

The Board of Perry Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Liberty Community Room. Roll Call: John Brose, present, Ken Rosebrook, present, John (JD) Gibson, present and Cindy Stalling, present. Also present was Renee Rosebrook, Jessica Gibson, Linda Baldridge, Kurt Penhorwood, Jennifer Penhorwood, Courtney Butts, Mike Yoder, Todd Wisse, Dan McElfresh, Janet Blank, Sue Zimmerman, Rob Harvey, Larry Wellington, Nikki Yelton, Dan Coats, and Dan Ackley.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. John (JD) Gibson and all 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 from the fiscal officer. They both stand approved by the trustees.

John brought up about the dump truck. The hoist is broke, we thought we had a guy who could fix it, but he was just going to take a piece out and the Trustees were not thrilled with this fix. There is several other things wrong with the truck too. Do we want to nurse it long until we can find a new one? It's a 2009. Maybe we could find a demo? All Trustees agreed that we do not put more money into this dump truck.

Kenny brought up about new items at the Park. He has catalogues about new playground equipment, if anyone wants to look at them.

Kenny wanted to know if JD had heard back from Melvin Stratton about removing his cemetery base. JD has not heard back from Melvin. JD said he will call him tomorrow.

Kenny stated that we need to put on hold any quoting for projects at the park until winter and the snow is over.

JD brought up about the kitchen remodel at the Community Room. Munz is shooting for Feb 17 as long as all goes well. He is thinking it will take him a week.

John brought up about porta pottys, Kelly's Service just keeps going up. If we owned the pots, Kelly's would still charge us \$90.00 a month to clean them. John called a place in Marysville called Discount Porta Pots. If we owned the pots, they would charge us \$60.00 per month to clean them. We can purchase the one at the shop from Kelly's for \$250.00. John found some on Craig's List for \$350.00. If we purchased 2 porta pots, then we could get Discount Porta Pots to come clean them out every 2 weeks for \$130.00 per time. Right now, we are paying \$3,480.00 per year at Kelly's we could knock that down to \$1,560.00 per year if we make these changes. After some discussion, John made a motion to try to switch out the porta pots and purchase 2 of them and have Discount Port Pot clean them out every month, seconded by Kenny. JD, yes, John, yes and Kenny, yes. Nikki refuses to clean the porta pot at the park. John will take care of contacting Kelly's and making the changes.

John reported that Vera McCreary called him a couple days ago, and she wants us to look at the water that collects in the front of her house. John told her that we would see in the spring how much water is in front of her house.

Kenny brought up about the surveying for the North Greenfield Cemetery. He received an email from Tim Guider Surveying and he would charge us \$2,500.00 and we would get a map and he would put one at the map room as well. Priday Surveying responded to Kenny's email, would charge us \$1,500.00, Blackburn Surveying has not got back ahold of Kenny and Clapsaddle Surveying, Kenny has not gotten a reply from. After some discussion, matter was tabled and Kenny will keep pursuing this.

Kenny reported that the Logan County Township Quartley Meeting will be January 16th at Ohio Hi-Point.

Kenny received an email from Jackie Kitchen, she is the director of the BP Light Source project that is between Perry and Liberty Townships and she told that this project is not going to happen.

Kenny talked to Braeden Eirich and he is planning on mowing the cemeteries again in 2025. We will get with him later, towards mowing season and discuss his contract.

Cindy received a letter from the Logan County Recorder's Office about getting the 2024 zoning permits turned in, Cindy will take them when she takes the Appropriations into the Auditor's Office.

Cindy received the Amended Certificate from the County Auditor, she made a copy for all the Trustees so they can look it over and also see where the temporary appropriations were made so they can be voted on at our February meeting.

Cindy brought up about who our LUC Representative member for 2025. John made a motion to leave Kenny on as our Representative, seconded by JD. JD, yes, John, yes and Kenny, yes. Cindy also told Kurt Penhorwood that she needs his email for the form we have to fill out for LUC for our Zoning Board members. Cindy also needs info of Mark Slonecker and Jocelyn Kavanagh, their phone numbers and their emails too.

