

THE PERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION MEETING

held on March 23, 2021

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Meeting was called to order by Trustee Wynne at 7:00 pm.

Roll called: Trustee Wynne, Trustee Hartshorn, Trustee Mears

1. Restart November 2021 Fire Levy planning discussions

Trustee Hartshorn:

In June, the Board of Trustee pasted a Resolution to get the Auditors office to certify the current tax evaluation.

In July we talked about the collection rate and delays with the tax assessments from Montgomery County.

We approved a resolution in October at the Board of Trustees meeting on the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission authorizing the next necessary tax levy and have it certified by the county Auditor's office.

Everything was delayed and we could not get it on the ballot last November. I know we were going to try for May, but once the first of the year came around, it was said how much more expensive it was to put it on the March or may ballot. We decided on November. Since then, we have had the KLA Risk assessment findings. We had Brookville and New Lebanon update the text to be better in line with our Risk assessment. We don't know if Rhonda has worked with the County's Auditor's Office to see if the 2.5 mil replacement Levy will suit what we are looking for based on the current property assessments. We talked about a 2.5 mil replacement levy last year, but that was before the tax assessment. I know Trustee Mears has spoken many times over the last six months with Ms. Keaton and with the lady in New Lebanon. Are they ready to go once we recertified and clarify what the millage is for the Levy for this November?

Trustee Mears:

I have not heard anything from Ms. Behnken regarding it. I don't know if she reached out or not. I did talk to Ms. Keaton about the language change it did not seem to be an issue.

Trustee Wynne:

I would check with Ms. Behnken if there would be any changes with the new tax in the township if that were going to affect our new levy. We have to have this Levy on the November ballot. We need to check with Ms. Behnken to see where we are in the process. What ever we have to do the have the least impact on our residents the better.

Trustee Mears:

Mindi if you could send Rhonda an e-mail tonight or tomorrow and ask her if she has the information and ask her if that amount of the levy will be ok. Then Rhonda can bring the information to the next Trustee meeting. I don't know if we have 60 days to have it into the Board of Elections.

Trustee Hartshorn:

I think its August at the latest.

Trustee Wynne:

We voted to approve it without the language being changed. It is what it is. Next time we are going to write the contract not let them write it and hand it to us.

2. Township Meeting IT Changes (current and post COVID)

Trustee Hartshorn:

We have had really good usage of the zoom for meetings. This wouldn't be a bad thing to do after COVID. Up until now I have been paying out of my pocket for the zoom licenses, I had to have it anyway and I have a dedicated line just for the township. I talked to zoom for government liaison for our region and it is \$149.00 per year. This is standard. No that we have a PCF in the front office it would make sense to have a township license that way if something happens to me, the township is still able to conduct the meetings with or without me. I have started early planning to look into getting a conference room web camera for the township meeting room. What we have in there now are security cameras. They are not meant to do meeting recordings. Building an action plan for what we are going to do in the coming months in prepare to meet back in person for our meetings. I've looked into a camera that will set in back of the room facing the Trustees and the tables with a wide view and also getting inexpensive microphones across the table for the Trustees and department heads to speak into. This will make the camera cheaper if it does not have an integrated microphone. The use of the podium up front we would be best served with a microphone clipped on to the podium so when the people come up to speak in front of the Trustees and the department heads will be heard on the recording. This could cross over into the next topic. I will teach everyone how to use the equipment so if I can't be here, we can go on with our meetings. This is a fixed government rate.

3. Possibly of more CARE money being made to Township.

Trustee Wynne: I know we had originally decided not to pursue the CARE Act. Then they changed everything, and Ms. Behnken said we didn't need it and we weren't going to do it. Do we know why we decided to pass on it the second time?

Trustee Mears:

I don't know about the second time.

Trustee Hartshorn:

I know I've seen emails about them extending the period for CARES Act funds, they have changed its not as constrictive as it was. We didn't need PPE; we didn't need mask.

Trustee Wynne:

The first time around we couldn't really do anything with it from the constraints that they had said what we were allowed to spend it on.

Trustee Mears:

The first time around we were so small we could take care of it ourselves. How I found out about this again I was talking to Ms. Keaton, and I was asking her about it and she said with Governor DeWine, there is a house bill, she said she would let me know and I'm still checking on it too. I know Jason your check on it too and they are talking about computers and things like this that would help the township.

Trustee Hartshorn:

that should have been fixed a while ago. Not saying that anyone did anything wrong, Its that the plumbing and electrical is getting bad, and at a certain point we have to have a very serious conversation about do we continue to pay. I not saying we go out and get a new building, it not a want to it's a have to. We have to figure it all out.

Motion To Adjourn:

Moved By: Mindi Wynne

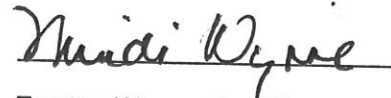
Second: Jason Hartshorn

Roll Called: Trustee Mears: Ayes Trustee Harshorn: Ayes Trustee Wynne: Ayes

Time: 7:30 pm



Karen Kayler



Trustee Wynne, President