

The Board of Perry Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Liberty Community Room. Roll Call: John (JD) Gibson, present, John Brose, present, Kenny Rosebrook, present and Cindy Stalling, present. Also present was Larry Wellington, Renee Rosebrook, Jessica Gibson, Leah Edwards, Dustin Cook, Chief Dan McElfresh, Nikki Yelton and Dan Ackley.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. JD Gibson and all 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 to the financial statements that were given to the Trustees from the fiscal officer. Both stand approved. Kenny asked why the last meeting was called Special Meeting instead of Regular Meeting. Cindy told him because it was not on our regular scheduled meeting night, and it had to be advertised, therefore it is considered a Special Meeting.

John brought up that we need to get a plumber in to look at the horse trough. There are holes in the pipe going into the ground. They are going to call Marquis.

Kenny brought up about the heaters, JD said the one in the bathroom is done, the one for the basement needs work, JD needs to get some wires for it.

Kenny asked the Fire Chief how the utility truck is running, if everything is still ok? Chief stated that yes everything is still ok and that Kenny had put a new bumper on it as well.

Kenny brought up about the culvert on T.R. 127, he went out and put some more gravel on it Saturday. Todd called the County to see when they would be able to come out and cover it. He was told that they aren't doing culverts right now and they couldn't give us a date as to when they can come out.

Kenny brought up about JD saying at our last meeting that Dean had given him some phone numbers of general contractors for the Fire Dept remodeling. JD was going to bring this up also, are we ready to call them, does the fire dept have any ideas as to what they want to do? Chief said that they do have some ideas together and he feels that they are ready to sit down with the Trustee and the Contractors and kick around these ideas. Chief is ready to meet with them and go over what our options are. JD will try to call the Contractors tomorrow.

Cindy brought up that the Resolutions that we passed last meeting for the Capital Outlay for the Fire Dept. The State called Cindy and wanted more information on the Resolutions and wanted her to get ahold of the County Prosecutor and have him help with writing the new Resolutions. Cindy has called the State back to see if they want just 1 resolution or 3 New Resolutions, she is waiting on a call back from them as to how to proceed. So those new Resolutions were tabled until she hears back from the State.

JD brought up about Harry Bray's property, it's not fixed yet. Logan Construction is going to fix it when they get the supplies to fix it. It will be 3 to 4 weeks to get the supplies.

Kenny brought up about the Cemetery mowing is not meeting our expectations. Kenny called Braeden (Eirich Property Services) and told him we were not happy with the way the cemeteries look, and he is not holding up his end of the contract with Perry Township. Braeden told Kenny that he would have all the Cemeteries mowed, weed eaten and cleaned up this week, rain or shine.

Kenny reported that he attended the Special EMA meeting on May 8, 2024. He stated that Sadie Shallenberger is resigning on May 17, she is the Administrative Assistant. Anyone interested in this position should contact Helen Norris, the head of the Logan County EMA.

Kenny also attended the American Legion meeting and he said that the Hometown Heroes this year will be Donald James a WWI Veteran and Robert Hager a WWII Veteran. Kenny will provide the PA system and chairs on Memorial Day for the celebration at the East Liberty Cemetery.

Cindy brought up that the sign at the top of the hill at Perry Park needs either replaced or repainted, it looks really bad. Cindy would like to see a new sign before our July Celebration at the Park. After some discussion, Kenny made a motion to investigate about getting a new sign at the Park. After more discussion, Kenny made a motion to get a new sign and to not go over \$1,200.00, seconded by John. JD, abstained, John, yes and Kenny, yes. Trustees will do some investigating and see where we can get a sign at that price range.

JD brought up about getting a sweeper to put on the front of the truck, to sweep the roads. When Todd mowed the roads, ditches, a lot of the grass, weeds blowed out on the roads. JD had called South East Equipment and Kaffenbargers and neither place called JD back. Todd was concerned with the loader on the front of the tractor, he said this could make the tires go bad quicker. Dustin Cook said that there should be some spacers that you can put on the mower deck to raise it some. John said that he will call John Deere and see if they have any recommendations.

