

The Board of Perry Township Trustees met in Special Session on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Room in East Liberty. Roll Call; John Brose, present, John (JD) Gibson, present, Kenny Rosebrook, present and Cindy Stalling present. Also present was Fire Chief Dan McElfresh, Chris Widener and Jason Funderburg. Chris and Jason were representing WDC Group from Springfield, Ohio.

Chris and Jason are architects and are here for the purpose of this meeting which is the renovation to the firehouse.

Chairman Brose called the meeting to order and turned the meeting over to the Architects.

Chris went over their company and told us a little bit about their company.

Chief stated that there are 2 plans that have been discussed as to what could be done on the existing firehouse.

Chief stated that we need to be more accommodating to our female employees, we only have 1 bedroom right now. Chief went over the 2 plans that has been discussed. The male employees have been very good to the female employees that stay overnight. There are a couple problems with renovation, 1 is the septic tank in the back of the building and 2 the tile in the parking lot next to the firehouse.

Different options were discussed by all. Chief stated that he would like to have 2 bunk rooms and a couple offices, a new chief's office and better living quarters.

Chris wanted to know what kind of budget we had; Chief stated that he had told the Trustees probably around \$500,000.00. Chris said it won't be hard to spend that amount of money.

Chris went over different options, about fire walls. Whether we would have to be sprinklered. We want to try to avoid this.

We did a lot of discussing about the white wood building beside the Morton Fire house, it seems that we would be better off to tear the white building down. Chris felt like this would be our best option,

Chris said we should get the property surveyed to make sure where all the property lines are. Chris said another option might be to put a new firehouse on the property on the other side of the parking lot if we would have enough land there to do so. He said sometimes it is cheaper to do a new building as opposed to renovating the existing one. There are many building code requirements to get the existing building up to code. Chris thinks our best money spent is putting up a new building.

Another option would be to take down the white wood building and putting up a new 30 x 60 building in the same area. After some discussion, it would probably have to be at least a 36 x 60 building.

Chris said we are probably looking at at least \$700,000.00 to \$800,000.00 for this project no matter what option we go with.

Next step is to get a contract proposal and for WDC Group to get us some blueprints on different options.

This contract will cost us around \$20,000.00. JD made a motion to hire the WDC Group to go ahead with the blueprints, seconded by Kenny. John, yes, JD, yes and Kenny, yes.

Mr. John Brose made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Mr. Kenneth Rosebrook. Brose, yes, Gibson, yes, and Rosebrook, yes.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Cindy Stalling, fiscal officer

Accepted by Perry Township Trustees:

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John Brose

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John (JD) Gibson

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Kenny Rosebrook