

The Board of Perry Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, November 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Room in East Liberty. Roll Call; Ken Rosebrook, present, John ((JD) Gibson, present, John Brose, present, and Cindy Stalling present. Also present was Jessica Gibson, Sandy Wilcox, Dan Ackley, Nikki Yelton, Renee Rosebrook, Leah Edwards, Dustin Cook, Dan McElfresh, Larry Wellington, Chuck Boudrow, Steve Rinesmith, Kara Slonecker and Dan Coats.

Chairman Rosebrook called the meeting to order and all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the previous meeting was given to the Trustees to read prior to this meeting. - Mr. Rosebrook asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes, then asked if there were any additions or corrections to the financial statements that were given to the Trustees from the fiscal officer. They both stand approved by the trustees.

JD reported that the bases have been poured.

JD reported that the mini-split is done at the Lodge. The Mason's thanked us and also donated \$5,000.00 to the project. We thank the Mason's for their generous donation.

JD reported that the kitchen at the Lodge is done. The remodeling looks really nice.

JD gave an update that we are still waiting any word about the mower for the skid loader.

JD reported that the new Perry Township sign has been installed. It looks really nice.

Kenny reported that the stripping of Road 141 has been completed.

Kenny reported that he had arborist Chad Morse come look at the tree in the Twp. Yard. This is the tree that we are going to light up for Christmas. Mr. Morse accessed the tree. He said 1/2 of the tree is growing well and the other 1/2 is stunned. (the top 1/2) He recommended we plant another tree closer to the middle of the yard. Mr. Morse reported that the staking material from when the tree was originally planted was still on the tree. This resulted in girding of the vascular system. Mr. Morse recommended removing all staking material and zip ties from the tree. A pruning of the lower branches to make it look a little more uniform before it is decorated for the holidays. A slow fertilizer broadcasted under the branches would be beneficial. John said that he is sorry.

JD reported that the park has been winterized and closed for the season.

John brought up about the Committee using one of the Mason's chair for the Santa House on Lighting of the Tree night. Chuck Boudrow said that that would be fine.

John reported that he and Dave took one of our dump trucks over to Anna today to get the brake caliber fixed and when it is done, we will take the other one and it will get its exhaust fixed.

John reported that the ditch situation on T.R. 132 is still on hold.

Cindy had the annual mileage report from the County Engineer. We had 2 copies for the Trustees to sign. We have 12.109 of roads to maintain.

Cindy had the final report from Perry & Associates for the 2021, 2022 Audit. With no findings.

Kenny reported that he had sent an email to Brian Shultz about the sewer project. Commissioner Robinson responded to the email. Stating that the quotes for the project have come in much higher than anticipated. They are trying to get some more grants but the project right now is around \$70,000,000.00. We did receive an email back from Mr. Shultz this afternoon, and it was stating the same thing as what Mr. Robinson had told Kenny.

Kenny reported that Greg Dappart, of the County, is still researching on the width of T.R. 132. Kara Slonecker wanted to know what was going on with this? Kenny updated her on this, and we will wait to hear more from the County about the road width.

Kenny brought up about some of the pipes in the basement of the Twp. Building freezing last year. He would like to purchase an electric wall heated for the basement before old weather sets in. Kenny made a motion for said purchase, seconded by JD. Kenny, yes, JD, yes and John, yes.

Kenny reported that the sink in the office has a leak. Kenny put a sign on it stating that it was leaking.

Larry Interim, Fire Chief gave a fire report. Since last meeting they have had 14 runs. The relief valve on E-41 has been fixed by Heritage.

The annual hose testing was completed on Nov 9, 2023 with 1 50' hose failings.

Still waiting word on the SCBA regional grant.'

Ethan Zimmerer was interviewed and hired, awaiting his BCI information and then he will be able to start training.

Larry and Daniel Weikart attended the basic pump operators' class that was held at Leesburg Twp. station.

The binder lift equipment was received and placed on M-41, online training is in progress.

ESO quote was received and signed, ESO will be our reporting software to replace Emergency Reporting.

4 MARCS radios (Motorola 2500s) able to be programmed with active account. 5 total 2500 radios able to be used until July 2025. After that they will no longer be able to be utilized.

MARCS paging will eventually take over VHF paging. We have no MARCs pagers- approximately \$400.00-\$500.00 each. Will need to purchase when county determines to switch over. Will take time for Logan County depts to get grants or come up with the funds.

New State Reporting System for fires being adopted by State Fire Marshall. Dept is in the progress of adopting the new system.

Larry wanted to know what the status of the security camera/monitor set up at the firehouse is? Kenny brought up about having the fire dept determine where they want them put and then just have HBI put them up for us. Larry said they will figure out where they want them and will let the Trustees know. John made a motion to have HBI install the cameras, seconded by Kenny. Kenny, yes, JD, yes and John, yes. Jessica said that there are 8 cameras in the box.

Larry wanted to know if he is allowed to dump his personal trash in the dumpster at the firehouse? He knows that there are several people doing this. John said we know this is happening. Dustin said but the problem is that they do it late at night and then get the neighboring dogs to barking and if you are the one spending the night at the firehouse you can't sleep from the barking dogs. It was suggested to put a camera on the dumpster. There was a lot of discussion on this project. With no decision being made. The fire personnel said it would be ok, if they use it during the day.