Fire Chief, Dan McElfresh gave the monthly fire report. The department had a total of 6 run since last meeting. The fill rate at the department has increased since last meeting. Chief is really happy with his department. Chief went over the expenditures for the month.

Chief attended the Ohio Health Stroke Education at Bokescreek Fire Dept and it was free. Capt. Wellington took M-42 to Ohio Hi-Point Open House for an EMT Class. He displayed our medic and talked to the students about what an EMT is and the responsibilities of an EMT.

The department is in the process of testing hose. The are about 2/3 of the way done with it.

Chief would like to replace the Perry Township sign on the side of the Firehouse. He had 3 quotes: Fast Track Sign for \$1,132.95, from Sign Affects' for \$ 1,792.97 and from Sign Lite for \$605.00. Chief liked the middle quote from Fast Track for \$1,132.95. After looking over the quotes, John made a motion to accept the quote from Fast Track for \$1,132.95, seconded by Kenny. JD, abstained, John, yes and Kenny, yes. They

would like to have 1/2 down before they start the sign. Cindy will get a check ready for them and have the Trustees sign it and get it to the Chief.

Chief brought up that they have discussed raising our rates for the squad. We have not raised anything since 2017. Capt. Gibson reached out to several other departments to get their rates that they were charging. We were just about in the middle of the other departments that she contacted. Capt. Gibson has been working with Robinaugh on our billing rates and all of them have come up with these change for our rates:

### **Our current billing rates are as follows:**

<b>Level of Care</b>	<b>Charge</b>	<b>Last Updated</b>
BLS (Basic Life Support)	\$600	4-15-2017
ALS1 (Advanced Life Support)	\$800	4-15/2017
ALS2 (Advanced Life Support)	\$800	4-15-2017
Helicopter Prep	\$400	11-27-2015
Mileage	\$12.00	4-15-2017

### **Proposed billing rates are as follows:**

<b>Level of Care</b>	<b>Charge</b>
BLS (Basic Life Support)	\$800
ALS1 (Advanced Life Support)	\$900
ALS2 (Advanced Life Support)	\$1000
Helicopter Prep	\$900
Mileage	\$16.00
Refusal	\$75.00

**BLS** - This is the level of care provided by a Basic EMT

**ALS1** - This is a level of care provided by an Advanced EMT or Paramedic. This can include establishing IV access, giving certain medications, obtaining/interpreting a 4-lead or 12-lead.

**ALS2** - This is similar to the ALS1. This is used when you have a situation that requires the use of multiple tools, drugs and interventions.

**Helicopter Prep** - This is charged when we have to fly a patient. This amount is the only charge billed when we fly a patient. The patient is not billed for their level of care received.

**Refusal** - This is charged when a patient is treated on scene, but then refuses to be transported to the hospital.

RESOLUTION 05-13-24

Mr. John Brose moved the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, we having the best interest and welfare of the residents of Perry Township, I move that we increase the billing rates for our EMS runs. These rates are for our Billing Company- Robinaugh EMS.

WHEREAS, there has been no increase in these rates since 2017. The following increases will become effective on June 1, 2024:

BLS from \$600.00 to \$800.00, ALS1 from \$800.00 to \$900.00, ALS2 from \$800.00 to \$1000.00, Helicopter Prep from \$400.00 to \$900.00, Mileage from \$12.00 to \$16.00 per mile, and Refusal \$75.00.

WHEREAS, Perry Township residents will be soft billed. Whatever their Insurance does not cover, the Township will not charge them the difference, it will be written off.

THEREFORE, we will continue to provide the best care to our Residents and on our Emergency Runs, to our patients.

Mr. Kenny Rosebrook, seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon, the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. John Gibson aye

Mr. John Brose aye

Mr. Kenny Rosebrook aye

Adopted on 05-13-2024

Dan Ackley, Zoning Inspector, gave his monthly zoning report. On April 17, A Don Stevenson called him about a residential property and come to figure out that the property he called about was in Middleburg, and not in Perry Township.

