

PERKINS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

REGULAR SESSION

MAY 26, 2026

The Perkins Township Trustees met on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, in the Township Services Facility located at 2610 Columbus Avenue. The Trustees present were James Ommert, James Lang, and Timothy Coleman. Chairman Coleman then 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 May 12th, 2026.

FINANCIALS

Mr. Coleman moved to approve the financials for the period ending May 21, 2026. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Coleman moved to adopt Resolution 2026-78 to promote Fire Lieutenant Brian Casper to Captain, effective May 27, 2026.

Resolution 2026-78

Promote Fire Lieutenant Brian Casper to Captain, effective May 27, 2026.

Chief Murphy noted the many accomplishments of Lieutenant Casper through his dedicated years of service with the Department. He added that Lieutenant Casper was the top candidate and has been outstanding as a lieutenant. Administrator Boyle added that he echoes these comments and noted that we are fortunate to have many candidates that are well qualified. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution was adopted.

Mr. Coleman moved to adopt Resolution 2026-79 to promote Firefighter/ Paramedic Angelo Triana to Lieutenant, effective May 27, 2026.

Resolution 2026-79

Promote Firefighter/ Paramedic Angelo Triana to Lieutenant, effective May 27, 2026.

Chief Murphy stated that Firefighter Triana was the top candidate through the selection process and has performed well in the promotion process. Chief shared that he deserves this promotion as well. It was shared that Triana is a dedicated and valuable member of the Department and this recommendation comes from Administrator Boyle as well, who mentioned we are fortunate to have candidates like Triana seeking promotion. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution was adopted.

Mr. Coleman moved to adopt Resolution 2026-80 ratifying a collective bargaining agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police for the Patrol, and Sergeants & Above bargaining units, effective November 1, 2025, through October 31, 2028.

Resolution 2026-80

Ratify a collective bargaining agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police for the Patrol, and Sergeants & Above bargaining units, effective November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2028.

Chief Musser explained that this contract is for a three-year period, and there will be retro wage increases, and benefits. This was an eight-month process but has gone fairly and reasonably. The retroactive wage increases will not be applied to employees no longer with the Township and those who have joined at different times will be pro-rated. Mr. Lang seconded. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution was adopted.

Mr. Coleman moved to adopt Resolution 2026-81 approving the contract with O. R. Colan Associates, LLC, with the amount not to exceed \$224,550.00 for right-of-way acquisition services related to the East Perkins Avenue sidewalk project.

Resolution 2026-81

Approve the contract with O. R. Colan Associates, LLC, with the amount not to exceed \$224,550.00 for right-of-way acquisition services related to the East Perkins Avenue sidewalk project.

Public Works Director Link explained the negotiations for easements and sidewalks with ODOT to bid at the proper time, as we are hopeful for that being in December. It was reiterated by Director Link and the Board the importance of this project as it has been several years in the making. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution was adopted.

Mr. Coleman moved to adopt Resolution 2026-82 approving the sale of a vacant lot adjacent on Tremper Avenue (PPN 32 01533.000) adjacent to 2603 Tremper Avenue to Sergie Sysuev in the amount of \$3,500.00 plus any recording, etc. costs.

Resolution 2026-82

Approve the sale of a vacant lot adjacent on Tremper Avenue (PPN 32 01533.000) adjacent to 2603 Tremper Avenue to Sergie Sysuev in the amount of \$3,500.00 plus any recording, etc. costs.

Community Development Director Blanca explained that this vacant lot was transferred to the Township in 2020. Mr. Sysuev bought the adjacent vacant property for rehabilitation with a consent agreement with the Township. She added that this would add the property back into the tax rol. Director Blanca also shared that Mr. Sysuev has a great track record with revitalizing residential properties. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution was adopted.

Mr. Coleman moved to adopt Resolution 2026-83 hiring Steven Benedict as a part-time Recreation Assistant at the rate of \$14.00 per hour, effective May 27, 2026.

Resolution 2026-83

Hire Steven Benedict as a part-time Recreation Assistant at the rate of \$14.00 per hour, effective May 27, 2026.

Public Works Director Link recommends the hiring of Steven Benedict; he is a junior at St. Mary's and has worked and volunteered with the Township in the past for safety town and on the playground. Administrator Boyle added that he believes Steven would be a great fit for the position and staff needs a recreation assistant. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution was adopted.

Mr. Coleman moved to adopt Resolution 2026-84 to proceed with an election on the question of a five (5) year renewal levy (i.e. 2.75 mills) in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the Fire Department as a ballot issue on November 3, 2026.

Resolution 2026-84

To proceed with an election on the question of a five (5) year renewal levy (i.e. 2.75 mills) in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the Fire Department as a ballot issue on November 3, 2026.

