

The Board of Perry Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, July 13, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at the East Liberty Lodge. There was a change in the time due to a conflict of interest. Roll Call: John (JD) Gibson, present, John Baughman, present, John Brose, present and Cindy Stalling, present. Also present was Jessica Gibson, Sandy Wilcox, Jeff Johnson, Todd Wisse and Fire Chief Dan McElfresh.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Gibson and all said the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the previous meeting was given to the Trustees along with the financial report, all reports stand approved by the Trustees.

Mr. Brose brought up about choosing the color of the slides, hand rails, etc. that we will be replacing on the playground equipment at Perry Park. It was discussed to go with a dark gray for the slides with a light gray as a back-up option. And for the hand rails maybe a maroon or a yellow. Go with a blue or gray for the top over the slides. We would like all of it to match the slides. After a lot of discussion, and the Trustees looking at the email from the company, the Trustees decided to pick our 1st option as Skyscraper, the 2nd option is Toad Stool, 3rd option is Solar Flare and 4th option is Savannah. These are with gray slides. Mr. Brose will call the Company tomorrow.

Mr. Brose brought up about the dumpster at the firehouse. Republic Services has been charging us around \$400.00 per month. Mr. Brose called Rumpke to see what they would charge us, they told him around \$200.00 per month. So, then Cindy called Republic and told them what Rumpke was going to charge. They said we had been a customer since 1994 and they did not want to lose us. So, they dropped the monthly fee to \$208.00, for 36 months The recovery fuel charge will vary every month. After some discussion, Mr. Brose made a motion to stay with Republic, seconded by Mr. Baughman. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose yes. Cindy will let republic know that we are going to stay with them for now.

Mr. Gibson brought up about JT Vegetation continuing to spraying for mosquitoes or not? It was agreed to keep doing it 1 time per week. Mr. Gibson will let him know. Mr. Gibson made a motion to sell our mosquito fogger on Deals.Gov, seconded by Mr. Baughman. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

There is a blow-out in Mitch's alley in front of his garage that needs to be taken care of.

Cindy has ordered the license plate for the new truck. They should be in in the next 2 weeks.

We did receive the money from TRC for the Fire Department services, at the General Motors Exclusive.

Reminder of the meeting at the Engineer's office on August 21, at 10:00 a.m.

Cindy had the paperwork that needed to be filled out for HB 309. We went over a lot of topics and situations that we decided to put in the paperwork. Cindy will email it to the Logan County Auditor, and he will submit it to the State.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Logan County Township Association will be on Thursday, July 23 at the Belle Center Shelter house for the annual picnic.

Cindy brought up about getting a letter from an East Liberty Resident stating that they are wondering why nothing is being done about the horrible messy properties, houses in this town. It is shameful driving through town especially visitors.

Fire Chief, Mr. Dan McElfresh, gave his monthly report. They had 9 total runs with none being misses and no issues.

The department completed 238.5 hours of training in June. FF Ethan Zimmerman has graduated from Paramedic school and is waiting to take the National Registry test for certification.

Chief went over the expenditures from the month.

Chief reported that the yearly call volume increased 4.5% from the end of June 2025 to the end of June 2026.

Chief brought up about the Station Renovation, the next steps to take. Chief brought up about maybe looking into a Star account? It was also brought up about a lot out by the Storage Units being for sale, this might be a better avenue to look at. This lot is for sale for \$259,900.00. There was much discussion about purchasing this lot as opposed to building at the existing fire department lot. If we would want to purchase that lot, we need to get with the Logan County Prosecutor and see what we would need to do. We need to get ahold of Breanne. There was discussion as to if we would get that lot, then we would be selling the existing fire department. It was discussed as an option, that we put a new community room on the back of the firehouse. Mr. Brose made a motion to get ahold of Breanne and see what we need to do; do we need to hire a lawyer to put something together for us. Mr. Gibson will get ahold of Breanne, seconded by Mr. Baughman. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

There is a lot of things that need to be figured out before we continue with what we are going to do with a new firehouse.

Chief reported that the hose testing has been completed. Two sections of 5" hose and one section of 1 3/4" hose failed testing. The above failed sections have been sent to Fire Safety Services to be repaired.

The fire department was awarded a \$1,200.00 grant from the State of Ohio Division of EMS for supplies and equipment.

There was discussion on replacing the 2006 GMC pick-up truck. The truck currently has 129,000 miles. The department has spent \$3,473.08 on repairs since 2024, not including the recent rheostat replacement completed by Trustee Baughman. The truck has body rust, and gets 6 miles to the gallon. Chief stated that it does not need to be a new truck, a nice truck will suit the department's needs fine. Chief had a picture on a 2021 Ford Ranger with 39,711 miles, located at MIG Auto Group in Bellefontaine. This truck gets 18-21 miles per gallon. Trustee Gibson checked with the salesman at Ricart Ford where the new dump truck was purchased, so the salesman stated that a new similar Ford Ranger on state bid pricing is \$39,000.00. Mr. Baughman is going to call a salesman from Integrity in Bellefontaine. Mr. Gibson made a motion that we purchase a

truck to replace the 2006 GMC with a limit of \$40,000.00 to not exceed, seconded by Mr. Baughman, Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

It was discussed that if we got a new truck, would this be a hold on salary increase for a few years for the Chief. It was agreed on by the Chief.

Mr. Jeff Johnson of PTEC thanked everyone for their help with the July celebration. They would like to have a storage place to store some of their items. All Trustees agreed to let them store their stuff in the basement of the Lodge. Trustees also thanked PTEC for all their hard, dedicated work to Perry Township.

Mr. Todd Wisse thanked all who helped clean up the park after the celebration.

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

TOTAL OF BILLS: - \$88,243.28

INCOME FOR JUNE- \$42,899.84

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Cindy Stalling, fiscal officer

Accepted by Perry Township Trustees:

John Gibson

John Baughman

John Brose