

PERKINS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

April 14, 2026

The Perkins Township Trustees met on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 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 table the minutes of March 24th, on the presented agenda.

FINANCIALS

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the financials for the period ending April 10th, 2026. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2026-42

Approve the terms of the attached Consent Agreement for the removal or repair of insecure, unsafe, or structurally defective building or structures at 2603 Tremper Avenue (PPN 32-00474.000) between Perkins Township and Sergei Sysuev.

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the terms of the attached Consent Agreement for the removal or repair of insecure, unsafe, or structurally defective building or structures at 2603 Tremper Avenue (PPN 32- 00474.000) between Perkins Township and Sergei Sysuev. Mr. Lang seconded. Director Blanca explained that the property was going to be demolished, but since the owner purchased the property, he would like to rehabilitate the building and make significant improvements. This request would be to waive the bond requirement as part of the consent agreement. Chairman Coleman shared that he appreciates when house rehabilitations occur in the Township. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2026-43

Approve the attached contracts with Republic Services for dumpster service at the Township Service facility (2610 Columbus Avenue), Strickfaden Park (318 Bell Avenue), Fire Station 2 (3003 Campbell Street), and Fire Station 3 (4510 Milan Road).

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the attached contracts with Republic Services for dumpster service at the Township Service facility (2610 Columbus Avenue), Strickfaden Park (318 Bell Avenue), Fire Station 2 (3003 Campbell Street), and Fire Station 3 (4510 Milan Road). Mr. Lang seconded. Administrator Boyle shared the work of Lori Hohler, who has done research into pricing and service contracts for these services. Chairman Coleman commented that Hohler often looks at ways the Township can save money, and the work she does is greatly appreciated. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

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Resolution 2026-44

Approve the attached three (3) year Master Service Agreement with DMC Technology Group, Inc. for IT services.

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the attached three (3) year Master Service Agreement with DMC Technology Group, Inc., for IT services. Mr. Lang seconded. Assistant Administrator Ohlemacher stated that our IT service contract is due for renewal. She explained that we met with DMC technology last month to discuss plans, we looked at a one year and a three-year agreement, with the price being locked in if we choose the longer plan. Ohlemacher shared that DMC has been doing a great job for the Township and recommends that the Township keep this vendor. She also added that we could discuss and adjust the contract on an annual basis if necessary. Chairman Coleman shed light on the State's mandates for cyber security training, Ohlemacher mentioned that DMC has ramped up our security since. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2026-45

Authorize the submittal of an application for funding under the Justice for Sierah Grant Program and accept the grant if so awarded.

Mr. Coleman moved to authorize the submittal of an application for funding under the Justice for Sierah Grant Program and accept the grant if so awarded. Mr. Lang seconded. Lieutenant Admas shared that we are now able to provide juvenile ID cards to parents and kids in the Township to increase safety and identification. The Township would be able to issue 300 ID cards with a minimal cost to purchase any additional cards. He shared that the laser print machine can be operated by anyone who is trained, they do not need to be law enforcement. Chairman Coleman agreed that this is a safe measure and keeps us all together as a Township. Trustee Ommert and Lang also agreed and thanked Adams for sharing this idea that was given by one of our School Resource Officers. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2026-46

Authorize the submittal of an application for funding under Shores & Islands Ohio's Sponsorship Grant Program in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Community Day event and in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Winterfest and accept if so awarded.

Mr. Coleman moved to authorize the submittal of an application for funding under Shores & Islands Ohio's Sponsorship Grant Program in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Community Day event and in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Winterfest and accept if so awarded. Mr. Lang seconded. Assistant Administrator Ohlemacher shared that this is the first year we have been made aware of the grant. She added that it is a reimbursement grant for up to two events per year with \$5,000 awarded per event. She shared that she believes we have a great chance of being awarded, as we have worked with Shores and Islands in the past and is hopeful. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2026-47

Approve a pay increase for part-time Public Works Department Laborer Dennis Link to \$18.00 per hour, effective April 18, 2026.

