

## **PERKINS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

### **REGULAR SESSION**

**April 25, 2023**

The Perkins Township Trustees met Tuesday, April 25, 2023, in the Township Services Facility located at 2610 Columbus Avenue. Trustees present were Timothy Coleman, Jeffrey Ferrell, and James Lang. Chairman Ferrell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:30 a.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 Meetings of March 14, March 28, and April 11. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mr. Ferrell moved to approve the financial statements for the period ending April 25, 2023. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### **PUBLIC MEETING**

The Board opened the public meeting on the declaration of 3707 Campbell Street (PPN 32-02098.000) as a nuisance for vegetation, dead plant material, etc. and ordering abatement pursuant to ORC Section 505.87.

Mr. Ferrell asked Code Enforcement Officer McClain to swear in anyone who wished to speak on this subject. Code Enforcement Officer Myers presented pictures of the property at 3707 Campbell Street along with communications with the homeowner and progress to date.

Property owner Daniel Ahner mentioned that he had cleaned up his property at 3707 Campbell Street. Code Enforcement Officer Tamie Myers indicated that an inspection before the meeting by her seemed to indicate that there was still plant material not removed. Mr. Ahner indicated that it is wood that has been stacked. Ms. Myers stated that her observation was from the road and asked if she had his permission to go on the property to inspect. Mr. Ahner declined to allow her to enter the property to inspect it.

Mr. Ferrell suggested that the resolution be tabled until the next meeting to determine whether the nuisance has been abated. Assistant Prosecutor Hinnens indicated that since the Board has conducted the public meeting, they do not need to hold another one and the Board could table and consider action at its next meeting

With that Mr. Ferrell moved to table the decision on this property until the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting during which time Code Enforcement Officer Myers will reinspect the property. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye.

#### **PUBLIC MEETING**

The Board opened the meeting on the declaration of 322 Michigan Avenue (PPN 32-00243.000) as a nuisance for vegetation and ordering abatement pursuant to ORC Section 505.87.

Code Enforcement Officer McClain presented the issues with the property. Mr. Coleman said that he had spoken with several neighbors of the property, and they agreed with the details given.

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### **Resolution 2023-071**

#### **Declare 322 Michigan Avenue a Nuisance**

Mr. Ferrell moved to declare 322 Michigan Avenue (PPN 32-00243.000) a nuisance for vegetation, dead plant material, etc. and ordering abatement pursuant to ORC Section 505.87. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

#### **Representative of Maui Sands**

Mr. Ferrell then opened the floor for representative of Maui Sands to address the Board.

Attorney Richard Gillium III, representing the owner Sinmier, LLC, said they are working with RestorePro to clean up the property and to get the power back on. They are having a difficult time getting a security company to monitor the building. They have received an offer on the back building. Depending on how serious that is, they will restore the back building and consider tearing down the front buildings.

Mr. Coleman stated that the Board needed the agreement to ensure the property was secured. Mr. Ferrell said that the owner would be responsible for any charges for special patrols by the police. He also believed the property should be fenced in. He also stated that we have no control over the land bank.

Assistant Prosecutor Jason Hinners said that he hoped to have a draft agreement ready for the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting if information is provided by the owner related to securing the property. The Board of Trustees can either approve it or request changes.

Johnson Hallulum, an adjoining property owner, spoke regarding his concerns and the impact of Maui Sans on his business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Resolution 2023-072**

#### **Hire Hilary Bores as Full-time Records Clerk/Administrative Assistant, Police**

Mr. Ferrell moved to hire Hilary Bores as full-time Records Clerk/Administrative Assistant in the Police Department per Schedule A at \$21.00 per hour, effective May 1, 2023. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Ms. Bores is a long-time dispatcher with Norwalk. She is familiar with our system. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

### **Resolution 2023-073**

#### **Accept 403 Dewitt Avenue from the Erie County Land Reutilization Corporation**

Mr. Ferrell moved to accept 403 Dewitt Avenue (PPN 32-02839.000) from the Erie County Land Reutilization Corporation. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Planner Sparks said this property became available and is in the area that the Board wishes to develop. Mr. Ferrell noted that it was across from the main entrance to the Ohio Veterans Home. Mr. Coleman thanked the Land Bank and everyone who helped secure this property. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

