

PERKINS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

April 8, 2025

The Perkins Township Trustees met on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, in the Township Services Facility located at 2610 Columbus Avenue. The Trustees present were James Ommert, James Lang, and Tim 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

The minutes of March 25th will be presented for approval at the April 22nd meeting.

FINANCIALS

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the financials for the period ending April 4th. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2025-45

Hire Derek Kuba as a Class B Full-Time Firefighter/EMT, Effective April 9, 2025

Mr. Coleman moved to hire Derek Kuba as a Class B full-time Firefighter/EMT, effective April 9, 2025. Mr. Lang seconded. Chief Murphy gave a brief biography on Kuba and added that he scored well on all of the exams and testing. Administrator Boyle wanted to reiterate Kuba's great skillset and experience and recommends his hiring. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Public Hearing:

To consider a recommendation of the Zoning Commission that the text of the Zoning Resolution's Article 3 "Construction of Language & Definitions" and Article 17 "General Commercial District/ C-2" be amended related to define "fireworks sales" and to align with the Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Fire Code.

Chairman Coleman opened the public hearing. Community Development Director, Arielle Blanca explained that the Department is making efforts to continuously update current Zoning Resolution to reflect Ohio Revised Code. Director Blanca would like to amend the definitions of fireworks and add a subsection for retail business establishments. There has been a public working session on the subject, voted on March 10th by the Zoning Commission.

Scott Allison of 5903 Milan Avenue, Sandusky Fireworks Superstore, added that he believes the current code is not compliant, he's here to answer any questions. Susie Allison stated that she is here to help as well. There are retailers not doing things safely, it is a hazard, and she encourages the regulations to keep people from being hurt. Chairman Coleman closed the public hearing.

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Resolution 2025-46

Amend Article 3 “Construction of Language and Definitions” Section 3.71 Fireworks

Mr. Coleman moved to amend Article 3 “Construction of Language and Definitions,” Section 3.71 Fireworks to indicate that it is defined as contained in the Ohio Administrative Code Section 1301.7-7-02, and to amend Article 17 “General Commercial District (C-2),” Section 17.1 Principal Permitted Uses, Section 3 by adding Subsection (a) indicating that a Licensed Fountain Device Retailer is permitted as an accessory use. There was no further discussion. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2025-47

Apply for, and Accept if Awarded, the Norfolk Southern Safety First Grant in the Amount of \$15,000.00

Mr. Coleman moved to apply for, and accept if awarded, the Norfolk Southern Safety First Grant in the amount of \$15,000.00. To be used to purchase a fire extinguisher training system. Chief Murphy explained the value as it allows firefighters to train inside during inclement weather and this grant would offset the cost. Mr. Lang seconded. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2025-48

Request that the Erie County Commissioners Vacate an Undeveloped Portion of Linden Way at Birchwood Drive

Mr. Coleman moved to request that the Erie County Commissioners vacate an undeveloped portion of Linden Way at Birchwood Drive per the request of an abutting property owner. Mr. Lang seconded. Walt Kapiskosky. explained that he has been maintaining the right of way and using it for a long time. He added that it is a public street right-of-way and not needed for public use. Administrator Boyle explained the process involved with a request to vacate a right-of-way, and the need for the Commissioners to consider, and then approve the right-of-way vacation. Walt Kapiskosky stated that he inquired with Arielle and applied to own. Chairman Coleman thanked Walt for keeping it cleaned up and is glad to hear the neighbors are in support of this as well. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2025-49

Declare a Certain Vehicle Parked on Sweetbriar Drive as a Junk Motor Vehicle and Causing its Immediate Removal

Mr. Coleman moved to declare a certain vehicle parked on Sweetbriar Drive as a junk motor vehicle and causing its immediate removal pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.871. Mr. Lang seconded. Code Enforcement Officer McClain explained that the Township received numerous complaints about this vehicle. She added that a notice was placed on the vehicle, but it was ignored. This meets all the criteria of a junk vehicle and believes it should be removed. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

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Resolution 2025-50

**Authorize the Submission of a Grant Request Under the Erie County Commissioners
2025 Road Improvement Program**

Mr. Coleman moved to authorize the submission of a grant request under the Erie County Commissioners 2025 road improvement program for road repairs on Old Railroad Road and accept if so awarded. Mr. Lang seconded. Public Works Director, Brad Link, shared that this would hopefully be the third year of the projects if Old Railroad is funded, first being Matthes/Briar, then Bell, and now Old Railroad as it is in need of work. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2025-51