Mr. Coleman moved to approve a pay increase for part-time Public Works Department Laborer Dennis Link to \$18.00 per hour, effective April 18, 2026. Mr. Lang seconded. Director Link explained that Dennis has worked for the Department without a pay increase during his time here. Link shared the great work Dennis has done and how we want to keep him as an asset and recognize his commitment with a slight increase in pay. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

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Resolution 2026-48

Approve a pay increase for part-time Public Works Department Laborer Daniel Weyer to \$16.00 per hour, effective April 18, 2026

Mr. Coleman moved to approve a pay increase for part-time Public Works Department Laborer Daniel Weyer to \$16.00 per hour, effective April 18, 2026. Mr. Lang seconded. Director Link explained that Daniel has also not received an increase during his time with the Township. Link shared that Daniel did not want to request an increase until Dennis Link has been given one, due to seniority. Director Link shared that this increase would reflect the appreciation we have for Daniel as a Public Works employee as well. The part-time employees are greatly appreciated for the extra help they provide. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2026-49

Approve a Supplemental Appropriation in the General Fund of \$785.00 for telephone services with the Parks Department, account code 1000-610-341-0069.

Mr. Coleman moved to approve a Supplemental Appropriation in the General Fund of \$785.00 for telephone services with the Parks Department, account code 1000-610-341-0069. Mr. Lang seconded. Assistant Administrator Ohlemacher explained the need for Wi-Fi services and Fiscal Officer Koch noted the reason for a supplemental appropriation as the line item was not identified in the permanent appropriations. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2026-50

Approve a Then & Now payment to U.S. Treasury in the amount of \$3002.67.

Mr. Coleman moved to approve a Then & Now payment to U.S. Treasury in the amount of \$3002.67. Mr. Lang seconded. Mr. Lang asked if there were any late fees associated with this, Fiscal Officer Koch explained that this payment would also be a late penalty. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2026-51

Approve a Then & Now payment to BWC in the amount of \$3,221.00.

Mr. Coleman moved to approve Then & Now payment to BWC in the amount of \$3,221.00. Mr. Lang seconded. Fiscal Officer Koch explained that the settlement of an appeal from 2022 was determined and this ultimately affected the policy rate for the Township. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2026-52

Declare Engine 224 and related equipment as being surplus to the Township's needs and approving disposition by appropriate means.

Mr. Coleman moved to declare Engine 224 and related equipment as being surplus to the Township's needs and approving disposition by appropriate means. Mr. Lang seconded. Chief Murphy explained that with the new engine being delivered, the Department does not need this engine and asked the Board to declare this current engine as surplus. The engine is not the oldest, but it does have the most issues. We would be looking to sell the engine on Gov-Deals or Muni-bid, or similar sales platform, whichever would give us the most for the return. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

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Resolution 2026-53

Declare Xerox copier and Toner for Police, Fire, Administrations, and Community Development, as surplus to the Township's needs and approving disposition by appropriate means.

Mr. Coleman moved to declare Xerox copier and Toner for Police, Fire, Administrations, and Community Development, as surplus to the Township's needs and approving disposition by appropriate means. Mr. Lang seconded. Assistant Administrator Ohlemacher stated that these items are no longer in use and are ready to be disposed of appropriately. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2026-54

Approve the attached fourth amendment to the T-Mobile Central LLC cell tower License Agreement.

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the attached fourth amendment to the T-Mobile Central LLC cell tower License Agreement. Mr. Lang seconded. Administrator Boyle shared that this is the fourth amendment with changes to the contract language removing a new clause that would revert the contract to previous language. This change is recommended by our leasing consultant Dave Reichelt. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Department Reports

Police Department – Lieutenant Adams stated that Chief Musser submitted his report in writing, but that he is available to answer any questions.

Fire Department – Captain Pearson shared that Chief Murphy also submitted a written report, but he was available to answer questions as well.

Public Works Department – Director Link requested a formal resolution for the grant application submittal for the Erie Metroparks Grant. He also reminded all of Clean Up Day this Saturday.

Resolution 2026-55

Apply for, and accept if so awarded, the Erie Metroparks Grant.

Mr. Coleman moved to apply for, and accept if so awarded, the Erie Metroparks Grant. Mr. Lang seconded. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Community Development – Director Blanca's report was submitted in writing. She made the Board aware of the potential zoning resolution text amendments that may appear in the next Board of Trustees meeting.

Assistant Administrator – Assistant Administrator Ohlemacher shared that the Township has been looking over our current social media contract and has been exploring the idea of entering a contract with a new vendor, replacing the current. She explained the benefits of doing so at a one-year agreement, saving 10% in cost. A formal resolution was requested.

Resolution 2026-56

Approve a 1 (One) Year Contract with the Social Butterfly, LLC for social media services.

