

PERKINS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

March 25, 2025

The Perkins Township Trustees met on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 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 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 adopt the minutes of February 25th, and March 19th, 2025. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor.

FINANCIALS

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the financials for the period ending March 21st. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2025-35

Hire Tara Smith as a Class C-1 full-time Firefighter/EMT, effective March 26, 2025.

Mr. Coleman moved to hire Tara Smith as a Class C-1 full-time Firefighter/EMT, effective March 26, 2025. Mr. Lang seconded. Chief Murphy supplied an impressive background of Tara, as she is a qualified candidate who has passed all the pre-hire testing. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Update on Serving Our Seniors' affordable senior housing initiative by Sue Daugherty and Amy Bowman-Moore.

Sue Daugherty and Amy Bowman-Moore provided an update to the forums Serving Our Senior has been doing around the region. They have been educating people on property tax rates, as well as how the County and Township can help.

Public Hearing:

Notice of declaration of insecure, unsafe, or structurally defective structure, and intent to demolish a Mobile Home Structure located at 528 West Perkins Avenue, Lot 8 (PPN 32-02976.000) (Mobile Home Serial # 65121716) pursuant to ORC Section 505.86.

Resolution 2025-36

Declare the Mobile Home Structure at 528 West Perkins Avenue, Lot 8 (PPN 32-02976.000) insecure, unsafe, or structurally defective

Mr. Coleman moved to Declare the Mobile Home Structure at 528 West Perkins Avenue, Lot 8 (PPN 32-02976.000) insecure, unsafe, or structurally defective per ORC Section 505.86. Mr. Lang seconded. Mr. Ommert asked the structure how long he has lived there, he said he has been for about two years. Administrator Boyle explained that this would be the first step in the process, he would then sign a compliance agreement with the Community Development and Building Departments. Mr. Coleman added that it was time to make improvements. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

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Resolution 2025-37

Accept the Township's Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) recommendation to continue the TIF agreement between Perkins Township and the Developer, Aligned Data Center, per current agreement.

Mr. Coleman moved to accept the Township's Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) recommendation to continue the TIF agreement between Perkins Township and the Developer, Aligned Data Center, per current agreement. Mr. Lang seconded. The discussion between the Trustees was to confirm that we will be continuing with the current agreement. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2025-38

Authorize an application under the State of Ohio's Office of Criminal Justice Services' Violent Crime Reduction grant program and accept the grant if so awarded.

Mr. Coleman moved to authorize an application under the State of Ohio's Office of Criminal Justice Services' Violent Crime Reduction grant program and accept the grant if so awarded. Mr. Lang seconded. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2025-39

Approve first amendment to Arielle Blanca's Schedule A appointing her as Community Development Director per the attached, effective April 5, 2025.

Mr. Coleman moved to approve first amendment to Arielle Blanca's Schedule A, appointing her as Community Development Director per the attached, effective April 5, 2025. Administrator Boyle shared that Blanca has been doing an outstanding job as the Interim director, she would be the appropriate fit to move forward as Director. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2025-40

Authorize an application to the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services' Buyers Program (Ohio Cooperative Purchasing).

Mr. Coleman moved to authorize an application to the State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services' Buyers Program (Ohio Cooperative Purchasing). Mr. Lang seconded. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2025-41

Apply to Erie Metro Parks under its Local Parks Capital Improvement Grant Program for playground equipment at Fairview Lanes Park and accept the grant if so awarded.

Mr. Coleman moved to apply to Erie Metro Parks under its Local Parks Capital Improvement Grant Program for playground equipment at Fairview Lanes Park and accept the grant if so awarded. Mr. Land seconded. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2025-42

Approve an additional payment to Colliers Engineering & Design for geotechnical services related to the fire station project in the amount of \$16,290.00.

Mr. Coleman moved to approve an additional payment to Colliers Engineering & Design for geotechnical services related to the fire station project in the amount of \$16,290.00. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

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Resolution 2025-43

Authorize the receipt of adult use cannabis tax levied by the State of Ohio and submitted to the Township by the State of Ohio Department of Taxation as intergovernmental revenue to be deposited in the general fund.

Mr. Coleman moved to authorize the receipt of adult use cannabis tax levied by the State of Ohio and submitted to the Township by the State of Ohio Department of Taxation as intergovernmental revenue to be deposited in the general fund. Mr. Lang seconded. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2025-44

Hire Elizabeth Casey Sparks as a part-time Planner/ Zoning Inspector in the Community Development Department at the rate of \$32.00 per hour, effective March 31, 2025.

Mr. Coleman moved to hire Elizabeth Casey Sparks as a part-time Planner/ Zoning Inspector in the Community Development Department at the rate of \$32.00 per hour, effective March 31, 2025. 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.

Community Development – Interim Director Blanca’s report was submitted in writing.

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

Administrator – Administrator Boyle

Notices/Correspondence

- Next Regular Meeting – April 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Comments

- Payments for the period of February 22nd – March 21st total \$749,750.19. This includes payments to DMC technology for the annual Microsoft 356 license and Dell Pro support renewal, Knox Company for lock boxes and hardware, Pavement Management Group for the 2025 Road Update Contract, and Erie County Conservation District for the Phase II Stormwater Program.
- Motel Tax payments for the month of February total \$84,122.96, this includes payments from all our reporting hoteliers.

Trustees’ Discussion

No further discussion by the Trustees.

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Public Forum

Holly Wenzinger of 2821 Monticello Lane asked several questions related to the Aligned Data Center project. Those questions are briefly described as follows:

1. Power usage. Concern was expressed about electric power usage and possible future impact on electric rates for residents;
 - The data center site benefits from one of the largest supplies of electricity in northern Ohio as a result of the former large auto parts factory on this site. Understood that Aligned worked with Ohio Edison on supply updates prior to construction.
 - The Township has no information that would indicate that the data center project would cause electric rates to increase.
 - The issue of electric rates is subject to State Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) approval irrespective of this project.
2. Water usage. Concern was noted that data centers use an inordinate amount of water.
 - Water supply to this development is supplied by Erie County. The Township has no information that indicates that this development somehow negatively impacts water supply, and if it did, the Township believes that the County would probably have denied the approval of water service to the property.
3. Noise. Comment was made that there could be noise pollution from this operation, and that loud noises affect public health, and that Sandusky High School could somehow be affected.
 - This property is zoned “I-2” Heavy Industrial District by the Township’s Zoning Map and Zoning Resolution. The Township has no information that this building will create any possible noise pollution from its operation. It is further noted that this property is zoned “I-2” Heavy Industrial District, and that the Township’s Zoning Resolution contains standards that prohibit noise from being “objectionable due to intermittence, beat frequency, or shrillness” (Section 21.9(1)). It is further noted that the data center was not in close physical proximity to Sandusky High School
4. Township benefit. Questioned what the Township financially receives from the data center project.
 - The Township negotiated a Development Agreement with Aligned Data that provides for the property’s development. That Agreement also contains provisions that include the Township being re-imbursed for its legal expenses, annual payments to the Township, Perkins Schools and EHOVE, etc. It was also noted that Aligned is working with Sandusky High School, Perkins High School, and EHOVE on career path development opportunities.

Adjournment

Mr. Coleman moved to adjourn the Board’s meeting at 9:27 a.m., Mr. Lang seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Meeting adjourned.

Timothy Coleman, Chairman

Alexis Koch, Fiscal Officer