

The Board of Perry Township Trustees met in Special Session on Friday, August 1, 2025 at 4:00 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 Jessica Gibson, Larry Wellington, Dan Coats and Ann McElfresh.

Chairman Brose called the meeting to order and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. The purpose of this Special Meeting is to conduct the interview of Mrs. Ann McElfresh, who has submitted an application to the Perry Township Fire Department.

With Ann being the Fire Chief's wife, the Fire Department Captains wanted the Trustees to conduct this interview.

The Captains and the Trustees had questions to ask Ann.

Some of the questions were:

What brought your interest to PTFD? Ann said her husband Dan being the chief and also getting back into the fire/EMS field to help people. And keeping her cards up to date. What brought your interest to the FF/EMS field? Ann said to help people and she really enjoyed this line of work.

Ann went over her off duty hobbies. Ann told what some of her on duties, and recognizable accomplishments were.

Are you physically capable of firefighting and EMS work? Ann said yes, she is, she said she has no restrictions.

Ann said she did her advanced class for EMT in 1995.

Since you have retired, have you applied anywhere else lately? Ann said yes at BMRT.

What do feel are your strengths and weaknesses? Ann said her strengths would be helping people, her weaknesses would be not being from around this area.

How would you handle a conflict with a co-worker? Ann said to talk it out, get it resolved and then go on.

Why did you not list on your application the fire departments and EMS departments that you had worked at? Ann said because where she worked, no one was still at those departments that would know her.

Ann said she would not have a problem suiting up and entering a burning structure.

Ann is a dual card carrier.

Ann reported how she would handle a difficult patient and also a difficult public situation.

How long has it been since you had any hands on the fire side? Ann said probably 15 years.

Asked why she doesn't want to run in Ridgeway, which is closer to where she lives? She said because Dan is here.

John did tell Ann that the Chief would not be able to discipline her at all if need be. That would have to come from the Captains or the Trustees. Ann understood this.

Ann was told that if hired she will have to get a physical, a background check, a drug screening and would have a 1-year probation. Ann was fine with all of this.

They thanked her for the interview, and we will be in touch with her in the next few days.

Ann left the interview,

The Captains and the Trustees discussed among themselves as to whether to hire Ann or not. It was also brought up that there is a 1-year probation if hired. After some discussion, Kenny made a motion to hire Ann McElfresh for the PTFD, seconded by JD. John, yes, JD, yes and Kenny, yes.

All agreed to let the Chief know their decision and then he can let Ann know she was hired and welcome to PTFD.

John made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Kenny. John, yes, JD, yes and Kenny, 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