Mr. Coleman moved to approve a 1 (One) Year Contract with Social Butterfly, LLC for social media services. Mr. Lang seconded. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

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Administrator – Administrator Boyle reminded the Board of the Verizon proposal regarding a one-time payment with new proposed language. He advised remaining with the current language and annual payment. He shared that we could renegotiate if needed, but Chairman Coleman and Trustee Lang agreed.

Administrator Boyle added that the Board may want to adopt a formal resolution to continue the TIF agreement with Aligned Data Center, as it was unanimously agreed upon to continue at the last Tax Incentive Review Council meeting. Trustee Ommert stated that he initially did not agree with the TIF agreement but has since changed his opinion and does see the benefits and ripple effects it has had in the community.

Resolution 2026-57

Continue the Current TIF Agreement with Aligned Data Center.

Mr. Coleman moved to accept the recommendation of the Tax Incentive Review Council and to continue the Current TIF Agreement with Aligned Data Center. Mr. Lang seconded. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Administrator Boyle also mentioned the two renewals for ballot regarding Police and Fire Department levies that would need to be filed with the County Auditor that the Board may wish to consider adopting at the next meeting, and the Board should determine whether it be a 5-year renewal or continuing renewal. The Board agreed to consider the levy renewals for a 5 year period. He shared that we would have the assistance of Paul Rutter as well through the process.

Notices/Correspondence

- Ohio Division of Liquor Control notice an application to transfer “D-1,” “D-2” and “D-3” permits from JL Manny’s Restaurant Inc. to Still Partners LLC dba Manny’s Sports Tavern and Grill, 6201 Milan Road. (No hearing is requested by staff).
- Next Regular Meeting – April 28 @ 8:30 a.m.

Fiscal Officer Comments

- Payments for the period of March 21st through April 10th totaled \$880,447.63. This includes payments to JHB Group for fire extinguisher training device, MES Service Company for fire belts, and Kalida Truck for a truck cap for the Colorado, and Erie County Sheriff’s office for dispatching services.

Trustees’ Discussion

None

Public Forum

Cathryn Carter of 5309 Columbus Ave. stated that she and other residents were unaware of the cancelation of the March 10th meeting. She noted that it was not advertised on the sign out front. Assistant Administrator Ohlemacher explained that the cancelation was posted on our website. Due to time, we were unable to change the signage in front of the building as well, but the official notice was posted.

Holly Wenzinger of 2821 Monticello Lane asked what benefits the TIF agreement created in regard to Police and Fire Departments, as mentioned by Mr. Ommert.

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Administrator Boyle shared that the increased property value adds to the increase in collection for the Departments.

Wenzinger also asked about the number of jobs the data center is creating, as she has been given the answer that it is difficult to provide an exact number at this time and has received different numbers from the Sandusky Register.

Administrator Boyle stated that the company has indicated that there will be 136 jobs at build-out, with 28 being permanent. The creation of the additional buildings will provide for those jobs, some temporary and some for the construction, as well as permanent employees occupying the space once available to do so.

Wenzinger asked if health concerns were weighed in the construction decisions. Administrator Boyle explained that contractual agreements were put in place. He explained again that the brown-field site was intended to be repurposed for business like the data center, industrial, and the redevelopment of a former industrial site is preferable to the loss of agricultural.

Wenzinger shared concerns about the access and supply of water for the Data Center, it was explained that the Data Center is responsible for its cooling system, with them bringing in water, treating it themselves, and replacing it accordingly when the time comes. The company only uses municipal water for domestic purposes, not cooling.

Wenzinger asked if terrorist attacks on the area were put into consideration. Administrator Boyle stated that the Data Center would not be required to share its' security measures, nor would we want them to, in order to keep security private. Both Police and Fire Departments have worked with the Data Center on public safety issues.

Brown-outs were discussed by Wenzinger, but it was explained to her that the KBI site was using an incredible amount of power, that Ohio Edison has worked with the Data Center, that they are capable of providing power to this business.

Wenzinger asked who the Data Center's clients or client would be. Administrator Boyle stated that the Township is not aware of the client, but our understanding is that the space was intended to be used by multiple clients.

Brandon Elliott, 2652 Stamford Avenue, stated that he was here to provide information on the digital dashboard he created and introduce himself and the tools he could offer in terms of supplying cyber-security options to the Township. He mentioned AI spoofing, bad actors, and analysis of EMS and traffic.

Adjournment

Mr. Lang moved to adjourn the Board's meeting at 7:10 p.m. Mr. Coleman seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Meeting adjourned.

Timothy Coleman, Chairman

Alexis Koch, Fiscal Officer