferrell thanked the employees of the Public Works Department. It was one of the better events. Director Link said that everything ran smooth.

Mr. Ferrell asked that some “deaf children” signs be posted at Hoffman and Peterson.

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Community Development – In addition to her written report, Ms. Byington gave an update on the Safe Route to Schools project.

Mr. Ferrell asked where the Hayes Avenue property was located that was discussed in the written report. Ms. Byington said she will get back with him because she was not certain.

Administrator – Mr. Boyle thanked Brad Link for all the work on the CleanUp day and the baseball registrations. They are tentatively scheduling a meeting on the road projects for May 4th.

Notices/Correspondence

- Next Regular Meeting – May 11 at 6:00 pm
- Notice of Liquor Permit – Transfer of a D1 permit from Ohio Veterans’ Home to Ohio Department of Veterans’ Services dba Ohio Veterans’ Home. No hearing was requested.
- Notice from Liquor Control – Any objections to renewal of permits as of July 1 must be in the form of a Resolution and postmarked no later than June 2.

Fiscal Officer Comments

- Payments for the period April 14 – 27 total \$425,026.74 and include payments to: BSN for youth baseball equipment; Ohio Fire Chief’s Association for promotional testing; First National Bank for the semi-annual TAN loan payment.
- Motel Tax report for March 2021 – Collections of \$78,361.26, increase of 153.98% from March 2020; increase of 21.74% for the YTD totals compared to 2020.
- OBM is suggesting that we follow the guidelines of the CARES funding. There are guidelines for gauging loss of revenues.

Trustees Discussion – Mr. Ferrell suggested having the road meeting with residents on May 11 which is the night of our regular meeting.

Public Forum – None

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Coleman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 am. Mr. Ferrell seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye, Mr. Coleman, aye.

Timothy Coleman, Chairman

Diane Schaefer, Fiscal Officer