Cindy attended a meeting out at LUC on December 12 on Zoning for Townships. It was for all fiscal officers in the 3-county area. LUC will be having meetings with the Trustees and also the Zoning Inspectors in the future.

The VFFDF annual report came in. The members will be as last year: The administrative members will be JD Gibson and Kenny Rosebrook. The Fire Dept members will be Jason Epp and Sandy Wilcox. The other member will be Chief Dan McElfesh. The Chairman will be JD Gibson and the Secretary will be Kenny Rosebrook.

Kurt Penhorwood, was here to discuss the situation about the smell of marijuana in the Post Office. Kurt owns the building where the post office and the apartment are. Kurt stated that he has had about enough of all the turmoil going on about this situation. Kurt has done everything possible he can do as the landlord. He has spent \$800.00 on air purifiers, scrubbers. Kurt had a filter to show what he has purchased. The postmistress does not change these filters. They are supposed to be changed every month. Kurt says if she can't change these filters then she should quit complaining. The lady in the apartment has a medical marijuana card and is legal to smoke it in her apartment. There is nothing Kurt can do about this, as she is legal. Kurt discussed more about the postmistress. The postmistress, she came to East Liberty from Middleburg two years ago. She has been trying to go back to Middleburg every since she came here. She has finally gotten word that she will be going back to Middleburg. She is also complaining about the sign outside on the building that Kurt removed to make improvements in the building. The sign is still down, as it was old, made out of wood and is falling apart. Kurt talked to John at the Bellefontaine Office, and Pam, the postmistress has to put in a requisition for a new sign and she won't do this because she is mad at Kurt. The new Postmistress, Alana, has already put in a requisition for a new sign. Kurt is fed up, Pam has called many departments to try and get something done, all departments told her there is nothing that can be done. Peg, the apartment lady, has quit smoking marijuana, and is using gummies, which are not as beneficial to her as smoking, since all this has started and she feels sorry for Kurt. Peg has not left her apartment for 2 weeks, as she can't breathe well enough to walk to her car to go anywhere. Janet Blank wanted to talk on this subject, she said she thinks that the recognition for the residents of the community, is the residents should not have to smell the marijuana to go into the post office. Janet said that Pam is a very good employee. And she is sad to see her leaving. She has a different opinion of Pam as to what Kurt has. Janet said that as far as the purifiers and the filters, Janet is a Pharmacist and has a degree in Science, as she said that the purifiers and the filters are very limited on how much they can do. Janet does not want to lose our Post Office here in town. Janet wants to recognize that there is a problem with going into the post office. Janet stated that she has talked to John and Kenny and she said there is a commercial zoning that the Township could enforce. Kenny told her that we have been advised by our legal counsel that this is not a Township issue it is a land owner's problem. We have been advised to not be involved in this situation. Nikki said that this is a civil issue, so the township has to stay out of it. Kenny read our advice from our Attorney. Janet said that to the landowner, she hopes you care as much for the residents, as you do to the marijuana user. Janet does not want to lose our Post Office. There was more discussion on this.

Kenny brought up about Peggy's car being parked out in front of the apartment, and when they are plowing the snow, it is in the way. Kurt told the Trustees that when it snows, he will come and move her car and then after we plow he will move it back.

John brought up as to who is responsible to salt the sidewalk in front of the post office. Kurt said it is the post office's responsible to do it. We are doing it now.

Courtney Butts, of PTEC, brought up about getting a new lock on the closet door in the Lodge where they have their supplies. She said there has been people in that closet. Nikki said she has been in the closet and Kenny said he has been in the closet too. Todd said it was prolly him looking for filters. PTEC does keep some important things in there.

Courtney brought up about their July 4,(5th) celebration, could we block off both drives to the cemetery. Trustees said they already do block them off.

PTEC has a couple dinners coming up for money makers.

