

PERKINS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

March 24, 2026

The Perkins Township Trustees met on Tuesday, March 24, 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 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 February 24th. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor.

FINANCIALS

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the financials for the period ending March 20th, 2026. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Public hearing: To consider an application submitted by Ilie Buga to amend the Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the property located at 2007 E. Perkins Avenue to allow all General Commercial District (C-2) principal permitted uses and allow for the expansion of the existing building.

Community Development Director Blanca explained that this area is zoned as PUD, but the recommendation today is to allow for all C-2 businesses in the area. The property owner of 2007 E. Perkins Ave. explained that he didn't know of the zoning regulations in the area. He told the Board of his growing business and needs the expansion.

From the request, Blanca explained that the Department looked at the regulations of the area and believes the best fit for the surrounding businesses would be C-2 uses to accommodate this or other businesses. Tim Coleman shared he appreciates new and expanding business in the Township. This zoning would then go into effect after 30 days.

Resolution 2026-33

Amend the Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the property located at 2007 E. Perkins Avenue to allow all General Commercial District (C-2) principal permitted uses and allow for the expansion of the existing building.

Mr. Coleman moved to amend the Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the property located at 2007 E. Perkins Avenue to allow all General Commercial District (C-2) principal permitted uses and allow for the expansion of the existing building. Mr. Lang seconded. There was no further discussion. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2026-34

Apply for and accept if awarded, the Walmart Sparks Grant, not to exceed \$5,000.

Mr. Coleman moved to apply for and accept, if awarded, the Walmart Sparks Grant, not to exceed \$5,000. Mr. Lang seconded. Chief Musser explained that we have received this award in years prior, the amount varies, but it is used for safety equipment and vehicle safety supplies. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

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Resolution 2026-35

Authorize the submittal of the NatureWorks 32nd Round Grant application, for Columbus Park rehabilitation and upgrades, and accept if so awarded.

Mr. Coleman moved to authorize the submittal of the NatureWorks 32nd Round Grant application, for Columbus Park rehabilitation and upgrades, and accept if so awarded. Mr. Lang seconded. Public Works Director Link explained that the improvements would be completed in 2027 if awarded, and we would know of that determination in the fall. The plan would be to improve the Columbus park playground equipment. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2026-36

Declare as being no longer necessary/ surplus for the Township needs and authorize the sale of a 1998 John Deere 310SE tractor to Murphy Tractor & Equipment in the amount of \$12,500.00.

Mr. Coleman moved to declare as being no longer necessary/ surplus for the Township needs and authorize the sale of a 1998 John Deere 310SE tractor to Murphy Tractor & Equipment in the amount of \$12,500.00. Mr. Lang seconded. Public Works Director Link shared that the tractor has served its purpose with the Department, it is no longer of good service. Link noted that three quotes were received and Murphy was the highest value. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2026-37

Authorize the purchase of a 2026 John Deere 310 P-Tier Backhoe Loader from Murphy Tractor & Equipment.

Mr. Coleman moved to Authorize the purchase of a 2026 John Deere 310 P-Tier Backhoe Loader from Murphy Tractor & Equipment, under the Sourcewell contract, in the amount of \$128,111.58 after a trade-in allowance of \$12,500.00 for a 1998 John Deere 310SE tractor. Mr. Lang seconded. Public Works Director Link shared that the previously mentioned tractor would be part of the new purchase as a trade-in allowance towards this purchase. It was mentioned that the Sourcewell contract saved the Township over \$98,000 by the Township being part of the agreement with government agencies. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2026-38

Establish “No Parking Zones” on both sides of Campbell Street within 10 feet of the pavement south of Bogart Road.

Mr. Coleman moved to establish “No Parking Zones” on both sides of Campbell Street south of Bogart Road. Mr. Lang seconded. Administrator Boyle mentioned that the Board may be aware of complaints coming from this area, as we have been receiving calls from residents. Chief Murphy has stated that parking causes the pavement to be too narrow, and it becomes a safety concern. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2026-39

Establish “No Parking Zones” within 10 feet of the pavement on both side of Schenk Road.

Mr. Coleman moved to declare as being no longer necessary/ surplus for the Township needs and authorize the sale of a 1998 John Deere 310SE tractor to Murphy Tractor & Equipment in the amount of \$12,500.00. Mr. Lang seconded. Administrator Boyle acknowledged that this request is due to similar concerns with narrow pavements as we are looking at other locations as well. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

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Resolution 2026-40

Establish “No Parking Zones” on both side of Fox Road.

Mr. Coleman moved to establish “No Parking Zones” on both side of Fox Road.

