

**PERKINS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**July 12, 2022**

The Perkins Township Trustees met Tuesday, July 12, 2022, in the Township Services Facility located at 2610 Columbus Avenue. Trustees present were Jeffrey Ferrell, Timothy Coleman, and James Lang. Chairman Ferrell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

Mr. Ferrell moved to adopt the agenda with the elimination of the last proposed resolution. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Ferrell moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of May 24 and June 14. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mr. Ferrell moved to approve the financial reports for the month of June 2022 and the period ending July 15, 2022. Mr. Coleman seconded. All were in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2022-135**

**Hire Austin Steindl as Full-time Firefighter, Class C-1**

Mr. Ferrell moved to hire Austin Steindl as a full-time Firefighter/ Class C-1, at a 53-hour rate of \$17.58 per hour, effective July 13, 2022. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Chief Murphy reviewed Firefighter Steindl's educational qualifications. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

**Resolution 2022-134**

**Hire Collin Lloyd as Full-time Patrol Officer, Class C**

Mr. Ferrell moved to hire Collin Lloyd as a full-time Patrol Officer/ Class C, at a rate of \$23.43 per hour, effective July 16, 2022. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Chief Donald said the Officer Lloyd has been through the hiring process including a background check and interviews. Chief Donald also reviewed his educational qualifications. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Ferrell moved to open the hearing to consider the Limited Home Rule governance model for Perkins Township. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye.

Mr. Ferrell said that the Board has researched this for some time. They held a public meeting to discuss it with members of the community. It will give the Township some more tools when addressing community development issues and police issues. Mr. Ferrell wanted to be on the record of things that they cannot do. Limited Home Rule DOES NOT give the Board the authority to raise taxes or adopt an income tax.

Ms. Schaefer said that the Township will still be governed under ORC section 505. However, they would also be able to use ORC section 504 Limited Home Rule.

Mr. Coleman said this was being discussed even before he became a trustee.

Mr. Ferrell moved to close the hearing. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye.

**Resolution 2022-133**

**Submit a Ballot Issue for Limited Home Rule**

Mr. Ferrell moved to certify to the Erie County Board of Elections the question of whether Perkins Township should adopt a Limited Home Rule Government. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

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**NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)**

**Resolution 2022-136**

**Contract with LumenServe for Tower Lighting**

Mr. Ferrell moved to authorize a contract with LumenServe for lighting equipment, monitoring, etc. at a cost of \$4,524 annually for the cemetery communication tower. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Ms. Ohlemacher reviewed the situation with the failing lighting system for the tower. Mr. Ferrell said that there was nothing they could do about this because it is required by the FAA. Mr. Coleman noted that the address was incorrect in the agreement. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

**Resolution 2022-137**

**Supplemental Appropriations – Public Works Department**

Mr. Ferrell moved to approve supplemental appropriations for Public Works Department:

2031-760-750-0000	Motor Vehicles	\$38,180.00
4912-760-750-0000	Motor Vehicles	\$ 4,912.00

Purpose: Purchase of a 2024 International cab and chassis

Source: Unencumbered funds

Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Director Link reviewed the need for this piece of equipment. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

**Resolution 2022-138**

**Authorize Purchase of a 2024 International Cab & Chassis  
From Rush Trucking Centers**

Mr. Ferrell moved to authorize a contract to Rush Trucking Centers for the purchase of a 2024 International HV507 cab and chassis in the amount of \$88,802.00 through the State of Ohio cooperative purchasing program using funds from 2021 Gasoline Tax, 2031 Road & Bridge, and 4912 Capital Projects (Public Works). Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Mr. Coleman asked for the time frame of delivery. Mr. Link did not know currently. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

**Department**

**Police Department** – Chief Donald advised that there will be a K-9 Fund Raiser on September 25<sup>th</sup>. They will start their 12-hour shifts this weekend. Mr. Ferrell asked if everyone was excited about it. Chief Donald said that majority rules. Mr. Lang asked if they were using Lexipol yet. Chief Donald said they were not finished yet.

**Fire Department** – Chief Murphy thanked the Board for tonight’s hiring and that brings them up to full staffing. They will be having some extra details for the upcoming Iron Man Marathon on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Works** – Director Link advised that the Strub Road resurfacing project will start tomorrow Wednesday, July 13. They hope to be finished the following Tuesday, weather permitting.

**Community Development** – Director Byington reported on the Redwood Project access road hearing on Monday.

**Notices/Correspondence**

- Next Regular Meeting – July 26 at 8:30 am.

**Fiscal Officer Comments**

- Payments for the period June 29- July 12 total \$265,310.03 and included payments to: Vasu Communications for Fire Department radio equipment; Burges & Burges for Strategic Planning consultation.

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- Firefighter Brian Casper received an Associate Degree in Fire Science from Columbia Southern University on June 2.
- A recent Workers' Compensation audit contained no adjustments.

**Trustees' Discussion** –

Mr. Ferrell presented a proclamation in honor of Perkins Township resident, John Kinn who is celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Ms. Schaefer will be presenting him with the certificate tomorrow at a birthday party at the Erie County Senior Center.

**Public Forum** – none.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Ferrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm. Mr. Coleman seconded. Roll call vote: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Meeting adjourned.

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Jeffrey Ferrell, Chairman

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Diane Schaefer, Fiscal Officer