Mike Yoder, Logan County Commissioner, was in attendance as a courtesy call, as he is trying again to attend a meeting of every Township and Village in Logan County. and we were 1st on his list. He stated that the County is here if we need them.

Fire Chief, Dan McElfresh gave his monthly report. We had 14 runs since last meeting and all were covered, there no issues to report.

Medic 41 experienced a similar issue as 2 months ago. This time more codes are stored in the computer, so M-41 was taken back to Krieger, they are checking wires now.

Chief submitted the State Fire Marshall Equipment Grant for 7 sets of turnout gear. For a cost of \$24,661.00.

Chief went over the expenditures for the month.

The Department participated in the Operation Santa's Sleigh at Children's Hospital in Columbus on December 23, 2024. Dustin Cook took our truck down there for that.

The Department participated in the funeral service for retired EMS Chief Margie Cook on December 30, 2024.

Chief asked Cindy if she had received any RFQ's, and she did not.

Chief received signed contract for the new EMS medical director. We will now be under Memorial Hospital in Marysville.

Chief requested to renew the subscription it 24-7 EMS and fire with HIS for 19 members. This is the online continuing education program the department has been using to allow members to obtain continuing education for EMS and fire certifications. The total cost is \$859.75.

Chief requested to renew the Active 9-1-1 subscription. This is the program that allows the Logan County Sheriff's office to send our incidents to the members cell phones. The cost is \$236.25. This can be paid online with the Chief's card.

Chief stated that on January 1, 2025, the department members will be completing 2 hours of fire training each day to help meet the continuing education requirements by the State of Ohio.

Chief reported that the department members will be completing 1 EMS and 1 fire course each month utilizing the 24-7 online continuing education program. These online courses will be assigned at the beginning of each month starting February 1, 2025.

John made a motion to renew both the 24-7 HSI and the Active 9-1-1, seconded by Kenny. JD, yes, John, yes and Kenny, yes.

Zoning Inspector, Dan Ackley, gave his monthly report:

12-17- Jennifer from TRC called to see if they would need a permit to change their sign out front. Dan told her no.

12-17- Lorrinda called to see if they would need anything to tear down houses and do some excavating, Dan told her no. She is with the company who is tearing down the houses in Logan County.

TRC called again to see if they would need a permit to do re-roofing, Dan told them no.

Terri Elssass called and told Dan she would like to be on the Zoning Board, but she missed the date to apply.

Jerrold from Radcliff, KY called, he is interested in Carol Cook's house. He wants to tear it down, and put up a new one. What would that entail? Dan told him that it would then become a lot and he would have to get a variance, do to the road frontage.

TRC Impact Lab interested in the new building that they are building. He thought he had a permit with us, but he did not, he had one but not one from Perry Township.

Nikki Yelton, janitor gave her monthly report: For December the Lodge was rented 14 times. The CR 11 times and the Park was closed. She had the totals for 2024: the Lodge was rented 87 times; the CR was rented 133 times and the Park was rented 34 times.

Nikki reported that the ball association would like to have a restroom closer to the ball field and playground. They would also like to see another ball field. There is no way to get another ballfield down at the park. And there is the porta potty that is closer to the ballfield.

Todd Wisse, checked the oil on the Ford 550, and it is pretty black.

Todd said the excavator needs new tracks if we are going to keep it. And it needs an oil change too.

Kenny brought up about him starting to take down the swing set at the park, he has started it and then the weather got crappy. John brought up about getting a merry-go-round for the park. There was much discussion on this, lots were in favor of putting a merry-go-round back the park.

We then went into our re-organizational meeting.

JD turned the meeting over to Cindy who asked for nominations from the floor for Chairman of the Board for 2025. JD nominated John for Chairman of the Board, seconded by Kenny. JD, yes, John, yes and Kenny, yes. Cindy then asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board. John nominated JD for Vice-Chairman, seconded by Kenny. John, yes, JD, yes and Kenny, yes. Kenny will be the member for 2025.

