

The Board of Perry Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, August 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Liberty Community Room. Roll Call: - John (JD) Gibson, present, John Baughman, present, John Brose, present, and Cindy Stalling, present. Also present was Dan Coats, Dan Ackley, Sandy Wilcox, Linda Baldridge, Fire Chief Dan McElfresh, Mike Long, Jessica Gibson, Jeff Johnson, and Ken Rosebrook, Sr. Meeting was opened with all saying the Pledge of Alliance.

Mr. Brose reported that the Playground Equipment would like to have ½ down for the equipment we have ordered. Waiting for him to send us an invoice.

Mr. Brose reported that we got the trash situation taken care of. We are now paying Republic about ½ of what we were paying them. Around \$200.00 per month for a 36-month contract. They did not want to lose us as a customer.

Cindy reminded the Trustees of the annual meeting with the Logan County Engineer on August 21, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at the Engineers Office.

Mr. Gibson brought up about mosquito spraying. JD will contact JT Vegetation and see if he can spray for us this week. With all the rain we have had the mosquitos will be getting worse.

Cindy had the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. that needs passed by the Trustees for the County Auditor. Mr. Brose made a motion to pass the Resolution for the Amounts and Rates for Perry Township, seconded by Mr. Baughman. Gibson, aye, Baughman, aye and Brose, aye. Mr. Brose will deliver our copy to the Auditor tomorrow.

Mr. Gibson brought up about the old truck that the Fire Chief is driving, it is leaking oil and anti-freeze now, so what are we going to do about this? For replacing it, we can't find a red one. They do have maroon and burgundy ones. Kenny Rosebrook stated that he didn't think we should put any more money in the truck the Chief is driving now. The Trustees feel the same way as to not putting any more money into that truck. Jeff Johnson looked on his phone and he said that Coughlin in Marysville has a Ford Ranger now, a red one for \$41,000.00. Their website says they have 1 in stock right now. There was a lot of discussion from the floor as well.

Cindy reported that Carol Houser called her and she need a letter from us stating that there had not been any zoning permits written in 2023, 2024 and 2025 on her property. She also wanted a copy of our zoning rules. Cindy sent all she requested to her.

Mr. Dan McElfresh, Fire Chief gave his monthly report:

There was a total of 21 runs since last meeting, none were missed, no issues and 1 was mutual aid. Chief went over the part-time fill rate. Chief reported that the annual fire extinguisher servicing for all township buildings including the lodge and park completed by Fire Safety on July 8, 2026. The 1 at the shop had to be replaced.

The department members completed 151 hours of training in July.

We have a new member, Aaron Litwin, he has worked for us in the past, He is a Class II FF and a paramedic.

Chief went over the expenditures for the month.

Chief did 2 inspections out at TRC, a link inspection and a sprinkler system inspection both for Impact Lab.

The yearly call volume has increased 16.5% from the end of July 2025 to the end of July 2026.

Chief reported that the architect is wanting to have a meeting with us. Chief will get it set up and then we will advertise it.

The fire department has 16 handheld radios that cannot be updated to operate on the MARCS radio system. All the information on all the radios has been deleted so it cannot be traced back to the fire department. Chief wanted discussion on what to do with these 16 radios, He said we could put them on Gov.Dealds or could donate them to another agency that could use them for parts. Chief said we could donate them to the Montgomery County Sheriff's department. That department has a new version of these radios and would probably be able to use them for parts. After some discussion, Mr.

Brose made a motion to donate the 16 radios to Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, seconded by Mr. Baughman. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes.

Chief reported that he had 2 requests. We need to have the 2 engines serviced. Chief goes by how many hours are on the trucks since the last service, He likes to go between 100 to 120 hours, He would have Sutphen perform the service. For engine 41 it would be \$2,632.34 and for Engine 2 it would be \$2,660.71. Mr. Baughman made a motion for said service, seconded by Mr. Gibson. Gibson, yes, Baughman, yes and Brose, yes. The trucks will have to go to Urbana for the service.

Mr. Dan Ackley, zoning inspector gave his monthly report. He had 7 phone calls with questions on if people needed permits for what they were doing. None of them needed permits.

Mr. Gibson gave Nikki's monthly reports: for June the Lodge rented 5 times, the CR was rented 16 times and the Park 8 times. For July the Lodge was used 5 times, the CR was rented 15 times and the park was used 10 times.

Sandy Wilcox brought up about the land for the new firehouse? She was wanting to know if the Township is interested in the property up for sale on Foundry Road, (Kenny Peters property), it has a large barn on the property that might be able to be used as a firehouse. Sandy thinks we need to purchase this property. Mr. Brose reported that he and the Fire Chief are going to go talk to the County Auditor tomorrow about what would have to happen if we wanted to buy this property. And also, about maybe putting on a new levy before we build a new firehouse. Mr. Brose brought up about maybe putting on a continuous levy? Dan Coats said that we should have done a replacement levy years ago and we didn't. They will discuss this tomorrow with the Auditor. Cindy asked John to please record the meeting tomorrow with the Auditor.

Dan Coats brought up about building up the property or maybe see if TRC would donate some land. Mr. Baughman stated about getting someone in and see what it would cost to build it up? Maybe check with Jeremy Levan or Mobley and see what that would costs?

Dan Coats brought up about why the surveyor didn't mark the land correctly? They have agreed to come back and fix it.

Kenny Rosebrook wanted to know is this better to spend \$1,000,000.00 on a new building, is this better for the department? How is the department going to be more efficient? Chief explained about the trucks being parked in to the existing buildings and with a new building all truck would be in the same building, and could get out the door quicker.

More discussion about getting 2 bedrooms, because of having a woman's bedroom. Mr. Brose said that we could put a building outside the existing building for bedrooms.

Right now, we are looking at A LOT of options. Mr. Brose said that we are over spending at the department right now.

Chief brought up about Perry Township taking the EMS runs to the Honda East Liberty plant. As per Chief Steve Brose it would bring in around \$60,000.00 per year. Chief Brose said that he has no problem with Perry taking those calls from Allen Township. Chief has also talked to the guy in charge out at Honda. He told the Chief that he cannot make the decision on this. His boss has to make that decision. And then we would have to decide if we are going to do this or not. There was a lot of discussion on this subject from the floor and the Trustees.

Kenny brought up that the certification labels that came with the new playground equipment have not been put on the new equipment yet. Kenny stated that they need to be put on, he has dropped the labels off to Todd a couple weeks ago.

Kenny said that there is some E hooks and S hooks that need to be replaced on some of the equipment also. Mr. Brose said that the new company is going to replace them.

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

BILLS TOTALED \$ 119,410.18

TOTAL OF INCOME FOR JULY \$ 20,436.29

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