The Board of Perry Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Liberty Community Room. Roll Call: John Gibson (JD), present, John Baughman, present, John Brose, present, and Cindy Stalling, present. Also present was Jessica Gibson, Todd Wisse, Chief Dan McElfresh, Linda Baldridge, Dustin Cook, Jeff Johnson, Breanna Parcels, Sandy Wilcox, Dan Ackley, Rob Harvey, Mike Long and Dan Coats.

All stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance

The minutes of the previous meeting was given to the Trustees to read prior to this meeting. Mr. Gibson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes and then asked if there were any additions or corrections to the financial statements that were given to the Trustees, all stand approved.

Ms. Breanne Parcels, Logan County Assistant Prosecutor, was here to address the Data Centers that are wanting to be built. She brought up as to whether we would like to have a Resolution giving our Zoning Commission some time to work on this. She has been approached by other Townships as such. This could give our Zoning Commission a 12-month lead time. She has a draft that she can send to Cindy prior to our next meeting. All Trustees were in favor of getting this Resolution.

Mr. Brose asked Breanne about House Bill 309, the State coming in and taking money away from the Townships. Is there any way we can make sure this doesn't happen? Can we designate money for certain things and be able to make sure we keep our money? Breanna said if we have appropriated money for certain things then they can't touch that money. Cindy told her that we started up 3 Capital Project Funds and Breanne said that was great, that money will not be able to be touched. Cindy asked her if there was a limit as to how much money you can put in those funds per year? Cindy was told $25,000.00 per year. Breanne told her that is a Jack question. Jack being our County Auditor. Cindy will contact Jack about this.

Mr. Brose brought up about our bill from Republic Services, it is $300.00 per month for the dumpster at the firehouse. $96.00 of that is a fuel recovery charge. Brose wants to contact Rumpke and get a price from them for a dumpster. These are the only 2 Companies that he can find that will service a 4 cubic foot dumpster.

Mr. Brose brought up about the Madison Gas company that services our natural gas to the Lodge, the Shop and the Firehouse. Last month they had a high gas delivery fee on the bills. This month's bills were back down.

Mr. Gibson brought up about Braeden Eirich mowing the cemeteries again this year? Gibson had talked to him and he wants to do them again this year. He will do it for the same price as last year. $900.00 per mowing of the 3 cemeteries. Gibson made a motion to hire him to mow again, seconded by Brose. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes. Cindy had his contract for the 2026 season ready for the Trustees to sign. Cindy will mail it to Braeden to sign and mail back to us.

Mr. Gibson reported that our new dump truck is here and has been lettered. Baughman got it lettered and is waiting on the bill for that. Cindy said we have already received a re-call on it, for a trailer module. It will need to go in for the repair.

Mr. Gibson reported that the Park is open and ready to go. He got the totes for the park taken care of. The welding on the batting cage frame is done. It is ready for the net to go up on it.

Mr. Gibson brought up about the electric bill at the park from the Boosters, are we going to pay it for the month of July? After some discussion, Brose made a motion to reimburse them for their July month electric bill, seconded by Gibson. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes. Gibson will contact Chelsey Bailey and let her know and tell her, I will need an invoice to be able to pay them.

Mr. Gibson contacted the Amish again about doing the work at the park, said they would come do it, but haven't showed up yet.

Cindy brought up about that the insurance for the Township went up $37.00 from last year. This is with Stolly Insurance. Gibson made a motion to stay Stolly Insurance, seconded by Baughman. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

Cindy brought up that she got a phone call from Mr. Chuck Boudrow from Florida telling her that Jenny and himself would like to resign their positions on the Zoning Appeals Board effectively immediately. Gibson brought up that when we interviewed for positions on the Zoning Boards around a year ago, we had 5 applicants. 2 of them were put on the Boards, 1 of them wasn't interested after his interview and that left 2 others. They were Rob Harvey and Tom Erdy. Gibson talked to Mr. Erdy and he is still interested, and we asked Mr. Harvey and he said yes, he was still interested as well. Cindy reported that we will need to move Mark Slonecker from the Alternate into a term position. That will leave 1 term position open and the Alternate position open as well. Mr. Harvey will take the term position and Mr., Erdy will become the Alternate. The Appeals Board will now be; Jessica Gibson, Chairman, 1 yr. term, Kurt Penhorwood, 2 yr. term, Mitch Current, 3 yr. term, Mark Slonecker, 4 yr. term, Rob Harvey, 5 yr. term and Tom Erdy, Alternate. Mike Long wanted to know how you get on the Board, and he would like to be on one. Since the 2 who interviewed were still interested, the positions will go to them.