Administrator Boyle stated that the Board is aware of the Fire Department levy expiring and that it is crucial for the Department for the levy to be renewed. Chairman Coleman added that the Township electors and voters have supported the levy in prior years at over 70% in approval. The next steps in the process will be working with Bricker Graydon and the Board of Elections. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution was adopted.

Mr. Coleman moved to adopt Resolution 2026-85 to proceed with an election on the question of a five (5) year renewal levy (i.e. 2.75 mills) in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the Police Department as a ballot issue on November 3, 2026.

Resolution 2026-85

To proceed with an election on the question of a five (5) year renewal levy (i.e. 2.75 mills) in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the Police Department as a ballot issue on November 3, 2026.

Administrator Boyle also stated that the Board is aware of the Police Department levy expiring and that it is crucial for that Department for the levy to be renewed. Chairman Coleman stated that the voters support the Police Department levy as well, that the Township electors and voters have supported the levy in prior years at over 70% in approval, too. The next steps in the process will be working with Bricker Graydon and the Board of Elections. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution was adopted.

Mr. Coleman moved to adopt Resolution 2026-86 opposing the elimination of Ohio property tax.

Resolution 2026-86

Opposing the elimination of Ohio property tax.

Administrator Boyle shared that we may all be aware of the petition circling for a constitutional amendment to eliminate property taxes in Ohio. It has been recommended by the Ohio Township Association that Townships adopt a Resolution opposing the elimination of property tax. The negative effects Townships, schools, mental health boards, serving our seniors, libraries, and others would be affected and the Township would experience a loss of nearly 80% of its' funding through the collection of property tax. Chairman Coleman stated it is a "knee-jerk" reaction to the reevaluation that happened through the State Auditor's office last year. But in talking with the State and Rick Jeffrey's office, there are no other immediate solutions to combat the loss of property tax if the constitution is amended. Boyle noted that staff recommends opposing the petition through the proposed Resolution. Mr. Lang seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Ommert, aye; Mr. Lang, aye; Mr. Coleman, aye. Resolution was adopted.

Department Reports

Police Department – Chief Musser stated that the start of Bike Week went well during last weekend and with the OVH Memorial Day parade. He thanked Highway Patrol for their assistance with the parade and weekend as well.

Fire Department – Chief Murphy noted that the Department is in the candidate hiring process and will have an update or a new hire at the next Board of Trustees meeting. He mentioned that the fire engine we have listed on GovDeals has not yet sold, but we are looking at listing it on other sites.

Public Works Department – Director Link thanked all who attended the youth FOP/IAFF baseball game last week as it was a fun event for everyone.

Community Development Department - Director Blanca stated her report had been filed. She was thankful for the new intern in the Department, Avi Pickle, who was in attendance this evening and who is doing well.

Administrator – Administrator Boyle submitted a written report as well. He shared his thanks to the FOP negotiation team, for their hard work and diligence.

Notices/ Correspondence

- Next Regular Meeting – June 9th @ 6:00 p.m.

Fiscal Officer Comments

- Payments for the period of April 25th through May 21st totaled \$2,622,114.08. This includes payments to RFC Contracting for continued work on the Fire Station, MES Service Company for Department turnout pants and coats, Bill's Implement Sales for the lawn mower trade in and supplies, Window Nation for rehabilitation grant work with the Community Development Department, and CHASE for the interest payment on the Fire Facilities bond.
- Promotions: Fire Department: Andrew Pindor to Class A Firefighter/ Paramedic, effective May 5, 2026. Joshua Ramos to Class A Firefighter/ Paramedic, effective May 5, 2026. Robert Holm to Class A Firefighter/ Paramedic, effective May 13, 2026. Dylan Willard to Class A Firefighter/ Paramedic, effective May 13, 2026. Public Works: Alex Smith to Laborer Level 4, effective May 10, 2026.

Trustees Discussion

No additional discussion.

Public Forum

Holly Wenzinger of Monticello Lane asked for an update regarding communication with Aligned Data Centers. She asked if Aligned had contacted the Township recently, or how long it typically takes for them to respond to calls. Administrator Boyle shared the Township's experience of receiving responses anywhere from two days to more than two weeks, depending on the nature of the request. Wenzinger wanted to mention a previously discussed topic but wanted to add additional information regarding the generators at Aligned. She stated that when the Data Center is taken off the grid, they will need to rely on back-up generators to source their power. She added that you can visibly see these generators on both sides of the Data Center and that Aligned Data will have no control over when they would be taken off the grid, especially during peak demand. This is a concern to Wenzinger as the generators consume a large amount of diesel fuel.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Lang moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 a.m. Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. All were in favor.