

PERKINS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

July 23, 2024

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

AGENDA

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

FINANCIALS

Mr. Ommert moved to approve the financials for the period ending July 8th. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2024-101

Hire Charlene Watkins as Community Development Director in accordance with the attached Schedule A, effective July 29, 2024.

Mr. Ommert moved hire Charlene Watkins as Community Development Director in accordance with the attached Schedule A, effective July 29, 2024. Mr. Lang seconded. Administrator Boyle explained that the previous Community Development Director has moved on to Lakewood, Ohio and we have been looking to fill her place with a person that understood the challenges of planning. There were multiple candidates, but Administrator Boyle believes Charlene is the best fit for the Township. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2024-102

Accept the resignation of Ryan Fry as Recreation Manager, effective August 2, 2024.

Mr. Ommert moved to accept the resignation of Ryan Fry as Recreation Manager, effective August 2, 2024. Mr. Lang seconded. Administrator Boyle explained that this was disappointing to lose Ryan Fry, he had been a great help in providing recreation for the Township, and we wish Ryan well with the City of Sandusky. He also stated that the Township is looking into absorbing his position within the department by reassessing duties. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2024-103

Authorize a three (3) year contract with OCV, LLC for a Township mobile app per the attached contract.

Mr. Ommert moved to authorize a three (3) year contract with OCV, LLC for a Township mobile app per the attached contract. Mr. Lang seconded. Administrator Boyle stated that this came to the Township's attention through our Community Impact Officer. He told the Board of Trustees that this application is being used by 15,000 other communities and that the usefulness of it for events, weather alerts, emergencies, and community connections. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2024-104

Authorize submittal of a grant application for the OPWC Round 39 for the Perkins Ave Sidewalk Project and accept if so awarded.

Mr. Ommert moved authorize submittal of a grant application for the OPWC Round 39 for the Perkins Ave Sidewalk Project and accept if so awarded. Mr. Lang seconded. Administrator Boyle thanked Public Works Director Brad Link for working on this annual Grant application which would offset the Township's cost of the sidewalk projects and safe routes to schools. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye. Resolution passed.

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Resolution 2024-105

Approve a Then and Now to AXON Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$39,428.58.

Mr. Ommert moved Approve a Then and Now to AXON Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$39,428.58. Mr. Lang seconded. Administrator Boyle explained the need for the Board of Trustees approval as this purchase was over the \$3,000 limit. This payment is for vehicle and body cameras. Chief Musser advised that there was a delay caused by Axon related to our payment schedule and that is caused a “Then and Now” resolution. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2024-106

Approve a supplemental allocation from “Other Professional and Technical Services 1000-110-319-000” to “Unemployment Compensation 1000-110-240-000” in the amount of \$2,400.00.

Mr. Ommert moved to approve a supplemental allocation from “Other Professional and Technical Services 1000-110-319-000” to “Unemployment Compensation 1000-110-240-000” in the amount of \$2,400.00. Mr. Lang seconded. Administrator Boyle provided information on the matter regarding a previous employee now being on unemployment. Administrator Boyle stated that this would be the Township’s required portion of that unemployment benefit. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2024-107

Accept the resignation of Dixie Gildenmeister, effective July 19, 2024.

Mr. Ommert moved to accept the resignation of Dixie Gildenmeister, effective July 19, 2024. Mr. Lang seconded. Administrator Boyle stated he wished Dixie Gildenmeister would have been able to stay with the Township longer, but in the need of childcare, was no longer able to stay on the job. Administrator Boyle said she had done a great job as a code enforcer and wished her well. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye. Resolution passed.

Department Reports

Police Department – Chief Musser’s report was submitted in writing.

Fire Department – Chief Murphy’s report was submitted in writing. He stated that the Fire Department received an Ohio Impact grant for \$97,200 for retention, he said he had applied for the full \$100,000 and will be reevaluating for distribution to employees.

Public Works Department – Director Link’s report was submitted in writing.

Administrator – Administrator Boyle’s report was submitted in writing, but he will keep the Board of Trustees updated with the meetings he is attending. Administrator Boyle appreciated all the departments coming together for the Miller family. He gives his condolences to the entire family. Administrator Boyle asked to add an additional resolution before the Board of Trustees.

Resolution 2024-108

Request Approval and Accept the Award if Granted from the Erie County Community Foundation

Mr. Ommert moved to approve and accept the award if granted from the Erie County Community Foundation. Mr. Lang seconded. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye. Resolution passed.

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Notices/Correspondence

- New D2 Liquor Permit for Blue Door Market, LLC dba the Blue Door Market at 6513 Milan Road. No hearing was requested.
- Promote Police Patrol Officer Ryan Waechter to Class B, effective July 26, 2024
- Promote Police Patrol Officer Colin Llyod to Class A, effective August 13, 2024
- Next Regular Meeting – August 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Comments

- Payments for the period June 25th – July 8th total \$253,333.68. This amount includes supplies for future programs, auto repairs, and services to help facilitate the building the new Fire Station
- The adopted 2025 Tax Budget was filed with the Erie County Auditor on July 11th.

Trustees' Discussion

No additional business discussed at this time.

Public Forum

Sue Daughtery attended this meeting to speak about the housing issue for senior citizens in the Township. She asked the Board of Trustees a favor to attend Serving Our Seniors meeting on affordable housing on August 15th at the UAW hall from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. as it will be a public forum. This forum will touch on the unaffordable cost of market rate rent.

Sue Daugherty explained that the purpose of the forum is to gather everyone into a room to find a solution. She is hopeful that people in positions of power and influence to attend. She hopes people who attend listen to their concerns and converse with the panel. She stated that Pete Shade of the Erie County Health Department would be there to address the public health crisis as well.

She stated that during the meeting she noticed we would be purchasing a Township phone application and she is willing to help seniors navigate this on their phones and asked the Township if they would be willing to help do so with all Township seniors to download and use the application.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Ommert moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Lang seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye. Meeting adjourned.

Timothy Coleman, Chairman

Alexis Koch, Fiscal Officer