Mr. Lang seconded. Administrator Boyle added that this location is necessary as well, given the narrow road right-of-way declaring “No Parking” zones, as we want to stay consistent across the board with locations that need to be addressed. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Resolution 2026-41

Approve a Supplemental Appropriation for Fund 2275 “Police Recruitment and Retention” in the amount of \$1,869.86.

Mr. Coleman moved to approve a Supplemental Appropriation for Fund 2275 “Police Recruitment and Retention” in the amount of \$1,869.86 for the return of unspent ARPA Grant funds, from “salaries” to “other” in order to process the return. Mr. Lang seconded. Fiscal Officer Koch explained the necessity as this was not included in the permanent appropriations budget. Chief Musser provided the background information regarding the Officer who received this portion of the grant but resigned and it was not fully awarded. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution passed.

Department Reports

Police Department – Chief Musser submitted his written report and added that the pre-Bike Week planning meeting will take place today at 11:00am.

Fire Department – Chief Murphy submitted his written report and is available to any questions. He added that the new engine will arrive today or tomorrow.

Public Works Department – Director Link submitted his report in writing but reminded everyone of the Easter Egg Dash at Perkins High School Saturday at 11:00am.

Community Development – Community Development Director Blanca’s report was reduced to writing and is available for any questions.

Administrator – Administrator Boyle shared that Director Blanca, and staff will be attending the U.S. 250 business owners meeting in April and Greater Sandusky Partnership and ODOT will be sharing information as well. He mentioned that he will be attending numerous other meetings as noted in his report to the Board.

Notices/Correspondence

- Ohio Division of Liquor Control notice of an application for new “C-1” and “C-2” permits submitted for a proposed Sheetz store/ gas station at Baywinds Drive and Milan Road (PPN 32-01216.000). No hearing requested by staff.
- Next Regular Meeting – April 14 @ 6:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Comments

- Payments for the period of February 24th through March 20th totaled \$1,226,180.48. This includes payments to STRYKER for the Fire Department equipment services agreement, RFC Contracting for fire station services, Flock Group for the safety camera renewal, DMC Technology for Microsoft 365 licenses, Sharpnack Chevrolet for a vehicle in the Community Development department, OHM Advisors for the Perkins Ave engineering match, and Erie Conservation District for the 2026 Stormwater Program.

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- Motel tax for the month of February totaled \$87,232.70, bringing the collection for the year at \$113,511.09, close to a half of a percent higher than 2025.

Trustees' Discussion

Chairman Tim Coleman shared that he and Fiscal Officer Koch attended the Local Government Official Conference in Columbus. He highlighted the conversations had about cyber security. Administrator Boyle added that we have ramped up cybersecurity with DMC and through employee training.

Public Forum

Holly Wenzinger of 2821 Monticello Lane spoke with questions relating to Aligned Data Center. She began by asking how the discussion of the Data Center coming to the Township happened and where these conversations took place.

Administrator Boyle responded that the Trustees were approached through attorneys per the data center as the State had been marketing the property. The discussion initially began as the area is a "brownfield site" with the data center being an appropriate buyer of the property, and the site already being zoned for this use. Aligned Data was interested in the property and being in Perkins Township. The timeline of the purchase was asked.

The property was purchased in the summer of 2023. The TIF development agreement was made in December 2023 with the approval of the school district as well. Site demolition began the next year to make significant improvements. Once the building is completed it will be assigned a value by the County Auditor, this is anticipated to be done by December 2026. The issue of using the local water source was questioned. Holly Wenzinger shared that many of her friends and family would like to know more about this.

Administrator Boyle explained that the property would use about 1% of the water than the previous industrial use did, as the water supply for the cooling of the data center would be trucked in and the company uses a closed loop system. Holly Wenzinger asked about the economic impact of the Data center in relation to local jobs.

Administrator Boyle explained that the impact of construction jobs was around 450 employees. The estimate is about 136 full-time employees at project build out. The concern of full-time generators and noise pollution was raised. Administrator Boyle responded to the concerns again, mentioning the power source of the site to be appropriate based on information from First Energy. Electricity rates are set by the State PUCO.

Colleen Mathews, of Lakeland Avenue, asked about catch-basins and storm sewers in her neighborhood. Have they been jetted. Public Works Director Link advised that lines have been jetted, and it is done annually.

Adjournment

Mr. Lang moved to adjourn the Board's meeting at 9:22 a.m. Mr. Coleman seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Meeting adjourned.

Timothy Coleman, Chairman

Alexis Koch, Fiscal Officer