

## **PERKINS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

### **REGULAR SESSION**

**July 25, 2023**

The Perkins Township Trustees met Tuesday, July 25, 2023, in the Township Services Facility located at 2610 Columbus Avenue. The 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 Meeting of July 11. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mr. Ferrell moved to approve the financial statements for the period ending July 28, 2023. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Resolution 2023-120**

##### **Hire Ryan Waechter, Full-time Patrol Officer Class C**

Mr. Ferrell moved to hire Ryan Waechter as a full-time Patrol Officer/Class C, at the rate of \$24.13 per hour, effective July 26, 2023. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Chief Musser said that Officer Waechter comes from the Sheffield Lake area. Once he became 21, he entered the Police Academy and finished third in his class. Mr. Coleman said that with all the support both of family and fellow officers he will fit right in. Mr. Boyle said that staff was impressed during the entire hiring process, especially the interview process. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

Mr. Ferrell then went out of order to hold a discussion on the recent Maui Sands hearing.

Assistant Prosecutor Jason Hinnars asked the Board to pass motions to cover the decisions reached during the public hearing on July 18, 2023. The owners still have the option of forwarding an agreement that is acceptable to the Township.

In the meantime, we need to take steps to secure the property. In the general discussion it was noted that any expenses needed to be certified by September 11, 2023, to appear on the tax duplicate payable in 2024.

##### **Resolution 2023-121**

##### **Decision to Secure Structures known Collectively as Maui Sands**

Mr. Ferrell moved to authorize the securing of structures known collectively as Maui Sands as outlined in the decision of the hearing of July 18, 2023, and certify any expenses to the Erie County Auditor for collection on the tax duplicate. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

##### **Resolution 2023-122**

##### **Decision to Remove the Structure known collectively as Maui Sands**

Mr. Ferrell moved to authorize the removal of the structures known collectively as Maui Sands as outlined in the decision of the hearing of July 18, 2023, and certify any expenses to the Erie County Auditor for collection on the tax duplicate. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

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### **Resolution 2023-123**

#### **Contract with ReStore Pro for Securing Property**

Mr. Ferrell moved to authorize Community Development to contract with ReStore Pro for the securing of property known as Maui Sands and certify the costs to the Erie County Auditor. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

The Board thank Prosecutor Hinnners for all the work he has done on this subject.

The Board then returned to order of the items listed on the agenda.

### **Resolution 2023-124**

#### **Authorize the Offering of a Roth IRA 457(b) Non-pretax Deductible Program**

Mr. Ferrell moved to authorize the offering of an Ohio Deferred Compensation Roth IRA program. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Mr. Boyle explained that our current program is pre-tax. The proposed Roth IRA program would be tax when deducted and not when the funds are withdrawn. He has been advised that current Federal regulations under review will not allow us to have a pre-tax program without offering the non-pre-tax program. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

### **Resolution 2023-125**

#### **Accept Resignation of Part-time Firefighter Mitchell Davis**

Mr. Ferrell moved to accept the resignation of part-time firefighter Mitchel Davis, effective July 11, 2023. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Chief Murphy said Mr. Davis is going to paramedic school that is being paid for by his full-time employee. As a result, he does not meet the time requirements for the Department. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

### **Resolution 2023-126**

#### **Accept the Resignation of Planner/Zoning Inspector Elizabeth Sparks**

Mr. Ferrell moved to accept the resignation of Planner/Zoning Inspector Elizabeth (Casey) Sparks, effective July 25, 2023. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Director Byington said that they were thankful for the work Casey has done for the Township, both Police and Community Department. Chief Musser said that she did a great job training him and Hilary. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

### **Resolution 2023-127**

#### **Declare a Nuisance for Vacant Lot, North of Panera Bread**

Mr. Ferrell moved to declare a nuisance and order abatement pursuant to ORC 505.87 for vegetation on real property located on a vacant lot on Milan Road (PPN 32-00863.002) north of and adjoining to Panera Bread. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. Director Byington said that this was the former Deehr property and the new owners have not cut the weeds. Roll call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye; Mr. Ferrell, aye. Resolution adopted.

### **Department Reports**

- Community Development – Director Byington said the Code Enforcement Officer Tami Myers wanted to report that Thomas Verock, 305 W. Bogart Road, had responded in a timely manner to a notice of non-compliance. He even went beyond what was requested. Mr. Verock noted that it was difficult to comply with some of the time frames. Mr. Ferrell said that the Department was always willing to enter into a compliance agreement if the property owners show that they are willing to take care of the violation.

### **Notices/Correspondence**

- Next Regular Meeting – August 7, @ 6:00 PM

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#### **Fiscal Officer Comments**

- Payments for the period July 12- July 28 of \$573,977.54 and included payments to: Snider Recreation for Strickfaden swing and shade structure; Robert McBee, Jenmet Construction, and Convenient Construction for rehab grant projects; Uline for picnic tables; Foremost Promotions for advertising items for different events; and two payrolls.
- Annual meeting with Erie County Budget Commission - July 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am
- Joe Kirk became a Public Works Level 4 Laborer as of June 27. New Rate \$25.44 per hour
- Collin Lloyd will become a Class B Police Patrolman as of August 13, 2023. New Rate \$27.06

**Trustees' Discussion** – None

**Public Forum** – Mr. Verock said this is the first meeting he has ever attended since living in the Township.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Ferrell moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Mr. Coleman seconded. Roll call: 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