

The Board of Perry Township Trustees met in Regular Session on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Liberty Community Room. Roll Call: Kenny Rosebrook, present, John (JD) Gibson, present, John Brose, present, and Cindy Stalling, present. Also present was Quinton Lookabaugh, Renee Rosebrook, Jessica Gibson, Sandy Wilcox, Darin Brogan, Dan Coats, Larry Wellington, Chief Dan McElfresh, Dan Ackley, Joni Cox and Leah Edwards.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mr. Kenny Rosebrook 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. Rosebrook 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 both stand approved by the trustees.

JD reported that the switch on the mower on the Skid Loader has been fixed. Should be good to go now.

JD reported that Medic 42 should be done this week.

JD reported that HBI Electric was at the firehouse today to give us a price on installing the cameras at the firehouse.

Kenny brought up about the electric heaters, the one in the basement and the one in the bathroom. He looked at Lowe's and stated that they didn't have very good options. So, he is going to do some more investigation on this project.

Kenny reported that the new grill has been purchased for the fire dept. It is working good so far.

We received our Assessed Valuation from the County Auditor. Cindy gave all Trustees a copy.

Cindy brought up about the ditch problem on T.R. 132, we received an estimate from the County for the ditch work on this road. It would be \$4,434.05 for labor, \$31.14 for material, \$6,752.80 for equipment, for a total of \$11,217.99. Dan McMillen from the County told John that this estimate would probably be high, it would probably be more like \$9,000.00. We will have to check with Nick Cronkleton, as we will be taking some of his land to fix this. John said that he is all for letting the County fix this ongoing problem. The Trustees will go out and talk to Nick. After some discussion, Mr. Brose made a motion to accept this estimate from the County, seconded by Kenny. Kenny, yes, JD, yes and John, yes.

Kenny brought up about the trash totes at the Lodge. He is going to put together some language as to where the totes are and how to use them.

Kenny brought up about the cemetery books being put into a fire safe place for safety. Kenny has measured to see about getting something for this. This was brought up last year also.

Kenny brought up about the fire Dept garage doors. The bottom panel needs replaced on a couple of the doors. A couple of the doors don't have photo eyes. Watkins Door will come and work on the doors. We need to have photo eyes installed on those doors, that are higher than the bottom of the fire trucks.

We Congratulated the New Fire Chief, Mr. Daniel McElfresh from his full-time Fire Dept.

Chief reported that they had 7 runs since our meeting. We had no missed runs.

Chief reported that Medic 42 is out of service for repairs from A.R.M.S.

T-41 had a bolt in the right rear outer dual removed by Levans' Tire. No leak was found so no future action was required.

Chief reported that the regional SCBA grant is to be resubmitted in January 2024. This includes Perry, Ridgeway, Bokescreek and Rushcreek.

We have new members to the Fire department; Robert Wilson, FF2/Paramedic and has 19 years of experience. Tommy Cunningham, FF2/Paramedic with 15 years of experience.

Chief went over the expenditures for the last month. Jessica Gibson and Jason Epp are going to an EMS Children's Conference. There is a free Lithium battery training at the Union County EMA on Friday. We have several going to this. John made a motion for the expenditures, seconded by JD. Kenny, yes, JD, yes, and John, yes.

The FDIC Conference in Indiana is coming up. If we pre-register by Feb. 1st we can save \$50.00. Chief would like to send 4 to this conference. Would be a total of \$200.00.

Chief is looking into new squad material.

Chief brought up about renovations to the Firehouse. The captains and himself have been discussing this and Chief thinks it's time to have a meeting with the Trustees, the Captains and himself. To bounce ideas off of each other.

Chief reported that one of the garage doors came down on the squad. There was no damage to the squad.

Dustin Cook participated in Operation Santa Sleigh at Children's Hospital in Columbus, on December 23, 2023. This is the 2nd year he has participated in this representing Perry Township.

Mr. Larry Wellington brought up about getting a fire blanket to put out electric battery fires. He had 3 quotes. These are used for electric cars, as water will not put the lithium batteries out. Larry had sent the Trustees videos showing how these blankets work and how to use them.

