

The Board of Perry Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Room in East Liberty. Roll Call; John (JD) Gibson, present, John Baughman, present, John Brose, present, and Cindy Stalling present. Also present was: Jessica Gibson, Dustin Cook, Chief Dan McElfresh, Dan Coats, Rob Harvey, Jeff Johnson, Linda Baldrige and Leah Edwards

All stood and 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 the financial statements that were given to the Trustees from the fiscal officer. They both stand approved. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

JD reported that the GMC dump truck sold on Gov.deals for \$15,750.00 and the tires on there sold for \$10.00. Dump truck went to PA.

Mr. Baughman brought up about getting some cameras for the park. There have been some shady things going on at the park. And we could also see who is coming and going as well. There have been some problems in the bathrooms. JD did find 2 boys that climbed up on the trash cans to get on top of the shelter house. They caved in the trash cans. JD and Mike Long went back there and they got down. JD said that they were around 15 and he is sure that their parents will find out. It was mentioned to get cameras that run on satellite as there is no internet at the park. After some discussion, it was agreed that we purchase 2 cameras for the park. We need to put 1 facing the front entrance of the bathrooms. Brose made a motion to purchase 2 cameras, seconded by Gibson. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

Mr. Baughman reported that they fixed the tile behind Litteral's property again. Brose reported that we are allowed to fix this tile as it services more than 3 people in town, which it does. And the water trough flows through there too. The Trustees checked it out and it was full again.

Mr. Brose brought up about the trash dumpster at the firehouse, it is a 4 yd dumpster, but the bill from Republic is getting outrages and has a high recovery charge on it monthly. He is going to check with Rumpke again for a quote. Rumpke is the only other company that has a 4 yd dumpster.

Mr. Brose reported that he called Verizon and had them remove the fax line at the office. This should be a \$43.00 a month savings.

Cindy brought up that she received a letter from Jack Reser, Logan County Auditor pertaining to House Bill 309. Which was passed by the Ohio Legislature and signed by the Governor, became effective March 20, 2026, and requires the Budget Commission to review all property tax benefit funds to determine whether continued collection of the levied taxes is necessary for the upcoming fiscal year. If we have collective taxes inside or voted millage, we must submit a separate Statement of Fund Activity form for each fund receiving property tax revenue through tax settlement. This form requires 2 prior years of historical data, current-year (2026) revenue estimates and appropriations, and projections for 2027 revenue and appropriations. In addition, the form will demonstrate historical and projected cash balances. These forms need to be done by July 17, 2026 and this is a mandatory requirement to comply with House Bill 309. Cindy gave the forms to the Trustees for them to see if they know any big items, we need to appropriate for 2026

and 2027. We have to fill out the form for 4 funds: General, Road and Bridge, Park and Fire

Cindy had the Resolution sent to us by Breanne Parcels, Logan County Assistant, pertaining to the Data Centers:

Mr. Gibson moved the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 05-11-2026

RESOLUTION TO ENACT A TWELVE-MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE RECEIPT, PROCESSING, ISSUANCE OR APPROVAL OF DATA CENTERS

WHEREAS, the Perry Township Board of Trustees of Logan County, Ohio, (the “Board”), has adopted a Zoning Resolution classifying zoning districts with respect to agricultural, residential, business, manufacturing and other land uses in its unincorporated territory; and

WHEREAS, central Ohio has experienced a surge in development of data centers, large-scale facilities used for digital information services characterized by the presence of computer servers, networking equipment, and related components, generating electrical demands generally in excess of 25 megawatts as well as demands on water resources particularly used for cooling technology, creating significant strain on public resources and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Consumers Counsel, as of 2026, characterizes the state as fifth in the United States in the total number of data centers with approximately 200 (<https://www.occ.ohio.gov/factsheet/quick-facts-data-centers-ohio>) and bills are pending before the Ohio General Assembly to address several adverse impacts on surrounding land uses; and

WHEREAS, the waters of Mill Creek, Otter Creek, and Big Darby Creek flow through Perry Township, all at risk of pollution as the Ohio EPA has determined data centers may be permitted to discharge industrial wastewater because “a lowering of water quality of various waters of the state associated with granting coverage under this permit is necessary to accommodate important social and economic development in the state of Ohio.” John Logue, Ohio EPA Director https://dam.assets.ohio.gov/image/upload/epa.ohio.gov/Portals/35/permits/Data_Centers/OHD000001_Draft.pdf; and

WHEREAS, Perry Township is not capable of receiving and treating industrial wastewater from data centers as some unincorporated areas of the Township receive sanitary sewer service from the Logan County Sewer District operating a wastewater treatment plant south of Perry Township on Flat Branch, while the northeast portion of the Township is adjacent to the Village of West Mansfield; and

WHEREAS, this Board recognizes that as the Zoning Resolution does not expressly address data centers and related services, the current Zoning Resolution needs to be reviewed and updated to ensure development without adverse impacts to Perry Township constituents; and

WHEREAS, the Logan Union Champaign Regional Planning Commission, the Zoning Commission and legal counsel need ample time to review, evaluate, and coordinate to propose text revisions in conjunction with public input from constituents of Perry Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds that temporary preservation of the status quo will promote the health, safety and general welfare of Perry Township and its constituents

by suspending the receipt, processing, issuance or approval of any application for a Zoning Permit under Article X of the Perry Township Zoning Resolution, as data centers are not defined in the resolution, nor are they a permitted or conditional use under the Official Schedule of District Regulations, therefore prohibited.

