The Board of Perry Township Trustees met in Special Session on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the Fire House in East Liberty. Roll Call; John (JD) Gibson present, John (JM) Baughman present, John (JC) Brose, present, and Cindy Stalling present. Also present was Fire Chief, Dan McElfresh, Chuck Litteral, Kenny Rosebrook, Mitch Current, Jason Epp, Jessica Gibson, and Chris Widener, the Architect from WDC Group.

Chairman Gibson called the meeting to Order and reported that the purpose of this meeting was to go over the surveying for either a new firehouse or renovating existing building.

All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief went over about the existing building being used to house trucks. And building a new building for residential occupancy.

Chris went over the blueprint from the surveyor. He said you can get a lot of money involved in site preparation. Chris said we do have a great land there with the parking lot, we could put a 60 x 60 building there and put a breezeway to connect the two buildings.

Chris reported that there is a lot of codes for residential occupancy (sleeping over). Chris suggested that we put the residential occupancy in a new building. He said this would be cheaper than getting existing building up to code. Chris went over many of the codes that we would have to do to get existing building up to code.

Chief stated that he would need 3 vehicles in the new building.

The drain at the front corner of existing building was discussed as to what we would need to do with it, if we would build new on the parking lot. There is another drain around where the dumpster sits.

Many options were discussed. Fire walls were discussed.

Chuck Litteral has a 30' easement (right of way) back to his property, that is not on the blueprint. Chuck is willing to move were the 30' is, just as long as he still has it. Chris will contact the surveyor and make sure this easement is in the deed, and put on the blueprint.

Kenny brought up about the soil samples that need to be done, are they done yet? Chris said no they have not been done yet. Chris said they were waiting to see what plan we were going with first.

It was discussed about the septic system, the well, and the electric at existing site. It will need to be taken to the Logan County Health Department for the septic system and well.

Chris feels that we should be ready to put whatever we decide on to be out for bid by the end of this year.

Chris said we are probably looking at approximately $1,000,000.00 to $1,500,000.00 for this project, if we can get it out by the end of this year.

JM brought up about taking down the existing white building (the old shop) to make it parking.

Kenny brought up about if we should have to put in a new septic system, and then Sewer would come to town, then that is a big expense that is down the drain. But we don't know when sewer will be coming to town. This has been discussed for many years.

It was discussed for a 60 x 80 building instead of a 60 x 60.

This is Chris' recommendation:

The existing building would need no renovations, the WDC group recommends a new building, a 60 x 80 with residential occupancy, business and offices, bunk room, bathrooms, showers, a safe room for not over 15 people.

WDC do a site plan that they take to the Logan County Health Department for the well and septic system re-use.

Go ahead and get the soil samples done, based on the site plan.

There was lots of discussion from all in attendance. Many options that will need to be finalized before it can go out for bids,

This project will also be prevailing wage.

JD made a motion for adjournment at 11:14, seconded by JC. JD, yes, JM, yes and JC, yes.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Cindy Stalling, fiscal officer

Accepted by Perry Township Trustees:

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John (JD) Gibson

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John (JM) Baughman

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John (JC) Brose