The 3 quotes were: from Fire Cloak for a 26' x 20' is \$1404.00

Darley for a 20' x 30' for \$1650.00

Vogelpohl for a 20' x 30' for \$1290.00

All of these blankets are single use blankets. Larry talked about the different companies. He is hoping to get enlightened about these blankets at the training they are attending on Friday. Larry is asking for \$1650.00 for a purchase of a blanket. They can choose which one they would like to have after that training. Chief did some explaining of the blankets. The Insurance companies will be billed for the blankets if used, on their policy holders.

The batteries burn at 2500 degrees when on fire. There were lots of discussion. Kenny made a motion for a fire blanket, not to exceed \$1650.00, seconded by JD. Kenny, yes, JD, yes and John, yes.

Dan Ackley, Zoning inspector gave his monthly report. Some Heather called him to see if her son could build a house down on the old Elevator property? Dan told her No.

Mark Wilson got a permit for his new front porch.

John Baughman wanted to know about tearing down Carol Cook's house that he purchased? Dan went out to LUC and was told that if the deed is the same as it was in 1971, then he does not have to have a variance. Dan said that LUC has been a BIG help to him. LUC told Dan that if the deeds match, they are the same size, then he is good to go. This is before zoning and after zoning in Perry Township.

Dan sold a permit to Collin Link, representing Honda for a building to test electric cars.

Dan said that Jim Shelton called him and he was in Cincinnati and would not be able to attend our meeting tonight. Quint Lookabaugh was here about the Shooting Range. Matter was tabled due to Mr. Shelton not being here.

Dan thanked the Fire Dept for the awesome job they did for him personally.

Kenny gave Nikki's report for the month, as Nikki was not in attendance. The Lodge was used 11 times, 9 being non-profit. The Community Room was rented 13 times and the Park 0 times. For a total for 2023: The lodge was used 81 times, the Community Room was used 127 times and the Park was used 48 times.

Mr. Darin Brogan, the man who sets off our fireworks for the last 2 years. He reported that he puts the firework tubes together the night before, it takes 3 to 4 hours and he has 3 or 4 guys helping him. He has racks in his barn. He has 864, 3" tubes. He would like to have a 53' storage container for these tubes. Darin has talked to Jay Ackley about maybe putting a container on his property where Darin sets the fireworks off. Jay has not gotten back to him. Darin asked if there is any other room for a container on somewhere at the Park? He would like to be able to put the tubes together and store them in this container, it would save a lot of time. It takes all weekend for him to do these tubes. Put them together on Friday, shoot them off on Saturday and tear them down on Sunday. Darin would like for the Township to purchase the container. John said he isn't sure we can purchase it, he said we need to check with our lawyer. John suggested maybe an old U-Haul truck, it would have a covered trailer. There were lots of suggestions. We thanked Darin for what he is doing for Perry Township.

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

BILLS: TOTAL OF BILLS: \$60,673.45

INCOME FOR DECEMBER: TOTAL \$ 74,631.71

The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Stalling who asked for nominations from the floor for Chairman of the Board for 2024. John nominated JD for Chairman of the

Board, seconded by Kenny. Kenny, yes, JD, yes and John, yes. Cindy then asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board. Kenny nominated John, for Vice-Chairman, seconded by JD. Kenny, yes, JD, yes and John, yes. Kenny will be the member for 2024.

We then went into our re-organizational meeting. The Trustees will meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the East Liberty Community Room; all Special meetings will be advertised, Kenny made a motion to accept, seconded by JD. Kenny, yes, JD, yes, and John, yes.

John made a motion that the Trustees get paid per salary, with the amount recommended by the State as per our Budget, seconded by Kenny. JD, yes, John, yes, and Kenny, yes.

