

## **PERKINS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

### **REGULAR SESSION**

**November 23, 2021**

The Perkins Township Trustees met Tuesday, November 23, 2021, in the Township Services Facility located at 2610 Columbus Avenue. Trustees present were Jeffrey Ferrell and James Lang. Mr. Coleman was excused. Vice Chairman Ferrell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 a.m.

#### **AGENDA**

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

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mr. Ferrell moved to approve the financials for the period ending November 24, 2021. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Resolution 2021-206**

##### **Approve Medical Insurance Renewal with Anthem for 2022**

Mr. Ferrell moved to approve medical insurance renewal with Anthem for 2022. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Mr. Boyle reviewed the renewal process for health insurance. The renewal with Anthem is zero percent. Mr. Ferrell said that he was happy with the fact we were able to get a zero percent renewal for the second year in a row. The thanks go to the employees. Mr. Boyle thanked Ms. Ohlemacher for all her work on the renewals. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

##### **Resolution 2021-207**

##### **Approve Ancillary Insurance Coverage with Guardian for 2022**

Mr. Ferrell moved to approve ancillary insurance coverage with Guardian for 2022. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Mr. Boyle noted that this was the optional vision and dental insurance. The Guardian plan is a little broader and is a better fit for the employees. They did discuss it with the Health Insurance Committee. Ms. Ohlemacher noted that they were also moving the life insurance paid by the Township to Guardian. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

##### **Resolution 2021-208**

##### **Declare Various Items in the Police Department as Surplus**

Mr. Ferrell moved to declare various items in the Police Department as being surplus and authorizing their sale or disposal. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Chief Donald has provided a complete list to Mr. Boyle. Most of the items are old furniture from the remodeling of the Police Department and items for closed cases. Some of the better stuff will be placed on GovDeals. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

##### **Resolution 2021-209**

##### **Agree to Participation Agreement in the Ohio Janssen Settlement**

Mr. Ferrell moved to agree to Participation Agreement in the Ohio Janssen Settlement. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Mr. Boyle reminded the Board of the earlier settlement with the three larger pharmaceutical distributors. The deadline for this settlement is December 8, 2021. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted. Chief Donald said that he had provided a list to Mr. Boyle

##### **Resolution 2021-210**

##### **Revised Leasing Agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc.**

Mr. Ferrell moved to authorize leasing agreements with Axon Enterprises, Inc. for leasing and licensing of In-Car Camera equipment for the Police Department. The cost is \$147,759.59 for the equipment and \$46,800.00 for the licenses for a total cost of \$194,559.59 to be paid in five annual installments of \$38,911.92. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Chief Donald explained that this was a cloud-based system as opposed to the current download to DVD method. The customer system is better. The City of Sandusky is also going to this system. Mr. Boyle said that they were very impressed when the saw

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the demonstration of the system. Mr. Lang said to do a good job, you need good equipment. This goes for the Fire Department also. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

**Resolution 2021-211**

**Supplemental Appropriations for Police Department**

Mr. Ferrell moved to approve Supplemental Appropriations for Police Department:

1000-910-910-2191	Transfer Out{Police}	\$40,000
2192-210-321-0000	Rents & Leases	\$40,000

Purpose: First year of in-camera lease

Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Chief Donald said that to secure the quoted price we need to make the first payment this year as opposed to next year. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

**Resolution 2021-212**

**Approve the 2022 Dispatch Contract with the Erie County Sheriff**

Mr. Ferrell moved to approve a contract with the Erie County Sheriff for 2022 Dispatching Services for the Police and Fire Departments at a rate of \$136,174.43 per year. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Mr. Boyle said that through the negotiations of Chief Donald and Chief Murphy this is lower than the contract in recent years. Chief Murphy said Sheriff Sigsworth listened to their concerns about the cost and some of the operational issues. He feels that this contract addresses those concerns. Chief Donald agreed. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

**Resolution 2021-213**

**Rescind Resolutions 2021-202 through 2021-205**

Mr. Ferrell moved to rescind Resolutions 2021-202 through 2021-205 since renewal levies cannot be placed on the May ballot except in the last year of collection which in this case would be 2023. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

**Department Reports**

Fire Department – Chief Murphy said that Fire Fighter Tanner Roth passed his paramedic exam.

**Resolution 2021-214**

**Declare Fire Department Property as Obsolete**

Mr. Ferrell moved to declare SBCA, turnout gear, and boots for the Fire Department as obsolete and to dispose of them. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

Police Department - Chief Donald said that have received a grant from the Wightman-Wieber foundation for a new speed sign. Now they will have two to put out. They just had their food drive last Saturday and it went well. Chief Donald said they would like to have a parade recognizing the Nascar win by ThorSports. Mr. Ferrell said that was a great idea.

