

PERKINS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

February 13, 2024

The Perkins Township Trustees met Tuesday, February 13, 2024, in the Township Services Facility located at 2610 Columbus Avenue. The Trustees present were James Ommert, James Lang, and Timothy Coleman. Chairman Coleman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the minutes of Regular Session of January 23. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor.

FINANCIALS

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the financials for the month ending January 31 and the period ending February 13. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor.

SERVICE RECOGNITION

Before a standing room only audience, Mr. Coleman turned the meeting over the Chief David Murphy who presented Nate Matthews with a service recognition award for his 50 years of service to the Perkins Township Fire Department, to Perkins Township in general, and to surrounding agencies. The request to honor Nate came from the fire personnel, spearheaded by Lt. Brad Baer.

In a proclamation, Nathaniel (Nate) Matthews was made an honorary member of the Perkins Fire Department by the Perkins Township Board of Trustees.

Trustees Lang said that Nate also helped the Police Department on calls.

Nate thanked everyone for coming and did not know what to say. He does not know why he does it, but he just does, no matter what surrounding department.

King Baer said that everyone had decided that Nate, given his dedication, had to be the Chief of the Junior Fire Department when Perkins started that program.

Members of the Fire Department Local 1953 presented Nate with a plaque for his dedication.

Carol Smith recalled the four years watching Nate run track for Perkins Schools.

PUBLIC MEETING

Mr. Coleman opened the public discussion to proceed with the removal of an unsafe and structurally defective two-family residential structure located at 3514 Grant Avenue (PPN 32-01509.000) and certify expenses for nuisance abatement to the Erie County Auditor.

Code Enforcement Officer Amanda McClain reviewed all the past correspondence with the owner that goes back several years. Ms. McClain said that there has not been any substantive improvement to the property.

Rose Harper, one of the owners, was in attendance to explain her condition.

Mr. Coleman wanted Ms. Harper to understand that there is still time between now and the time of the demolition to get a rehabilitation agreement in place. Ms. McClain said that Ms. Harper would make some corrections and then back off.

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Resolution 2024-019

Proceed with the Removal of 3514 Grant Avenue

Mr. Coleman moved to proceed with the removal of an unsafe and structurally defective two-family residential structure located at 3514 Grant Avenue (PPN 32-01509.000) and certify expenses for nuisance abatement to the Erie County Auditor. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2024-020

Apply for American Pediatric Association Grant

Mr. Coleman moved to apply for and accept if awarded a grant from the American Pediatric Association for bike helmets. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Director Link said that this is an annual grant where helmets are provided to give away to residents especially at the Bike Rodeo. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2024-021

**Apply for a Safe Route to Schools Grant –
Sidewalk Project for Perkins Avenue**

Mr. Coleman moved to apply for and accept if awarded the Safe Routes to School Grant for the sidewalk project on Perkins Avenue from Merriweather Road to Strub Road. The Township has been awarded funding for this project through the MPO and this grant would help offset the portion that the Township is responsible for, up to \$180,000.00. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2024-022

Apply for Dick's Sporting Goods Grant

Mr. Coleman moved to apply for and accept if awarded, the Dick's Sporting Goods Grant in the amount of \$500 to be used for the 2024 Baseball season equipment. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2024-023

Apply for Chevy Youth Baseball Grant

Mr. Coleman moved to apply for, and accept if awarded, the Chevy Youth Baseball Grant in the amount of \$1000 to be used for the 2024 Baseball season for Equipment and/or extra sponsorship, if needed. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2024-024

Apply for Shores and Island Grant

Mr. Coleman moved to apply for, and accept if awarded, the Shores and Islands Grant in the amount of \$5,000 to be used for the 2024 Baseball season for sponsorship and equipment, as necessary. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Director Link said this will probably be used for a sponsorship so that they can market their logo. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2024-025

Apply for an Ohio Division of EMS Equipment Grant

Mr. Coleman moved to apply for and accept if awarded, the Ohio Division of EMS Equipment grant. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Chief Murphy said this grant is for a maximum of \$3,000. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

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Resolution 2024-026
Approve Sale of Fire Department Vehicles

Mr. Coleman moved to declare the following vehicles as being surplus to the Fire Department’s needs and sell them on GovDeals:

- 2016 Ford Taurus, VIN 6800
- 2012 Ford F-350, VIN 9260

Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Chief Murphy said they purchased the Ford Taurus from the Police Department a few years ago, and the repairs now required are too expensive relative to its value. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2024-027
Declare 506 Woodlawn Avenue a Nuisance

Mr. Coleman moved to declare 506 Woodlawn Avenue, PPN 32-02514.000, a nuisance for garbage, refuse and debris and order abatement of the nuisance condition and certify expenses related to that nuisance abatement to the County Auditor. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Code Enforcement Officer McClain said that she went by the house today, and there are still trash bags on the property. There is an on-going court case.

David Hall, the owner of the property, was in attendance and asked several questions regarding the definition of “nuisance” and the condition of neighboring property. The definition is in the Ohio Revised Code. The nearby property has a conditional use permit permitting the equipment on the property.

Mr. Hall claimed that Perkins Township was going to take the property. Mr. Coleman said that was not what was being said. Mr. Ommert said that it was like having a vehicle towed because it was unsafe. The vehicle was still yours, but it was not allowed on the road until the vehicle was made safe.

Mr. Hall said that under the Freedom of Information Act he was asking for the list of people complaining. Mr. Coleman said that we are not covered by the Freedom of Information Act, but we would consider it under a public records request.