Kenny made a motion to make the following changes in the Zoning Boards:

ZONING APPEALS BOARD

Chuck Boudrow Chrm, 1 yr. term
Jenneth Bourdrow, 2 yr term
Jessica Gibson, 3 yr term
Kurt Penhorwood, Sec &4 yr term
Mitch Current & 5 yr term

ZONING COMMISSION

Sandy Wilcox, Chrm 1 yr term
Larry Wellington, 2 yr term
Joy Litteral, 3 yr term
Melony Baker, 4 yr term
Linda Baldrige, 5 yr term

Seconded by JD. JD, yes John, yes, and Kenny, yes.

John made a motion to leave the Zoning Rates the same for residential and to put a cap at \$25,000.00, seconded by JD. JD, yes, John, yes, and Kenny, yes.

2024 ZONING RATES

Zoning Permits

\$12.50 – for value 0 - \$500.00

\$37.50 – for value \$01.00 - \$2,000.00

\$100.00 – for value \$2,001.00 - \$5,000.00

1. \$3.75 – per \$1,000.00 plus base fee; for \$5,001.00 to \$50,000.00

2. \$2.50 – per \$1,000.00 plus base fee and item (1) above \$50,001.00 and up.

With a cap of \$25,000.00 for any zoning permit.

Swimming Pool permit \$25.00

Cost of;

Rezoning (text, or district boundaries) \$400.00

Appeals, variances, and conditional uses \$300.00

Passed by all Trustees and will be effective as of 1-1-2024

Kenny made a motion to leave Mr. Dan Ackley as our Zoning Inspector, seconded by JD. JD, yes, John, yes, and Kenny, yes.

John made a motion to raise Mr. Dan Ackley's salary by \$50.00, making it \$550.00 per month, seconded by JD. JD, yes, John, yes, and Kenny, no. He will receive \$550.00 per month and also 10% of the permits that he writes and \$40.00 per zoning meeting that he attends. All Trustees agreed that we do not need to have our annual zoning meeting with the Zoning Boards. John made a motion to leave the Zoning Board members pay for attending any Zoning meeting at \$40.00 per meeting, seconded by JD. JD, yes, John, yes, and Kenny, yes. Mr. Kurt Penhorwood will be Secretary and will be paid \$50.00 per meeting that he attends and takes minutes at.

Kenny made a motion to leave the Cemetery Rates the same as last year, seconded by JD. JD, yes, John, yes, and Kenny, yes.

2024 CEMETERY RATES

Open and Close Grave	\$400.00
WEEKEND Open and Close Grave	\$500.00
Open and Close Infant Grave	\$ 60.00
Cremation Interment	\$200.00
Cremation Interment (Weekend)	\$300.00
Install Military Base	FREE

Monument Bases:

Up to and include 12"	\$275.00
12.1" and include 24"	\$300.00
24.1" and include 60"	\$400.00
60.1" and up	By Measurement
Crypt	at Owners Discretion and Expense

Trustees want actual dimension of stone on base order sheets.

After 10 years Perry Township is NOT responsible for repairs/replacement of bases.

New bases will be \$75.00 per foot.

Disinterment within Perry Township	\$5000.00
Disinterment outside Perry Township	\$5000.00

Lots:

Resident of Perry Township	full lot \$250.00 Half lot \$125.00
Non-Residents of Perry Township	Full Lot 5,000.00 Half Lot \$2,500.00

West Mansfield Residents, inside the city limits, may purchase lots in the GreenLawn Cemetery under the resident's price. Family members of Perry Township residents will be at Trustees discretion.

John made a motion to leave the Trustees doing the digging of the cemetery graves, seconded by JD. JD, yes, John, yes, Kenny, yes.

Kenny made a motion to leave the mileage outside of Perry Township at \$.48 per mile, seconded by John. JD, yes, John, yes, Kenny, yes. The policy for paying for Township Officials mileage, registration and reasonable priced meals to township conventions, workshops and so related meetings will continue to be honored. Any schooling or seminars the township will pay for the classes.

JD made a motion to leave the full-time employee salary the same, seconded by Kenny. JD, yes, John, yes, and Kenny, yes. This employee will continue to get 11 paid holidays, 10 vacation days and 3 sick days per year. He can carry over a maximum of 60 days per year.

