

The Board of Perry Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Liberty Community Room. Roll Call: John Gibson (JD), present, John Baughman, present, John Brose, present and Cindy Stalling, present. Also present was Linda Baldrige, Dustin Cook, Mike Long Jessica Gibson, Todd Wisse, Fire Chief Dan McElfresh, Jeff Johnson, Jocelyn Kavanaugh, Dan Ackley, Sandy Wilcox and Dan Coats.

Chairman Mr. John Gibson called the meeting to order 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. They stand approved by the Trustees.

Mr. Brose reported that he has talked to the playground guy and was told that the improvements to the equipment will be done by the end of the year. So, we will go ahead and have them do the improvements.

Mr. Brose stated that Todd did a great job on the creek at the park, it kept washing away from all the rain we have been having but Todd got it fixed.

Woody Wilson brought up Mr. Brose about the guy that brings the vaults to us, Sean Longstreth also pours footers and finishes them. Mr. Brose wanted to know if we were interested in contacting him and getting some prices? All Trustees were in favor of getting in touch with him and getting some prices from him. Mr. Brose will contact him. He does not dig them; he just pours them.

Cindy brought up that we received an email from Zane Township stating that they would like to begin the process of discussing Fire and EMS coverage for the 2027 calendar year. They are just exploring other options for their coverage. They would welcome our department to participate in this process and submit a proposal for consideration. There was a lot of discussion on this. Mr. Gibson called the Zane Township Fiscal Officer to see what this involves and she told JD that she didn't know what Allen Township does for them now. Zane would like to get a proposal from us and also from North Lewisburg. Mr. Brose had the figures for 2025 we took in \$520,629.68 and we had 169 runs, so if you take those 169 runs into the \$520,629.68 it equals \$3,080.65, which would be what it would cost the township each time that squad leaves the department. Mr. Brose had some concerns that if the squad was in Zane Township on a run and a Perry Township resident needed their service, it was concerning to him. Chief said that could happen now, if we are on a mutual aid run to like Bokescreek Township and a Perry Township resident needs the service, then mutual aid will be called. JD said that he was told that Zane is going to talk to Allen Township and see if they can work things out. Then she will get back with JD. This is something for the Trustees to think about. JD said that he told her that they should just stay with Allen Township.

Cindy brought up about us paying the fire department \$50.00 for patrolling for Trick or Treat night? Mr. Baughman made a motion to pay them for patrolling, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

Mr. Gibson brought up about putting the old truck at the fire department on Gov.deals? Also putting the mosquito sprayer on Gov.deals too. After some discussion, it was agreed to put these 2 items on Gov.deals. Mr. Gibson will put them on there for us.

Mr. Gibson reported that that sink hole is back in Harry Bray's side yard, like a couple years ago. JD called Mobley to see about coming and fixing it, and he told JD he was too busy right now. Mobley fixed it the last time. Mobley told JD with all the rain we have been having, maybe the tile has just sprung a leak. It was brought up to call Kane (Next Level Outdoor Service) and see if he could look at it and fix it for us. Todd said maybe we could run a camera and see what that would show. Mr. Brose said that if a problem on private property benefits at least 3 property owners, then we are good to do the work. It was agreed to call Kane and see if he can fix it.

The road report for 2027 was brought up. It was tabled for now.

The culvert on T.R. 131 by Furlong's driveway is sinking. JD said he will email Skip Judd at the County, and have him come out and look at it.

Fire Chief, Mr. Dan McElfresh, gave his monthly report. They had 11 runs since last month, none were missed and no issues. Chief reviewed the fill rate for the last month.

The department members completed 162 hours of training in August.

Chief went over the expenditures for the past month.

There were 5 inspections done at TRC in the past month.

The yearly call volume has increased 15.9% from the end of August 2025 to the end of August 2026.

Chief reported that on the Station Renovation, there was discussion on the next steps since the meeting with the Logan County Auditor, Mr. Jack Reser.

The Chief and Mr. Brose went and met with the County Auditor. Chief brought up that the Auditor said we should get a Certificate of Bond. This will guarantee that we will not lose our money if we don't go through with the project. Mr. Brose said he doesn't feel that we should go any farther with the project until we get our finances where they should be to be able to do the Station Renovation. Right now, we are spending more money per year in the fire fund than what we are bringing in. Now we need to decided what we are going to do to rectify this problem. Are we going to put on a new levy or what?

Mr. Brose asked the Chief what he thinks about a time frame on replacing some of the vehicles at the station. Chief said that the engines are good for a long time. The 2006 squad, we can't do anything with it until we figure out what we are doing with a building, because of the height of this squad.

Mr. Dan Coats stated that when are we going to start controlling the wants versus the must haves? The wants need to start being controlled. He said like that bed cover on the new truck, that was a want not a must have. Mr. Brose said he goes by what the Chief tells him as far as what the department needs.

Mr. Dan Ackley, Zoning Inspector, gave his monthly report. He had 5 phone calls, sold 1 permit to Christina Parks for a new home. The Logan County Prosecutors Office called him about a tax foreclosure and wanted to check with Dan about Zoning violations. Talked to a Brandy with Clayton Homes for the permit for Christina Parks. Talked to Connor Reed about building a barndominium on 1 of the lots on the Baxley property. Talked to a Stacey about the property on C.R.8, James Furlong, not buildable without a variance. Dan called Aaron at LUC about this property.

JD gave Nikki's monthly report: The Lodge was rented 7 times; the CR was rented 15 times and the Park was rented 18 times.

Mr. Mike Long brought up again about opening the alley, that has been discussed many times and we will not be opening it.

Mike brought up about PTEC is doing a great job and he had heard that the Township doesn't help PTEC out anymore financially with the fireworks and why not? JD told him that we are not allowed to help them anymore. Breanne Parcels of the Logan County Prosecutors Office told us that we cannot use tax payers' money to purchase fireworks. The Township does do other things for the day, like renting the porta pots, mowing the property, etc.

Todd reported that he has put the stickers on the playground equipment that Kenny had brought in for him to do.

Jocelyn brought up that she thinks a 1 mill levy for the fire department would probably pass, but she doesn't think that a 2 mill one would. Mr. Brose doesn't think a 1 mill would be enough, he thinks we need to go with a 2-mill levy. After some discussion, matter on a levy was tabled for now.

Dan Coats brought up that he thinks we need to make a levy a replacement levy.

Fall dumpster day will be October 9 and 10 at Perry Park. JD called and ordered the dumpsters and they went up for a 30 yd dumpster it is \$700.00. This is Always Available Dumpsters. JD will advertise this on social media.

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

TOTAL OF BILLS: \$130,787.67

INCOME FOR AUGUST: \$132,992.44

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Cindy Stalling, fiscal officer

Accepted by Perry Township Trustees:

John Gibson

John Baughman

John Brose