

The Board of Perry Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Liberty Community Room. Roll Call: John Brose, present, John (JD) Gibson, present, John Baughman, present and Cindy Stalling, present. Also present was Linda Baldridge, Mike Yoder, John Stanford, Jeff Johnson, Sandy Wilcox, Dan Ackley, Rob Harvey, Fire Chief Dan McElfresh, Mike Long, Dan Coats and Jessica Gibson.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the previous meeting was given to the Trustees to read prior to this meeting. Mr. Brose 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.

Mr. Gibson brought up about opening the sealed bids for the merry go round and monkey bars that were removed from the park. Cindy had received 2 bids:

1-for the monkey bars from John Stanford for \$50.00

1-for the merry go round from Roy and Vickie Crites for \$100.00

Mr. Brose made a motion to accept these 2 bids, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Brose, yes, Gibson, yes and Baughman, yes. We still have 1 more merry go round. So, we will put it out for bids to be opened at our February meeting.

Mr. Gibson brought up about the purchase of the snow pusher. We have it and it works great.

Mr. Gibson reported that the dump truck goes in to Leonard's on the 19th for repairs.

Mr. Gibson had a quote for a new dump truck with a plow, dump and spreader from Ricart for \$118,769.00. This is a Ford 550. And it is a State Bid. They quoted a 9' bed and JD would like to have a 10' bed. This is a red truck. Stainless steel bed. It was brought up about getting rid of the GMC truck. We kicked around putting it on Gov.deals. We would put a reserve on it. Mike Yoder, Commissioner said they have had great results putting things on Gov. Deals. After some discussion, Mr. Brose made a motion to accept this bid from Ricart, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Brose, yes, Gibson, yes and Baughman, yes. JD said it would take 6 weeks to get the truck.

Mr. Gibson reported that he talked to AJ Builders (Amish) about doing the ceiling in Baker Shelter House, they gave a quote for \$2,500.00. Mr. Brose made a motion to accept this quote from the Amish, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Brose, yes, Gibson, yes and Baughman, yes.

Mr. Gibson brought up that he would like to have the East Liberty Cemetery surveyed. JD went to the map room and they gave him a list of surveyors. Mr. Gibson made a motion for getting the Cemetery surveyed, seconded by Mr. Baughman. Brose, yes, Gibson, yes and Baughman, yes.

We received our 2025 Township Highway System Mileage Certification, saying we have 12.109 miles in Perry Township. Trustees signed off on it and Cindy will send it back to the County Engineer.

Cindy did Temporary Appropriations for 2026. She gave the Trustees a copy of it for them to look over it and see if they want to make any changes at our February meeting. After approved the permanent appropriations have to be turned into the County Auditor by March 31st.

Mr. Brose reported that we had to get a new furnace for the Lodge. It was just over \$6,000.00.

Mr. Mike Yoder, Logan County Commissioner, was just visiting, came to say Hi.

Mr. Dan Ackley, zoning inspector, gave his monthly report. He wrote 1 permit to TRC for a canopy on an existing building. He reported on his eight phone calls for the month.

Dan wanted to know if the Township had an email. We do not. After some discussion, Mr. Brose said he would look into setting up an email for the township.

Fire Chief, Dan McElfresh gave his monthly report. There were 17 runs since last meeting, none were missed with no issues. He went over his fill rate for the month. The department members completed 167 hours of training in December. Chief went over the

expenditures for the month. The yearly volume has increased 21.6% from the end of December 2024 to the end of December 2025.

Chief is waiting to hear from the architect or Choice One on a timeline to start the surveying process.

The FEMA AFG SCBA update- the SCBAs have arrived at Fire Safety Services. FSS will be delivering the new SCBAs on Tuesday, January 13, 2026. The equipment to update the department RIT packs and adapters that were approved at the December meeting will be delivered at the same time. The new SCBA will not be placed in-service until after FSS completes fit testing of all department members and training on the new SCBAs completed by all members. FSS will be contacting the Chief to schedule the fit testing and training.

Mr. Gibson reported that the station generator will start to be installed on January 20.

Chief reported that the fire department has applied for the 2026 Small County Volunteer Fire Department Grant through the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of State Fire Marshal. The total to be awarded for this grant is 8 million dollars, with the maximum of \$50,000.00 awarded per department. We applied for a total of \$34,468.12 in equipment. If awarded, we will be replacing 1,400 feet of aging 3-inch fire hose, replacing our 4 current 4,500 psi cylinders on the cascade system on Engine 41 with 4-6,000 psi cylinders that would allow us to refill our new SCBAs on the scene or in the station, and purchase Milwaukee battery powered tools that will replace some of our current gasoline powered tools. We should know in the spring whether we were awarded this or not.

Chief reported that preventative maintenance (oil changes, filters, lubrication and annual safety inspections) will be starting. Chief will be obtaining quotes for this from different companies and will keep the Trustees informed of the quotes. Chief's plan is to complete preventative maintenance on one truck a month to reduce having one large bill.

Mike Long brought up again about opening the closed alley from Foundry Street to S.R. 292. As stated, previous this is not going to happen. But, thanks Mike for your concern.

Mike bought up about opening up South Main Street to S.R. 347. We tried this years ago, there would have to be a bridge installed and the State told us Absolutely NO.

We then went into our re-organizational meeting. Mrs. Stalling asked for nominations for Chairman of the Board for 2026. Mr. Brose nominated Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. John Baughman. Gibson, yes, Baughman yes and Brose, yes. Mrs. Stalling then asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman, Mr. Brose nominated Mr. John Baughman, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes. This will make Mr. John Brose the Member for 2026.