John made a motion to raise the janitor's salary for the Park at \$290.00 plus \$20.00 for the closed months and to raise the pay for the Lodge Hall to \$250.00 per month and to raise the Community Room to \$255.00 per month seconded by John. JD, yes, John, yes, and Kenny, yes. The salary will be:

Township Building	\$255.00 per month
Lodge Hall	\$250.00 per month
Perry Park	\$290.00 per month that the Park is Open
And \$20.00 for the closed months.	

The Lodge Hall may be used for non-profit at NO charge and also for funeral dinners at NO charge.

Kenny made a motion to give the Fire Chief a salary of \$1,200.00 per month, for 24 hours. Any hours over the 24 he will be paid \$23.00 per hour. seconded by JD. JD, yes, John, yes, and Kenny, yes.

We do not have an Assist Fire Chief at this time.

Chief McElfresh has contacted TRC about getting the inspections back up and going.

The township will pay for any training or advanced training to the fire department members as the Township Trustees sees fit and approves of and as long as he/she is a Perry Township Resident.

Kenny made a motion to leave the fire dept personnel pay the same, seconded John. JD, abstained, John, yes and Kenny, yes.

For Basic EMT it will be \$18.00 per hour

For Advanced EMT it will be \$19.00 per hour

Medic, Lt., or Officer it will be \$21.00 per hour.

Weekend pay will be \$2.00 per hour more.

Holiday pay will be 1.5 of your pay rates.

The daytime department will run from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The volunteer pay will remain the same as last year.

Pay will be as follows:

EMT's- \$30.00 Night Shift Mon-Fri if you are an EMT/FF Mon-Fri it is \$55.00

FF- \$30.00 Night Shift Mon-Fri if you are an FF/EMT Weekends \$110.00

EMT's \$55.00 Weekend Shift full 24 hours, if you work a 14 hr. shift you get \$30.00

FF/EMT \$60.00 Weekend Shift full 24 hours, if you work a 14 hr. shift you get \$30.00
FF/EMT if you work a 10 hr. shift you get \$55.00
FF/EMT if you work a 14 hr. shift you get \$55.00

John made a motion that the flowers in the cemeteries need to be cleaned off by April 1st and Oct. 1st for spring and fall clean-up, seconded by Kenny. JD, *yes, John, yes, and Kenny, yes.*

John made a motion that base orders must be turned in by May 1st to be guaranteed to be in by Memorial Day, and fall orders are to be turned in by Sept. 15th, seconded by Kenny. JD, *yes, John, yes, and Kenny, yes.*

John made a motion to leave the purchasing policy amount at \$500.00, seconded by Kenny. JD, *yes, John, yes, and Kenny, yes.* Any purchase over the \$500.00 needs to have at least 2 Trustees approval prior to the purchase. This is for the 3 Trustees and the fiscal officer.

John made a motion that all time sheets needs to be turned into the fiscal officer by the 1st of each month, seconded by Kenny. JD, *yes, John, yes, and Kenny, yes.*

John made a motion that ONLY Perry Township residents can rent the Community Room and we will continue to accept donations, seconded by Kenny. JD, *yes, John, yes, and Kenny, yes.*

John made a motion to leave the rent for the Lodge Hall for Non-residents of Perry Township to \$200.00 and to leave the rent for Perry Township residents at \$50.00, seconded by JD. JD, *yes, John, yes, and Kenny, yes.* There will be a \$50.00 deposit also that will be returned if the room is cleaned up and passes the inspection of the janitor.

John made a motion to give the fiscal officer permission to perform line item transfers as needed through the year, seconded by JD. JD, *yes, John, yes and Kenny, yes.*

John made a motion to give the Fire Chief a purchasing limit of \$250.00, seconded by Kenny. JD, *yes, John, yes and Kenny, yes.*

Cindy reported that she took the year-end report up to the Auditor and we will vote on the Appropriations at our February meeting. Cindy has done temporary Appropriations until then.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Cindy Stalling, Perry Township Fiscal Officer

Accepted by Perry Township Trustees:

John Gibson

John Brose

Kenny Rosebrook

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