**Declare Various Public Works Department Vehicles and Equipment as Being Surplus
and Dispose of by Appropriate Means**

Mr. Coleman moved to declare various Public Works Department vehicles and equipment on the attached list as being surplus to Township needs, and dispose of by appropriate means. Mr. Lang seconded. Director Link explained that the surplus items are beyond their useful life and we will sell what we can on GovDeals. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2025-52

**Declare Various Fire Department Equipment as Surplus and Dispose of by the
Appropriate Means**

Mr. Coleman moved to declare the following fire department equipment as surplus and dispose of by the appropriate means: three Lifepak 15 cardiac monitors, three cold-water rescue suits, and approximately 2500' of large diameter supply hose. Mr. Lang seconded. Chief Murphy explained that the items on the surplus list are beyond their useful life, and we will sell what we can on GovDeals or we can work with other departments in the County. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2025-53

**Authorize the Fiscal Officer to Pay the Remaining Balance of the TAN Projects Loan
of \$322,138.02 and to Close the Account with First National Bank**

Mr. Coleman moved to authorize the Fiscal Officer to pay the remaining balance of the TAN Projects Loan of \$322,138.02 and to close the account with First National Bank. Mr. Lang seconded. Fiscal Officer Koch explained the benefit of making the final two payments early, in saving the Township interest charges. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2025-54

**Purchase a New Holland TS6 with 96" Flail Mower in the Amount of \$163,644.46
through the Township's Sourcewell Membership**

Mr. Coleman moved to purchase a New Holland TS6 with 96" Flail mower in the amount of \$163,644.46 through the Township's Sourcewell membership. Mr. Lang seconded. Director Link explained that this purchase would replace the 2010 mower that is in need of replacement. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

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Department Reports

Police Department – Captain Curran’s report was submitted in writing. He shared that Chief Musser would be away until the end of June. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday the 12th at Perkins High School. He added that there have been political demonstrations happening lately in front of the mall of public sidewalk. There have not been any problems with those.

Fire Department – Chief Murphy’s report was submitted in writing. He is available for any questions.

Community Development – Director Blanca’s report was submitted in writing.

Public Works Department – Director Link’s report was submitted in writing. He reminded all that Clean-Up-Day would be happening Saturday April 26th, from 8-12. They will be doing drug takeback as well.

Administrator – Administrator Boyle shared that the Township submitted an MOU for School Resource officer. We are reviewing the Police Department policy of dash camera footage as the Attorney General’s office released a sample policy. House Bill 96, the operating budget, vote will be taken on the 9th. ODOT Distric 3’s Traffic Planning Engineers will be doing an evaluation and vehicle detection of the traffic light near Chick-Fil-A. Administrator Boyle also shared that he will be attending the upcoming CLOUT meeting and executive board on the 14th. There will also be a School District meeting on the 17th at 9:00 am.

Proclamation

- Chairman Coleman read into the record a proclamation for Sandusky Lion’s Club on their 100th Anniversary.

Notices/Correspondence

- Next Regular Meeting – April 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Comments

- Payments for the period of March 22nd through April 4th total \$455,631.98. This includes payments to App Architecture for services relating to the new fire station, Bill’s Implement Sales for the lawn mower leases for parks and cemetery, Chris Shane Company for kiddie mulch, Community First National Bank for the SCBA lease of fire department equipment, and Sharpnack Chevrolet-Buick for a police department vehicle.

Trustees’ Discussion

No further discussion by the Trustees.

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Public Forum

Cathryn Carter, Columbus Avenue, asked whether Perkins Township has fire extinguishers in Police cars. Captain Curran advised that there are, and that they are checked/tested annually.

Waly Kapiskosky thought that the Township needed to replace its old Fire Stations and asked when the new Fire Stations would be constructed. Chief Murphy explained that it is in the final design stage. Administrator Boyle advised that the Township wants to be under construction this summer on Woodlawn Avenue.

Cathryn Carter asked where it would be on Woodlawn Avenue, at the corner of Columbus Avenue was her guess. Chairman Coleman noted that the Township has a previous commitment from the county for the vacant property at the corner between the National Guard Armory and Columbus Avenue. The Township thought was and is of the opinion that this would be a preferred location for the new station. Chief Murphy noted that the location of the new station a short distance to the east of the Armory is withing the preferred area for a station from the perspective of response times.

Adjournment

Mr. Coleman moved to adjourn the Board's meeting at 6:45 pm. Mr. Lang seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Meeting adjourned.

Timothy Coleman, Chairman

Alexis Koch, Fiscal Officer