With no further discussion, Mr. Coleman requested the roll call vote. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2024-028
Establish Fund 4915 – Capital Project – New Fire Station

Mr. Coleman moved to establish fund 4915 to receive the initial payment of \$150,000 from Aligned Data for the construction of a new fire station. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Director Angela Byington said this funding was not the PILOT payment. It was a good faith payment. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2014-029
Adopt 2024 Permanent Appropriations

Adopt the 2024 Permanent Appropriations based on the Fund/Program as follows:

Fund	Personal Services		Transfers Out	Total
1000 General		Other		
Administration	492,548	439,900		932,448
Building Maintenance	5,844	889,283		895,127
Community Dev	573,498	422,950		996,448

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General Lighting		24,000		24,000
Park Operating	237,271	174,600		411,871
Community Events	74,969	99,350		174,319
Capital Purchases		260,500		260,500
General Fund - Transfers Out				
3101 Debt Service			79,964	79,964
4402 OPWC Loan			27,500	27,500
2041 Cemetery Fund			126,000	126,000
2021 Gas Tax Fund			180,000	180,000
2911 Youth Recreation			38,000	38,000
2913 Park Development			192,000	192,000
4910 Sidewalks			150,053	150,053
Total GENERAL FUND	1,384,130	2,310,583	793,517	4,488,230
SPECIAL FUNDS				
2011 Motor Vehicle License Tax		62,180		62,180
2021 Gasoline Tax	217,802	286,500		504,302
2031 Road & Bridge	378,055	102,236		480,291
2041 Cemetery	65,657	163,500		229,157
2191 Police	2,874,545	679,261		3,553,806
2192 Fire	3,572,650	1,370,250		4,942,900
2192 EMS	204,000	669,000		873,000
	3,776,650	2,039,250	-	5,815,900
2193 MVA Escrow		32,851		32,851
2194 Road Reconditioning		1,414,488	327,541	1,742,029
2221 Drug Law Enforcement		60,800		60,800
2231 Permissive Motor Vehicle License	41,036	137,118		178,154
2271 Enforcement & Education		300		300
2275 Police Recruit/Retain ARP	127,654			127,654
2276 ARP Ohio Ambulance Transportation	20,000			20,000

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2293 Police Drug Use Prevention	71,079	2,486		73,565
2401 Street Lighting District	1,575	47,000		48,575
2907 K-9		31,800		31,800
2910 CPT Grant	1,684			1,684
2911 Youth Recreation	6,172	128,050		134,222
2913 Park Development		204,000		204,000
Total SPECIAL PROJECTS	7,581,909	5,391,821	327,541	13,301,270
DEBT SERVICE				
3101 Hull/Bell Loan		79,962		79,962
3102 Road TAN Loan		327,550		327,550
Total DEBT SERVICE		407,512	-	407,512
CAPITAL PROJECTS				
4402 OPWC W Strub		27,500		27,500
4902 Safe Route to Schools		207,103		207,103
4907 TAN Projects		15,277		15,277
4909 OPWC		5,556		5,556
4910 Sidewalks		160,000		160,000
4911 Fire		18,200		18,200
4912 Public Works Dept		19,441		19,441
Total CAPITAL PROJECTS		453,076		453,076
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Total 2024 Appropriations	8,966,039	7,702,404	1,121,058	18,650,089
	Personnel	Other	Transfers Out	Total

Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Total amount of the appropriations is \$18,650,088. Ms. Schaefer noted that they still need to appropriate the American Rescue Plan funds. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Department Reports

Police Department – Lt. Brent Adams said their report had been submitted in writing. The Flock cameras are being installed weekly.

Fire Department – Chief Murphy said the report was submitted in writing.

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Public Works Department – Director Bard Link said they had moved the bus stop at King Street to face Columbus Avenue.

Recreation - Ms. Schaefer said the check from Firelands Regional Medical Center for \$12,000 had been received as their contribution for last year and this year.

Administrator – Mr. Boyle thanked everyone for the presentation to Nate Matthews.

Proclamation – Mr. Coleman read a proclamation for African American History Month.

Notices/Correspondence

- Next Regular Meeting – February 27 @ 8:30 am
- Demo of 2509 Hayes Avenue Water Tower – February 20 @ 1:00 pm

Fiscal Officer Comments

- Payments for the period January 24 – February 13 total \$811,215.88 and included payments to: Ohio Treasurer for the OPWC Loan; Clark Equipment for a plow & installation; Compass Materials for salt; Erie County Auditor for our share of the GIS system; Lexipol, LLC for the Fire and Administration manuals; Perkins Township Community Improvement Corp for opening an account for TIF transactions.
- Officer Jordan Speer will be promoted to Class A on February 26th
- Officer Michael Todhunter will be promoted to Class B on February 28th

Trustees' Discussion – None

Public Forum

Paul Hauke, Matthes Avenue, asked the Trustees to consider speed bumps on Matthes Avenue. John McGlashan, Matthes Avenue, also spoke on the speed on Matthes Avenue. When the police are there, the speed goes down, but they cannot be out there all the time, and it goes back up when they are not. Mr. Boyle said that the Police Department has conducted several speed studies in the area. Lt. Adams says that the data shows that the speed goes up when school is in session.

Ed Radatz, Stoneway Drive, wanted to speak about recycling. He questioned why Perkins Township does not have recycling. There are dumpsters at the schools, but they are not for public use. When he called the County, they suggested he contact the Trustees. The surrounding townships have recycling, why not Perkins? Mr. Boyle said Huron was a single hauler situation. Mr. Boyle and Mr. Coleman recounted meetings where Perkins suggested having a single hauler, people refused to give up their haulers. Mr. Boyle said that there had been a meeting with Republic, but Republic said it would be expensive on an individual basis. The County eliminated the bins at the fairgrounds because of what was being dumped. Mr. Boyle said once we get the information back from Republic, it will be discussed further.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Coleman moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Mr. Lang seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Meeting adjourned.

Timothy Coleman, Chairman

Diane Schaefer, Fiscal Officer