Mr. Brose 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, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

Mr. Brose made a motion that the Trustees get paid per salary, with the amount recommended by the State as per our Budget, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

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

ZONING APPEALS BOARD

Chuck Boudrow Chrm, 1 yr. term
Jenny Boudrow, 2 yr term
Jessica Gibson, 3 yr term
Kurt Penhorwood, 4 yr term
Mitch Current, 5 yr term
Alt- Mark Slonecker
Seconded by Mr. Gibson. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

ZONING COMMISSION

Sandy Wilcox, Chrm 1 yr term
Larry Wellington, 2 yr term
Joy Litteral 3 yr term
Melony Baker, 4 yr term
Linda Baldridge, 5 yr term
Alt- Jocelyn Kavanaugh

Mr. Gibson made a motion to leave the Zoning Rates the same as last year, seconded by Mr. Brose. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

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 1-1-2026

Mr. Brose made a motion to leave Mr. Dan Ackley as our Zoning Inspector, seconded by Mr. Baughman. Gibson, yes, Baughman, and Brose, yes.

Mr. Brose made a motion to give Mr. Dan Ackley's salary the cost of living raise which is 2.8% which would make his monthly salary \$565.40, seconded by Mr. Baughman.

Gibson, yes, Baughman, and Brose, yes. He will be paid 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. Mr. Baughman made a motion to leave the Zoning Board members pay for attending any Zoning meeting at \$40.00 per meeting, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

Mr. Brose made a motion to leave the Cemetery Rates the same as last year, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

2026 CEMETERY RATES

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.

Disinterment within Perry Township \$5,000.00

Disinterment outside Perry Township \$5,000.00

Lots:

Resident of Perry Township full lot \$250.00 (5 burial spaces)

Half lot \$125.00 (2 burial spaces)

Non-Residents of Perry Township

Full Lot \$5,000.00 (5 burial spaces)

Half Lot \$2,500.00 (2 burial spaces)

Residents inside West Mansfield City limits, inside the city limits, may purchase lots in the Greenlawn Cemetery at the Perry Township residents' price.

Pricing is effective as of 01-12-2026.

Cemetery rules and recommendations will stay the same.

Trustees will continue to dig the graves.

Braeden Eirich of Eirich Property Services will continue to mow the 3 Cemeteries with the pay being tabled at this time.

Mr. Brose made a motion to leave the mileage outside of Perry Township at \$.48 per mile, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, 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.

Mr. Brose made a motion to raise the full-time employee's salary by \$1.00 per hour, which will be \$24.00 per hour seconded by Mr. Gibson. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes. This employee will continue to get 11 paid holidays, 10 vacation days and 3 sick days per year. He can carry over a maximum of 15 days per year. Trustees are very pleased with Todd's performance.

Mr. Brose made a motion to raise the janitor's salary by the cost-of-living raise, seconded by Mr. Baughman. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes. The salary will be:

Township Building	\$262.14 per month
Lodge Hall	\$257.00 per month
Perry Park	\$298.12 per month that the Park is Open
	\$20.56 for the winter months

The Lodge Hall may be used for non-profit at NO charge and also for funeral dinners at NO charge. Mr. Brose made a motion to leave the rent for the Lodge at \$50.00 for Perry Township Resident and \$200.00 for non-residents. And also, a \$50.00 deposit that will be returned if the Lodge is cleaned up after use.

The Community Room is for Perry Township residents ONLY to rent, there will be no charge, but donations will still be accepted. Rules that lay on the tables in the Community Room needs to be updated

The Fire Chief's pay was discussed and tabled at this time.

The Fire Chief's purchasing limit without getting at least 2 Trustees ok is \$500.00, Motion was made by Mr. Brose, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

Still no update on the TRC monthly inspections by the Fire Department.

The township will pay for any training or advanced training to the fire department members as the Township Trustees sees fit and approves of and as long as he/she is a Perry Township Resident.

Mr. Brose made a motion to leave the fire dept. pay the same as last year, seconded by Mr. Baughman. Gibson abstained, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

For Basic EMT it will be \$18.45 per hour

For Advanced EMT it will be \$19.48 per hour

Medic, it will be \$22.00 per hour.

Captains/Officers will be \$20.50 per hour

The daytime department will run from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The volunteer pay will remain the same as last year.

Pay will be as follows: On call time – 2 certifications will be \$5.00 per hour and 1 certification will be \$3.00 per hour.

Weekend pay will get an extra \$2.00 per hour

Holiday pay will be 1.5 pay rate

Mr. Brose made a motion that the flowers in the cemeteries need to be cleaned off by April 1st and Oct. 15th for spring and fall clean-up, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

Mr. Brose 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 Mr. Gibson. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

Mr. Gibson made a motion to leave the purchasing policy amount at \$500.00, seconded by Mr. Baughman. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, 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 and the fiscal officer.

Mr. Brose made a motion that all time sheets need to be turned into the fiscal officer by the 1st of each month, seconded by Mr. Baughman. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

Mr. Brose made a motion to give the fiscal officer permission to perform line-item transfers as needed through the year, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

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

TOTAL OF BILLS; \$116,334.34

INCOME FOR DECEMBER \$29,179.11

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Cindy Stalling, fiscal officer

Accepted by Perry Township Trustees:

John (JD) Gibson

John Baughman

John Brose