On May 6 Brad of L-U-C called about Otter Creek Park has met our Zoning Requirements and Dan has signed a letter, signing off for them.

Kenny attended the L-U-C meeting, and he said that they passed the final letter for Otter Creek. Brad had dropped off maps to Cindy's house on the final plot.

Cindy gave Nikki's monthly report: The Lodge was used 11 times. The Community Room was used 8 times and the park was used 1 time.

Todd gave a monthly report; there is a stop sign that was knocked over on T.R. 131. He contacted the County and was told to call "Call before you dig" and they will come fix it after they make that call, Kenny stated that he went out and ratchet strapped the sign to a utility pole about 6' from where it was originally.

Nikki got to the meeting and she said that the toilets at the park are running slow. There has been acorns in the urinals, and it is disgusting. Nikki has polished and waxed the floor at the Lodge.

Nikki wanted to know if there is something that can be done with people renting the rooms and not having a contract? This is the non-profit organizations and then they are leaving messes and not cleaning up after themselves. It was suggested to have them sign a contract and for Nikki to go over the rules with them. Kenny brought up to do this and then after 3 strikes then you are out!! You should have respect for the Township letting you use the rooms. First, Nikki needs to communicate with the non-profit and let them know the rules. So, we will hold off on the 3 strikes until there has been communication made to the organizations.

Nikki said she got complaints on the concrete in the bathrooms at the park, and the broken windows also. Those cracks on the floor have been there for some time.

Leah Edwards brought up about one of those mobility chairs, there is a company in Delaware that has these chairs. There is a lady that has come to the community Room, during the Tornado Warnings, and the lady is in a wheelchair and cannot get into the basement because of the wheelchair. That entrance into the basement isn't wide enough for this chair. The fire Dept has put this lady in the kitchen of the Community Room which is a brick building. It was brought up as to, is this really the Township's responsibility? Which it isn't. There as a lot of discussion from the floor on this subject. Matter was tabled.

John brought up about the Post Office/Apartment, Kurt Penhorwood owns it now and the lady in the apartment uses Medical marijuana, and when you walk into the post office it really smells. Kurt is trying to fix the roof and he would like for the Township to fix our spouting on the Lodge building. Then he will dig a trench to route his water to the big tile that our spouting is running into. We need to put up new spouting as it has holes in it. John made a motion to fix our down spout, seconded by Kenny. JD, yes, John, yes and Kenny, yes. We will call Jeremiah's Seamless to fix our downspout.

JD brought up about getting a new generator for the Fire House. Do we want to get a 7500 watts, 30AMP for now? The one they have now is not working. John said to get an electric start. It was discussed about getting a BIG generator for the whole building, but we need to get one now, as the one down there doesn't work. Kenny made a motion to purchase a generator for the Firehouse with a minimum of 6500 watts with an electric

start, preferably a Honda, but the Trustees need to do some investigating before they purchase one, John seconded this. JD, yes, John, yes and Kenny, yes. Cindy said we could use our ARPA money for this. All Trustees agreed to use some of our ARPA money for this purchase.

JD wanted to know when he puts the items from the fire dept up for bids, do we want to put this old generator out for bids as well? Yes, we do. So, we will take bids for; A Generator, a truck box and a trash pump. We will take sealed bids and open them at our June meeting. JD will advertise them on the Perry Twp. Facebook page.

JD brought up about the fire siren didn't go off on Friday at noon. For a tornado warning it is supposed to run for 3 minutes, it was going off in 30 second sessions. JD will check this out, with the Chief in the next couple of days.

Kenny stated that he his happy with the positive increase on the fill rate at the Fire Dept. He appreciates everyone's efforts.

JD made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Kenny. JD, yes, John, yes and Kenny, yes.

BILLS: TOTAL OF BILLS \$74,596.38

INCOME FOR APRIL: TOTAL \$26,135.48

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