

**PERKINS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**September 10, 2024**

The Perkins Township Trustees met on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, in the Township Services Facility located at 2610 Columbus Avenue. The Trustees present were James Ommert, James Lang, and Tim Coleman. Chairman Coleman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 p.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 adopt the minutes of August 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**FINANCIALS**

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the financials for the period ending September 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Chairman Tim Coleman discussed the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup> and called for a Moment of Silence.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2024-128**

**Approve a Then & Now Payment to Richard L. Bowen & Associates Inc.**

Mr. Coleman moved to approve a then & now payment to Richard L. Bowen & Associates Inc. in the amount of \$28,125.00 for professional services related to the fire station project.

Mr. Lang seconded. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye.

Resolution passed.

**Resolution 2024-129**

**Approve Then & Now Payment for Bricker Graydon**

Mr. Coleman moved to approve a then & now payment to Bricker Graydon in the amount of \$6,375.70 for professional legal services. Mr. Lang seconded. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

**Resolution 2024-130**

**Hire Emily Adams as PT Admin Assistant**

Mr. Coleman moved to hire Emily Adams as a part-time Administrative Assistant in the Public Works Department at an hourly rate of \$19.00, effective September 11, 2024.

Mr. Lang seconded. Administrator Boyle stated that Emily Adams has been involved with the department for the past few years and has been a great employee. Roll call: Mr.

Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

**Resolution 2024-131**

**Amend Lori Hohler's Schedule A**

Mr. Coleman moved to approve an amendment to Lori Hohler's Schedule A to provide for an hourly rate of \$23.10, effective September 11, 2024. Mr. Lang seconded. Administrator Boyle advised that Lori Hohler has done an outstanding job and is a valued member of the administration. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

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**Resolution 2024-132**

**Authorize Purchase of Ambulance from Pfund**

Mr. Coleman moved to authorize purchase of a Custom Life Line Superliner Ambulance from Pfund Superior Sales Co. in an amount not to exceed \$380,000.00 Mr. Lang seconded. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

**Resolution 2024-133**

**Authorize Purchase of Ford F-150 Responder from Statewide Ford**

Mr. Coleman moved to authorize the purchase of a Ford F-150 Responder from Statewide Ford in an amount not to exceed \$74,475.00 Mr. Lang seconded. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

**Resolution 2024-134**

**Authorize Submittal of Grant Application to OTARMA**

Mr. Coleman moved to authorize the submittal of a grant application to OTARMA for the MORE Grant in the amount of \$1,000 and accept the grant if so awarded. 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.

**Fire Department** – Chief Murphy’s report was submitted in writing. He added that the Ohio EMS Training Grant funding received in the amount of \$3,000. The asbestos report for 407 Woodlawn was received and there was some found in the kitchen floor but none in shingles. The burn training exercise is scheduled for September 28.

Request for Resolution to Apply for Ambulance Power Cot

**Resolution 2024-135** Authorize Submittal of a Grant Application for a Power Cot and Accept if Awarded. Mr. Coleman moved to apply for the ambulance power cot. Mr. Lang seconded. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

**Public Works Department** – Director Link’s report was submitted in writing. He added the Stonewood paving project is well underway. Lisa Crescimano stated that Smith Paving is doing a great job and is communicating well with residents.

Nancy McKeen complained that one of the fiber optic companies did not re-instate her lawn. Brad indicated that he would meet her at her property this week to see what can be done. Lisa Crescimano asked if the fiber optic companies needed a permit to work in the right-of-way, and Brad advised that they do.

Chairman Tim Coleman added that we cannot control what they do as a result of Federal and State regulations. Lisa Crescimano inquired whether the Township receives a franchise fee from fiber optic companies like the Township does from Buckeye Cable, and was advised by Tim that we do not and cannot charge under Federal and State regulations.

**Community Development** – Director Charlene Watkins report was submitted in writing.

**Administrator** – Administrator Boyle’s report was submitted in writing. He reminded the Board of various upcoming meetings and added clarification of uniform policy on taxable

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and non-taxable clothing and equipment items is required. A draft policy was provided to the Board and was found to be acceptable by the Board.

Mr. Ommert asked about Police and Fire uniform allowances and how orders were processed. He was advised by the Chiefs on amounts and the processes involved. Director Link also explained the Public Works contract allowances.

**Resolution 2024-136** Adopt a Policy on Uniforms and Tax Applicability

Mr. Coleman moved to adopt a policy on uniforms and tax applicability. Mr. Lang seconded. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

**Notices/Correspondence**

- Next Regular Meeting – September 24, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.

**Fiscal Officer Comments**

No additional business discussed at this time.

**Trustees' Discussion**

No additional business discussed at this time.

**Public Forum**

Kathryn Carter advised that at the recent Serving Our Seniors Housing Forum Eric Wobser of GSP called for dense affordable senior housing in the Township. She did not support the densities suggested by him and does not like the notion of putting seniors in high rise apartment buildings.

Chairman Tim Coleman and others mentioned that they did not hear that at the Housing Forum. She also mentioned that she thought that Serving Our Seniors should hold another forum on this subject. She further alluded to the fact that the Township needed policies to regulate development. Chairman Tim Coleman, Administrator Gary Boyle and Director Charlene Watkins, all reported that the Township does have a Comprehensive Plan to guide development, neighborhood plans, and a Strategic Plan to do that.

Chairman Coleman further indicated that the Township has not been approached by anyone including SOS or GSP with such a housing development proposal. He further noted that the Board controls zoning and has always worked to protect neighborhoods.

Ms. Carter then asked if the Board can provide a legal document to protect persons wanting to rent a room or two to seniors from squatters, etc. She was advised that any such document would need to come from a private attorney as that is a private civil matter and not from the Township. Lastly, she advised that she was at a City Commission meeting and Mr. Murray made the comment that the City should annex all of Perkins Township.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Lang moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Mr. Coleman seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye. Meeting adjourned.

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Timothy Coleman, Chairman

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Alexis Koch, Fiscal Officer