Kenny made a motion that we leave our meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the East Liberty Community Room, all Special meetings will be advertised, seconded by John. John, yes, JD, yes and Kenny, yes.

John made a motion that the Trustees are paid per salary, with the amount recommended by the State as per our Budget, seconded by JD. John, yes JD, yes and Kenny, yes.

Mr. John Brose made a motion to make the following changes in the Zoning Boards:

| <u>ZONING APPEALS BOARD</u> | <u>ZONING COMMISSION</u> |
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| Jenneth Boudrow, Chrm, 1 yr. term | Larry Wellington, Chrm 1 yr. term |
| Jessica Gibson, 2 yr. term | Joy Litteral, 2 yr. term |
| Kurt Penhorwood, 3 yr. term | Melony Baker, 3 yr. term |
| Mitch Current, 4 yr. term | Linda Baldrige, 4 yr. term |
| Chuck Boudrow, 5 yr. term | Sandy Wilcox, 5 yr. term |
| Alt.-Mark Slonecker | Alt-Jocelyn Kavanagh |

Seconded by Mr. John Gibson. Brose, yes, Rosebrook, yes and Gibson, yes.

John made a motion to leave the Zoning Rates the same as last year, seconded by JD . John, yes, JD, yes and Kenny, yes.

2025 ZONING RATES

Zoning Permits

\$12.50 – for value 0 - \$500.00

\$37.50 – for value \$01.00 - \$2,000.00

\$100.00 – for value \$2,001.00 - \$5,000.00

1. \$3.75 – per \$1,000.00 plus base fee; for \$5,001.00 to \$50,000.00

2. \$2.50 – per \$1,000.00 plus base fee and item (1) above \$50,001.00 and up.

With a cap of \$25,000.00 for any zoning permit.

Zoning permit for Swimming Pool 25.00

Cost of;

Rezoning (text, or district boundaries) \$400.00

Appeals, variances, and conditional uses \$300.00

Passed by all Trustees and will be effective as of 01-01-2025

John made a motion to leave Mr. Dan Ackley as our Zoning Inspector, seconded by JD. John, yes, JD, yes and Kenny, yes.

John made a motion to leave Mr. Dan Ackley’s salary the same as last year, seconded by JD. John, yes, JD, yes and Kenny, yes. He will receive \$550.00 per month and 10% of the permits that he writes and \$40.00 per zoning meeting that he attends. All Trustees agreed that we do not need to have our annual zoning meeting with the Zoning Boards. JD made a motion to leave the Zoning Board members pay for attending any Zoning meeting at \$40.00 per meeting, seconded by John. John, yes, JD, yes and Kenny, yes.

JD made a motion to raise the Cemetery Rates; \$50.00 for both burials. The bases the \$275.00 going to \$300.00, the \$300.00 to \$\$350.00 and the \$\$400.00 to \$450.00, seconded by John. John, yes, JD, yes and Kenny, yes.

2025 CEMETERY RATES

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| Open and Close Grave | \$450.00 |
| WEEKEND Open and Close Grave | \$550.00 |
| Open and Close Infant Grave | \$ 60.00 |
| Cremation Interment | \$200.00 |
| Cremation Interment (Weekend) | \$300.00 |
| Install Military Base | FREE |
| Monument Bases: | |
| Up to and include 12” | \$300.00 |
| 12.1” and include 24” | \$350.00 |
| 24.1” and include 60” | \$450.00 |
| 60.1” and up | By Measurement |
| Crypt | At Owners Discretion and Expense |

Trustees want actual dimension of stone on base order sheets.

After 10 years, Perry Township is NOT responsible for repairs/replacement of bases.

New bases will be \$75.00 per foot.

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| Disinterment within Perry Township | \$5,000.00 |
| Disinterment outside Perry Township | \$5,000.00 |

Lots:

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| Resident of Perry Township | full lot \$250.00 |
| | Half lot \$125.00 |
| Non-Residents of Perry Township | Full Lot \$5,000.00 |
| | Half Lot \$2,500.00 |

West Mansfield Residents, inside the city limits, may purchase lots in the GreenLawn Cemetery under the resident’s price.