Gibson reported that he put the 2009 GMC dump truck on Gov.deals today. It will run for 10 days. We have the right to reject any or all bids. Gibson had to do 1.5 hours of training to get on that website and we are registered there now. Gibson also put the tires off of the John Deere on there for $25.00.

Fire Chief McElfresh gave his monthly report. The department had 19 runs since last meeting, no runs were missed and no issues to report. Chief went over the fill-rate for the month. Chief reported that there was a pump leak on Tanker 41 from Fire Safety Services. Chief went over the expenditures for the month. Chief applied for the Ohio Division of EMS Equipment Grant. The department members completed 182 hours of training in March. The yearly call volume has increased 18% from the end of March 2025 to the end of March 2026.

Chief reported that there was a meeting held with the architect and the Trustees on April 7, 2026, to discuss the next steps after reviewing the topographical survey.

The fire department was not awarded the small county fire department grant from the State of Ohio Fire Marshal. The letter stated that there was nothing wrong with our grant, they just ran out of funding.

Chief requested $9,604.00 from the equipment account (Capital Project) to purchase 1,400 ft of 3" fire hose from FSS. This will replace the 3" fire hose on Engine 41 that is 29 years old. Brose made a motion for said purchase, seconded by Baughman. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes. Then Brose made a motion to sell the old 3" hose on Gov.Deals, seconded by Baughman. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

Chief brought up about acquiring a government email account for the fire department. Starting in July of this year, information will be redacted from the Logan County Sheriff's Office for the department's times for fire and EMS calls. Chief said he could see this same requirement in the future from the other agencies such as the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Ohio Division of EMS. Not all members would need a government email address. Chief recommended 3 email addresses, 1 for the station that for fire and EMS calls to be received, 1 for the EMS Co-Ordinator (Captain Gibson). And 1 for the Fire Chief. Chief thought maybe the Ohio Township Association could offer us information on this, Cindy emailed the OTA on

.Friday about this and received an email back today from the OTA on how to go about doing this, Cindy forwarded the email on to the Fire Chief.

Zoning Inspector, Mr. Dan Ackley gave his monthly report. He wrote 3 permits this past month. New home permits to Jessica Current and Nathan Current. An addition to a garage to Earl Levan. Then he had 8 phone calls as well. Talked to Earl Levan and Jessica Current on their permits. Talked to Christina Parks on building set backs and road frontage. Dustin Cook on the Baxley lots with potential new home. Ken Rosebrook on zoning regulations for cell towers. Megan Mass on potential splitting property, would need a variance for road frontage and the 3/1 ratio. Joe Friday of Friday Surveying on a new home, and lot sizes on Regina Brill on C.R. 2. And talked to Aaron of LUC.

Mr. Gibson gave Nikki's report, the Lodge was rented 6 times, all non-profit. The CR was rented 18 times and the Park was still closed.

Dustin Cook brought up about replacing the flags at the Cemeteries, they are looking pretty bad. Todd told him he did replace them last week, and he ran out, so we still have 1 bad flag flying until the new flags come in.

Rob Harvey was wondering about this Township money maybe being taken from the Township under thew House Bill 309, just how much money does the Township have? We told him what was in the funds he was wondering about. Cindy told him that he can look at the funds at any time, it is public record.

Mr. Mike Long was wondering if there is any new information on the old Grubb property on Foundry Street.

Cindy brought up that she was informed that Allen Township is going to go into the Northwestern Fire District. We discussed a lot about fire districts. Chief explained a lot about fire districts. Chief said that Allen Township Trustees voted to do this. Steve Brose will be Fire Chief and John Cook will be Assistant Fire Chief. There was discussion about what happens to each department's money?

Gibson made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Brose. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

TOTAL OF BILLS: $111,335.01

INCOME FOR MARCH: $ 629,787.27

Brose made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Gibson. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Cindy Stalling, Perry Township Fiscal Officer

Accepted by Perry Township Trustees:

John Gibson

John Baughman

John Brose