Dan McElfresh, Fire Chief, gave an update on himself. He has been in the fire service 36 years, he is a paramedic. He currently works at Washington Twp. in Dublin, Ohio but will be retiring soon, in January. He is very excited to be here and be our Fire Chief, said everyone has been super nice to him. Said he feels like home. Said it is not going to be run like a big city fire dept.,

Dan Ackley, zoning Inspector, gave his report.

10/9 Jim Myers wants to build another home on his property. Dan said that is supposed to stay as is. Dan talked to LUC and for him to do that he would have to do a 3-1 ratio and get a variance. Jim said he would get back with Dan and he hasn't heard any more from him.

10/19 Bill Russell contacted him about purchasing home in Perry Twp.

10/26 Steve Rinesmith called him about the pallet fence being over on his property line. Dan talked to Kenny, John and Breanne of the Logan County Prosecutors office, and she told Dan to back out. If Steve wants to pursue this, he will have to take his neighbor to court.

11/6 Met with Link Construction, for a building permit, they are building another building for Honda.

11/10 Dylan Harrison contacted Dan about the elevator property, could he build a house on that property? Dan talked to LUC, it is zoned different, but could have a home built on it. He would have to get a variance.

11/10 Dave Price called Dan about putting a building (pole barn) on his property.

11/10 Mark Wilson called Dan about the County wanting lots of permits, after he got his building permit from the Township.

John brought up about changing our zoning rate- the cap we have on it. Do we need to keep it or remove it? We can change our rate at our re-organizational meeting in January when we set everything for the year.

John brought up about -people being upset about the permits they have to get through the county. Can they get the county permits 1<sup>st</sup>? Dan said no they can't. John suggested we set up a meeting with the county about the procedure to do the permits. Dan said Mark just wants to add 2' to his porch, and that is making him get more permits.

Nikki Yelton gave her report:

The Lodge was rented 4 times, the Community Room was rented 13 times, and the park was rented 12 times. So far this year the Lodge has been rented 62 times, the Community Room 101 times and the Park 57 times.

Steve Rinesmith reported that the ditch that the State dug out, they were supposed to leave the dirt and they did not. He said that the ditch was much worse than they original

thought. He said the County tile goes under CR 2; the State tile runs parallel to SR 292. The county wants to have a T put in at Steve's expense. The T, the Tile and the dirt would all be at his expense. And also, installation.

Steve did get an attorney about this pallet fence. Steve did have Clapsaddle Surveying come out and survey his property. And it showed that the fence is on Steve's property. He got Mr. Bodin and he told Steve that the Township does have the power to have this fence moved. Or take it to court. Steve had 2 copies of the paperwork from his Attorney, and also some papers from the research he has done. Steve went over some of the articles in his paperwork and then stated that he has to file a grievance. John said he thinks Mr. Bodin is wrong, he doesn't think the Twp. has the power to do anything about this, as it is on private property. Ken said it is a dispute between the 2 landowners, this is what was advised by our Prosecuting Attorney, Breanne Parcels. Our lawyer said we aren't responsible. John thinks we need to get ahold of Breanne and have her get ahold of Mr. Bodin and have them get together about this and hash it out. Steve said he doesn't want the fence taken down, he wants it taken off of his property. Steve will email what information he has from Mr. Bodin to Kenny and then Kenny can send it to Breanne and see what she tells us. Steve said that this is a learning curve for both of us. And no one wants any hard feelings over this.

Kara Slonecker, reported that she would like for us to invite Mr. Tim Barhorse, the State Representative of the Solar Issues, to one our meetings. Kara said that the Solar Issue with Fountain Point is not a done deal yet, it is to be voted on in either Jan or Feb. Kara said that Light Source could come in at any time also. Kara said that there is a meeting on Dec. 7 at Hi-Point, and she invited any of us to attend, there will be a group to speak about Fountain Point. Kara said that Light Source could be coming into Perry Township. Kara gave a lot of information of the Solar Issue. Leah talked about the Solar issues in Kenton, she has attended a meeting on this. Kara wanted everyone to know that this is not over.

Dan Coats brought up about the Trustees introducing the Fire Chief – Dan McElfresh today at the Township Meeting. Dan said he feels that the department should have been introduced before now. Dan said he felt that there should have been a date set up for the department to meet the Chief. Kenny said it would have been hard to get the whole department together, Dan said that didn't matter, a date should have been set and whomever could come, come. Dan doesn't think this was handled properly. He said the firemen just walked into the firehouse and there was the Chief. This was not fair to the Chief or the department. He also felt that Larry deserved a face to face meeting about who was hired as the Chief. Since, Larry was filling in as Chief, he deserved that much. That was just showing Larry respect. Larry shouldn't have gotten a letter like the other applicants.

Dan Coats brought up about the Chief's pay. As far as the over-time. He needs to put in the 212 hours per month to get overtime. Instead of paying the Chief over time after his mandatory 24 monthly hours, and then if he puts in more than 48 hours he would get overtime. Dan has researched and for what he can find, the Chief's pay goes along with the department pay. He needs to work 212 hours per month to get overtime pay. Chief is

ok with this. No problem. Kenny made a motion revise the Chief's pay to the 212 hours for overtime, seconded by John. Kenny, yes, JD, abstained, and John, yes.

John thanked anyone who voted for him at the Election.

Cindy thanked anyone who voted for her and also for passing the 2 levies that were on the ballot.

Kenny said it was a lot of work getting through the hiring of the fire Chief, it was a long, drawn out process and he thanks anyone who had anything to do with it.

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

TOTAL OF BILLS: \$82,939.08

INCOME FOR OCTOBER TOTAL \$19,149.19

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