JD made a motion to leave the Trustees doing the digging of the cemetery graves, seconded by John. John, yes, JD, yes and Kenny, yes.

Cindy brought up about the cemetery mower. Braeden Eirich did this last year. After some discussion, matter was tabled until closer to mowing season

Kenny made a motion to leave the mileage outside of Perry Township at \$.48 per mile, seconded by John. John, yes, JD, yes and Kenny, yes.

The policy for paying for Township Officials mileage, registration and reasonable priced meals to township conventions, workshops and so related meetings will continue to be honored. Any schooling or seminars the township will pay for the classes. John made this motion, seconded by JD. John, yes, JD, yes and Kenny, yes.

The Lodge Hall may be used for non-profit at NO charge and for funeral dinners at NO charge. John moved this motion, seconded by Kenny. John, yes, JD, yes and Kenny, yes.

John made a motion that the flowers in the cemeteries need to be cleaned off by April 1st and Oct. 1st for spring and fall clean-up, seconded by John. John, yes, JD, yes and, Kenny, yes.

JD made a motion that base orders must be turned in by May 1st to be guaranteed to be in by Memorial Day, and fall orders are to be turned in by Sept. 15th, seconded by John. John, yes, JD, yes and Kenny, yes.

John made a motion to leave the purchasing policy amount at \$500.00, seconded by JD. John, yes, JD, yes and Kenny, yes. Any purchase over the \$500.00 needs to have at least 2 Trustees approval prior to the purchase. This is for the 3 Trustees, the Fire Chief and the fiscal officer.

John made a motion that all time sheets needs to be turned into the fiscal officer by the 1st of each month, seconded by JD. John, yes, JD, yes and Kenny, yes.

Kenny made a motion that ONLY Perry Township residents can rent the Community Room and we will continue to accept donations, seconded by John. John, yes, JD, yes and Kenny, yes.

John made a motion to leave the rent for the Lodge Hall for Non-residents of Perry Township to \$200.00 with a \$50.00 deposit and to leave the rent for Perry Township residents at \$50.00 with a \$50.00 deposit, seconded by Kenny. John, yes JD, yes and Kenny, yes. The deposit will be returned if they clean up.

John made a motion to give the fiscal officer permission to perform line item transfers as needed through the year, seconded by Kenny. John, yes, JD, yes and Kenny, yes.

JD brought up going into Executive Session and Dan Coats asked to talk. Dan brought up about discussing raises for the fire department. Dan said that the department is getting ready to do renovations, getting the generator and with the problems with the medic and he does not feel like there should be any raises at the fire department. Dan has discussed this previously with the Fire Chief and he has run this -past JD. Dan said that there might be a couple people down there that might need one, but that would be all. Dan said that the way the on-call time is paid now is higher. Dan has talked to the Fire Chief and Dan told him he doesn't feel like he needs a raise either. The Chief drives a truck back and forth to work every day, you Trustees are letting that happen. Dan said that truck is suppose to be at the department with the snow plow on in case it has to chase the squad on a run. The Chief is using this as his vehicle, and Dan said that as a tax payer, the Township is paying for wear on the truck, the tires, etc. and putting gas in the truck every week, so Dan feels like that is the Chief's raise. Dan has told all this to the Chief before this meeting. John said his view, we will not get another man to do the Chief's job with what we pay the Chief. Dan said that truck was not a part of the deal when the Chief was hired. John told him that they can change their minds whenever they want to. Kenny said that that truck was just sitting down there not getting drove and now it is getting drove. Dan disagreed with Kenny and said that that truck did get drove. John said to look at other departments at what the Chief's drive. Dan said yes and they are full-time departments, where we are a volunteer part-time department. John said he doesn't feel that way. Dan said he is just voicing his opinion, and the Chief knew he was going to bring this up. Kenny said that in inclement weather, then that truck should be here with the plow on it and used for plowing. Jessica said that that truck was not put down there for plowing. She said that a few years ago, the fire department parking lot needed plowed, so she went out and used her personal vehicle to plow the lot. The Trustees said she should not be using her personal vehicle, so that is when this truck was put down there with the plow in case the lot needed plowed.