NOW THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** by the Perry Township Board of Trustees, that:

Section 1: The Board finds it is in the best interest of the Township to impose a moratorium on the receipt, processing, issuance and approvals of any applications for any Zoning Permit for data centers, which are not defined by the Zoning Resolution and are not a permitted or conditional use, therefore otherwise prohibited. This moratorium is necessary to protect public health, safety and general welfare within the unincorporated areas of Perry Township.

Section 2: The Board may rescind this moratorium at any time prior to the expiration of 12 months, by resolution or upon the effective date of amendment of the Zoning Resolution; otherwise, it shall expire May 10, 2027.

Section 3: The Board requests the Perry Township Zoning Commission, legal counsel from the Logan County Prosecutor and staff of the LUC Regional Planning Commission to review the Zoning Resolution and to take such steps as necessary to recommend text amendment(s) to within the next 12 months, recognizing the Ohio General Assembly's proposed legislation to create a Data Center Study Commission may also result in recommendations to local governments.

Section 4: This resolution was presented at a regular meeting of the Board in compliance with Ohio's open meetings laws and shall take effect immediately upon adoption as an emergency to protect the health, safety and general welfare of Perry Township, Logan County, Ohio.

Mr. Baughman seconded the Resolution, and the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. John Gibson	aye
Mr. John Baughman	aye
Mr. John Brose	aye

Cindy emailed Jack Reser, Logan County Auditor to see if there a limit on how much money we can put into those Capital Project funds. He said there is not a limit as far as he knows.

We received a letter from V-Teck Communications, since our local Paper has closed. This company will advertise legal notices on Peak of Ohio. It had prices for different notices. We do have social media and our website to advertise. Mr. Baughman said that he thinks we just need to decide what kind of publication we are going to be using for the Township. Brose made a motion to advertise our notices either on social media, the Township website or V-Teck Communications, seconded by Gibson. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

JD brought up about are we going to pour cemetery bases next month. We have several to do. It was discussed and agreed to do them in June.

JD had a quote on a flail mower to go behind the tractor so it won't fling the grass out. JD had called about a used one, but it had sold. This quote was from Parsons Equipment for a new one and was for \$27,181.00. Trustee decided that was too much money, matter was tabled. Trustees will keep checking on this.

JD reported that the Amish still hasn't showed to do the work at the park. JD called them and left them a message.

Fire Chief, Mr. Dan McElfresh gave his monthly report. The fire dept had 14 runs since last month. All runs were covered, none were missed with no issues to report. The department members completed 254 hours of training in April. Chief went over the expenditures for the past month. The yearly call volume has increased 11.9% from the end of April 2025 to the end of 2026. Chief reported that the Architect is working on the next steps that he outlined at the April 7, 2026 meeting. The 3" fire hose approved at the April 13, 2026 trustee meeting has been ordered. FF/EMT-I Ann McElfresh and the Chief completed paramedic refresher training at Northwestern Fire District in Raymond, Ohio.

Chief purchased a domain name for the fire department which is the first step for the fire department to obtain an encrypted email address so that the fire department can be complaint with the cyber security requirement on July 1, 2026. Chief want 3 accounts, 1 for the fire department, 1 for Captain Gibson and 1 for the Chief.

The fire department hosted the Logan County LEPC Hazardous Materials tabletop exercise on April 30, 2026, at the Lodge.

Annual ground ladder testing is scheduled for May 12, 2026. The annual hose testing will begin in May 2026. Tornado siren operates for 3 seconds on the Friday noon test with a variable sound. If a tornado warning is issued it will operate for 3 minutes with a constant sound.

Chief requested \$6,197.65 to have Stryker perform annual preventative maintenance on both cardiac monitor/defibrillators, both Lucas, CPR devices, and the AED. Brose made a motion for said purchase, seconded by Gibson. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

Chief requested \$2,246.25 to Motorola Solutions for the purchase of 5 vehicle, mounted chargers for the new walkies purchased last year. Brose made a motion for said purchase, seconded by Gibson. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

Chairman Gibson gave the Zoning Inspector report: Dan had written 2 permits. He had made 7 phone calls. Julie Ray for permit, Larry Wellington, for permit. Mary Little of Premier Value Appraisals called 3 times about the property on S.R. 292. Connor Reed called about the new home lots on the previous Baxley ground.

Chairman Gibson gave the Janitors report: The lodge was rented 8 times; the CR was rented 20 times and the Park was rented 9 times. Nikki would like to have the shelter houses sprayed out every week, Chief said the department will start doing this this Friday. Nikki reported that the cordless sweeper died and she would like a new one. Nikki also reported about some of the things that are happening at the park since it opened.

Rob Harvey was wondering if we could get some "Children at Play" signs on Foundry Street? He would have to go through the County as, it is County Road 10.

Rob asked about sidewalks, leading up to property, who responsibility is that? Rob mention Ardella Baxley sidewalk, it could use some help. Here again it would have to go to the County. Brose is going to contact the Logan County Prosecutor's Office and see if it is the Property Owner's responsibility.

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

BILLS: \$117,638.68

INCOME FOR APRIL: \$28,573.91

JD made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Baughman. JD, 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