

PERKINS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

April 23, 2024

The Perkins Township Trustees met Tuesday, April 23, 2024, in the Township Services Facility located at 2610 Columbus Avenue. The Trustees present were James Ommert, James Lang, and Timothy Coleman. Chairman Coleman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:30 a.m.

AGENDA

Mr. Coleman moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor.

MINUTES

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the minutes of April 9th. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor.

FINANCIALS

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the financials for the period ending April 23rd. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of information related to the Town Center Study (Receive for Information/ No Action Required)

OHM Advisors worked with Community Development to create a Township wide survey to gauge support for a Town Center, as requested by citizens during the Strategic Plan Public Involvement Process. The survey collected 383 submissions, 3.5%, but it was a good turnout and statistically valid said OHM Advisors for this type of survey content. The results of the survey show overall support for a Town Center, prioritizing open and mixed-use spaces, open park space, food truck plazas, a pedestrian alley, a public active recreation space, and a reading garden, these were some of the top polled items. Residents spoke their opinions of the survey and potential Town Center. Chairman Coleman assured residents that this report provides information, but the Board is not funding the development of any future "Town Center".

Resolution 2024-056

Moratorium on establishment of Poker Clubs.

Mr. Coleman moved to place a moratorium on the establishment of Poker Clubs. Mr. Lang seconded. Director Byington recommended 10 months on the moratorium; the existing poker clubs will still be able to operate. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2024-057

Hire Dixie Gildenmeister as a Code Enforcement Officer in the Community Development Department at \$19.00 per hour, effective April 24, 2024.

Mr. Coleman moved to hire Dixie Gildenmeister as a Code Enforcement Officer in the Community Development Department at \$19.00 per hour. Mr. Lang seconded. Director Byington explained that when the previous code enforcement person left, they needed to hire someone. Dixie was an experienced candidate and was chosen as the best fit after interviews were conducted. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

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Resolution 2024-058

Hire Gary Trent as a seasonal Laborer in the Public Works Department at \$14.00 per hour, effective April 24, 2024.

Mr. Coleman moved to hire Gary Trent as a seasonal laborer in the public works department at \$14.00 per hour. Director Link said that Mr. Trent has experience mowing and trimming, he'll be working in the parks. His schedule would be around 20-22 hours, Monday-Wednesday. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2024-059

Adopt Supplemental Appropriations – Perkins Police Department. For the equipment needed to upgrade their server.

Mr. Coleman moved to adopt supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Police Department Gifts and Donations fund to the Machinery, Equipment, and Furniture fund for the equipment needed to upgrade their server. Mr. Lang seconded. Chief Musser explained that the Police Department received a donation specially for this type of improvement from the VFW Post in the Township. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2024-060

Approve a One-Time Payment to William Knupke for his Assistance with Baseball in the Amount of \$1,250.00

Mr. Colman moved to approve a one-time payment to William Knupke for his assistance with baseball in the amount of \$1,250.00. Mr. Lang seconded. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Department Reports

Police Department - Chief Musser's report was submitted in writing. He added that the Police Department received \$200.00 from the Erie County Home Builders Association for the K9 fund.

Fire Department - Chief Murphy's report was submitted in writing. He added that the Fire Department received \$5,000.00 from VFW. The new EMS Billing will start within the next 30 days.

Public Words Department - Director Link's report was submitted in writing. He added that Clean Up Day and Baseball Opening Night are coming up in the couple next weeks.

Community Development – Director Byington's report was submitted in writing.

Administrator – Director Boyle's report was submitted in writing.

Notices/Correspondence

- Next Regular Meeting – May 14 @ 6:00 p.m.

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Fiscal Officer Comments

- Payments for the period April 9 – April 23 total \$263,237.05, including administrative costs and standard routine payments. Other payments this period include computer services, Police Department giveaway items for events, and equipment for the Fire Department.
- Motel Tax collections for the month of March totaled \$118,661.67 which is a 10.86% increase from 2023.
- Fire Fighter Riley Rospert obtained State of Ohio Fire Safety Inspector certification and will now be a Class A Firefighter, effective 4/18/24.

Trustees' Discussion

No additional business discussed at this time.

Public Forum

Hal Gundlach advised of his visit with Erie County Soil and Water. He believes there is a communication error between the Township and the County as Soil and Water is unaware of the issues the Township is having. Erie County Soil and Water has the resources to receive grants and submit plans to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, which they will do for the township. Mr. Coleman said he would speak with them.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Coleman moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. Mr. Lang seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Meeting adjourned.

Timothy Coleman, Chairman

Alexis Koch, Fiscal Officer