Rob Harvey wanted to know about the fill rate and employees, are we hiring down there now? Chief reported that he is comfortable with the number of employees that is there now. Rob said that a levy was passed with the wording of coverage at the department 24-7. He thought that is was said that there would be 2 employees at the station at all time. That wording was not on the levy. Rob said that if his house caught on fire and a department from a neighboring department shows up first, he is going to be pissed. It was discussed, the situations that could cause that to happen. We could be on another run or giving mutual aid as well. Fire Chief explained the run cards that are used with the dispatchers, depending on what the run is, it depends on what trucks, and departments get paged out. There was a lot of discussion on what happens at the department and what some of the protocol is at the department. Chief reported since he was hired there has been NO missed runs. Commissioner Yoder looked up the wording,

and it says a renewal of a tax for Perry Township for fire protection. Thanks Mike for looking this up. John thinks the Chief is doing great job.

Dan Coats said there is 1 down there that is doing a great job and Dan feel like she could use a raise. Dan said that when you walk into the firehouse and the employees are sitting watching TV and the trucks are dirty, then they don't deserve a raise. John said whose place is it to make them wash the trucks? Is it the Chief's, the Captains or who's? Dan said they know those trucks are to be clean.

JD would like to make a motion to go into Executive Session for personnel: Governed by section 121.22 of the ORC of Division G-1. Listed in paragraph A-1 of the rules to consider compensation for Township Employees. Do I have a second? Kenny seconded the motion. Mr. Gibson, yes, Mr. Brose, yes and Mr. Rosebrook, yes. We went into Executive Session at 8:42.

JD would like to make a motion to come out of Executive Session, do I have a second? Kenny seconded the motion. Mr. Gibson, yes, Mr. Brose, yes and Mr. Rosebrook, yes. We came out of Executive Session at 9:44 p.m.

JD made a motion to leave the janitor's salary the same as last year for the Park \$290.00 per month it is open and \$20.00 per month it is closed, the Twp. Building \$255.00 per month and the Lodge \$250.00 per month seconded by John. JD, yes, John, yes and Kenny, yes.

Cindy brought up that the full-time employee makes \$23.00 per hour, he got a \$1.00 per hour raise in October. John made a motion to leave it at \$23.00 per hour, seconded by JD. JD, yes, John, yes and Kenny, yes. This includes 11 paid holidays, 10 vacation days per year, 3 sick days.- JD made a motion to give him these, seconded by John. JD, yes, John, yes and Kenny, yes. He can not carry over more than 15 days.

Fire Chief salary is \$1200.00 per month for 24 hours, then \$23.00 per hour for any hours over the 24 hours. John made a motion to give him a 2.5% of the hourly rate, seconded by Kenny. JD, abstained, John, yes and Kenny, yes.

Fire Department pay, John said to give the hourly pay a 2.5% raise across the board, seconded by Kenny. JD, abstained, John, yes and Kenny, yes. The pay will stay the same for \$2.00 per hour more on the weekend, Holiday pay will be 1.5% pay rate. On call pay will stay the same hourly rate. This will be effective 02-01-2025

Kenny stated that Dan Ackley and Nikki Yelton got raises last year and no one else did, so that is why they did not get one this year.

JD made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by John. JD, yes, John, yes, and Kenny yes. Bills totaled \$66,369.79. The December receipts were \$18,027.28.

Renee has some concern about the Discount Porta Pots, about them not showing up. John told her all we can do is try them and if they don't show up then we will have to crawl back to Kelly's.

John made a motion for adjournment, seconded by JD. JD, yes, John, yes and Kenny, yes.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cindy Stalling, Perry Township Fiscal Officer

Accepted by Perry Township Trustees:

John (JD) Gibson

John Brose

Kenny Rosebrook