### **Resolution 2023-074**

#### **Accept Lot 15, Carbon Avenue from the Erie County Land Reutilization Corporation**

Mr. Ferrell moved to Accept Lot 15 Carbon Avenue (PPN 32-01761.000) from the Erie County Land Reutilization Corporation. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. The same comments applied to this resolution as the previous one. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

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#### **Resolution 2023-075**

##### **Hired Peyton Smith as Summer Intern in Community Development Department**

Mr. Ferrell moved to hire Peyton Smith as an Intern in the Community Development Department at \$14.00 per hour, effective May 10, 2023. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Planner Sparks said we were awarded a grant for this position and Ms. Smith was an intern with the Township last summer. Mr. Ferrell said that we have been extremely fortunate to receive the grants from the Erie County Community Foundation intern program. Mr. Coleman noted that Ms. Smith has received an academic scholarship as well and is continuing her athletic programs in track and volleyball. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

#### **Resolution 2023-076**

##### **Authorize Grant Application to MPO for East Perkins Avenue Sidewalk Construction**

Mr. Ferrell moved to authorize submittal of an application to the MPO for funding under its FY 2026 Transportation Alternative Program for sidewalk construction on East Perkins Avenue, and to accept funding if so awarded. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Director Link said this is a continuation of the sidewalk project from E. Strub Road to the Eastwood-Merriweather neighborhood. Mr. Boyle said he believed this project fits within the parameters of the MPO program and provides a safe method of traveling around the community other than by motor vehicles. Mr. Coleman said they have been blessed to have received the SRTS funding for sidewalks. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

Lisa Crescimano, Stonewood, asked if the Township was going to install a crosswalk on Columbus Avenue to connect to Marshall Avenue. Mr. Ferrell said the Board has requested permission from Erie County to install the sidewalk. However, for whatever reason the County has denied the request for crosswalks, both across Columbus Avenue and Strub Road, across County roads.

#### **Department Reports**

- Fire Department – Chief Murphy had nothing further to add to his written report.
- Police Department – Sgt. Adams had nothing to add to Chief Musser’s written report. Mr. Ferrell thanked the Department for handling a recent citizen’s complaint.
- Public Works Department – Director Link reminded the Board that the Clean-up Day was this Saturday at the Erie County Fairgrounds. Ed Burdue & Company is going to begin work on the culvert at Strickfaden Park

Mr. Ferrell requested an update on the Buckeye Cable work. He said that they have dug up areas in his neighborhood and there is stuff laying around; however, no one seems to be doing any work. Director Link will follow up with Buckeye.

- Public Service Coordinator Henley reported that the opening day of baseball is Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are 38 teams with over 400 players.
- Community Development – Planner Sparks reviewed some of the current projects.
- Executive Coordinator Ohlemacher reminded the Board that next Tuesday was Election Day and the meeting room will be a polling station. Everyone is requested to park in the rear part of the parking lot.
- Administrator – Mr. Boyle said they have been reviewing our cell phone coverage with FirstNet. There is an annual savings of about \$6,000 along with a credit toward future billings. Ms. Ohlemacher said that the coverage is also better.

**Proclamation** – Mr. Ferrell read a proclamation declaring “May is Building Safety Month”

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**Notices/Correspondence**

- Next Regular Meeting – May 9 @ 6:00 PM

**Fiscal Officer Comments**

- Payments for the period April 12-April 25 totaled \$556,185.85 and included payments to: First National Bank for TAN loan; Community First National Bank for lease of SCBAs; Bill's Implement for mowers; Dell Marketing for laptops and monitors; Contractors Design for Green Creek & Galloway Estates.

**Trustees' Discussion** – Mr. Coleman asked for an update on the Redwood project. Ms. Sparks said that they had been in recently and she believed that they our ready to proceed.

**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 9:05 a.m. Mr. Ferrell 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  
(from Digital Recording)