Community Development – Director Byington reminded the Board of the hearing for the RV park on Milan Road.

Public Works Department – Mr. Boyle reported that leaf season is under way. The tree lighting ceremony will be Friday, December 3.

Administrator – Mr. Boyle noted that Governor DeWine had signed a bill allowing fireworks in Ohio. However, there is a provision for local communities to allow or disallow the use of fireworks in the community and Perkins needs to look at that.

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We are still negotiating with the final property owner for an easement for the SRTS project.

Mr. Boyle said the Mr. Link has applied for grant funds for a sidewalk project on E. Strub Road as previously authorized by the Board

The Administration and Public Works offices will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.

#### **Notices/Correspondence**

- Next Regular Meeting – December 14 @ 6:00 PM
- Liquor Permit – D5I permit to Morning Chef LLC, 4314 Milan Road, #290. No hearing required. Mr. Boyle advised this was for Another Broken Egg Restaurant in the Sandusky Mall.

#### **Fiscal Officer Comments**

- Payments for the period – November 10 – November 24 – total \$667,061.43 and included payments for: Brady Signs for the Hull Road sign; H.F. Gerold Construction for crack sealing for Fairview Lanes and Strickfaden Park; D.L. Smith Concrete for Oakland Park and Columbus Park subdivisions; and Holiday Pay for the Police and Fire Departments.

**Trustees Discussion** - none

#### **Public Forum**

Tom Edwards, Cedar Brook Lane, questioned the cost for churches to have a sign on their property opposing abortion. He questioned charging a tax for a non-profit organization. Mr. Ferrell asked Ms. Byington to respond. Ms. Byington said that the request was for a temporary sign that would be moved from church to church over several month. The fee was the standard fee for a temporary sign and had nothing to do with the content of the sign. If it were something that the Board wanted to waive, they could do that. Mr. Boyle suggested that this was something that they needed to discuss with Mr. Coppeler.

Mary Hayes, Hayes Avenue, commented that the organization (Right to Life) as well as the church were non-profits and should be exempt from this fee.

Steve Lippert, Songwood Circle, supported the efforts of this group. He did point out that they were not selling a product, they were selling the right to life.

Mr. Ferrell asked when and how long this sign would be erected in Perkins Township. Ms. Hayes said that it was a continuing event that moved from church to church, so she did not have any definite dates that it would be in Perkins.

Mr. Ferrell said that they will check with legal counsel on whether they can waive the for these signs. They will have an answer for the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Rick Scheel, Galloway Road (Huron Township), asked if the smaller business signs were legal, noting the signs for Ashley Furniture and others being displayed on Milan Road and elsewhere. Mr. Boyle said that a lot of the signs are on roads under the jurisdiction of the County or ODOT. Mr. Boyle said that political signs are exempt unless they are a traffic problem.

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Mr. Scheel asked about the stone dust or stones caused by the trucks leaving the quarry. Mr. Boyle said that was an issue for ODOT. Chief Donald report that a water truck does come out occasionally. Usually if they get complaints, the Department will call the quarry. If they see the truck dropping stone, they will stop them. Mr. Scheel asked who oversees trucks that do not have covers on their loads or are overloaded? Chief Donald said they do not have authority on the overload issue. They would defer to the State Patrol or Erie County Sheriff's Office.

Next Mr. Scheel about the subdivision going in on Galloway and Hull. How could this be approved without a public hearing. Ms. Byington said that it was just a lot split and did not require a public hearing because the current zoning permits the proposed single-family lots/houses.

Then Mr. Scheel thank Mr. Coleman for action he had taken concerning a tree limb on Galloway Road. However, he did mention that the traffic on Galloway Road, a residential road, was becoming worse. They have tour buses coming down that way, construction trucks, and speeding cars. Mr. Ferrell said that the different speed limits have posed a problem.

Finally, Mr. Scheel asked about a utility type or all terrain type vehicle that is traveling on roads within the Township. Chief Donald was not familiar with the vehicle being described and suggested that if he knew the driver or had a better description that Mr. Scheel could call, and the Police Department would look into it. ATV's and gold carts are not permitted on road within the Township.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Ferrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Lang seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Meeting adjourned.

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Jeffrey Ferrell, Vice Chairman

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Diane Schaefer, Fiscal Officer  
(from digital recording & notes)