THE PERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING  
held on July 14, 2020

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Zoom Meeting called to order by Trustee Mears at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call:
Present: Trustee Mears, Trustee Harshorn, Trustee Wynne
For the Record: FO Behnken and Zoning Administrator/Office Assistant, Karen Kayer present
Absent: Mr. Kraft, Road & Cemetery Supervisor and Police Chief Littleton

VISITORS: Kevin Williams with Liberty Nathaniel Life Insurance
Mr. William’s presented benefits Liberty Nathaniel Life Insurance can offer to full and part time employees with no cost to the township or taxpayers. Trustee Wynne questioned a minimum number of employees to enroll and critical illnesses limited to listing on the presentation material. The township will discuss the plan with the employees and see who are interested.

Resolution 20:81 Approve Minutes from the Nuisance Abatement Meeting June 3, 2020
Resolution 20:82 Approve Minutes from the Board of Trustees Meeting June 9, 2020
Resolution 20:83 Approve Minutes from the Nuisance Abatement Meeting June 10, 2020
Resolution 20:84 Approve Minutes from the Special Meeting June 10, 2020
Resolution 20:85 Approve Minutes from the Work Session July 1, 2020
Resolution 20:86 Approve Payment of Bills from Check #35293 to check #35378
Electronic Payments and Vouchers.
See Attached Accounting and Payroll Payment Listing and Cash Summary by Fund

MOTION was made by Trustee Wynne  
Second: Trustee Hartshorn

Roll was called: Ayes- Mears, Wynne, Hartshorn  
Nayes- None

Fiscal Officer Reports

Discuss Fire & EMS Levy.
Trustee Mears and FO Behnken attended a conference call with the Montgomery County Auditors Department.
Trustee Mears discussed the collection rate for Perry Township is 98.9%, placing the levy on the May 2021 ballot with the new appraisals and has contacted Brookville City Manager, Ms. Keaton and the additional money is deferred until a levy passes or 2022. The trustees are not required to remove the current auditor certificate resolution since the Fire/EMS still not proceed in 2020.
Trustee Hartshorn discussed the money he is donating and letting the money roll over until next year puts the township is a good position.
Trustee Mears stated with COVID and the tornadoes it is best to place the levy on the ballot in May 2021. All trustees agreed after reading emails from the auditor’s office and with the current reappraisals.
Trustee Hartshorn questioned if the auditors certificate needs to re-submit in 2021. Trustee Mears confirmed a new certificate is necessary and next year the board will have a better idea of the additional revenue.

Complaint regarding old refrigerator and junk at 5624 Heckathorn Road from the 2019 tornadoes.
Comments from the board: Send a courtesy letter to remove the junk before proceeding with a Nuisance Abatement? Any properties still not cleanup from the tornado.
Trustee Mears stated the trailer has been removed along with debris from the tornado. The junk is probably form someone dumping it on the property.
Trustee Wynne stated she has spoken to neighbors in the area and they do not think it was from the resident living there.
Trustees agreed to send a courtesy letter to the property owner in Tennessee.
Trustee Wynne stated there is several properties not cleaned up and what is the period the board is giving residents to clean up?
Discussion regarding tornado properties and the time limit for waving permits.

Wylie Group Drainage Project approved. Estimated township assessment for Perry Township to be paid over a 15-year period
1. Amity Road $615.42
2. Schoolhouse Road $2,861.07

Current assessments:
Kingrey Main & East $62.15
Kingrey North Maintenance $9.77
Wysong Ditch Maintenance $53.99
Hardin West Ditch Maintenance $72.32
Little Farms Ditch Maintenance $61.45
Wylie Jt Project Ditch Maintenance $48.40
Total current assessments $308.08

Budget Commission Meeting paperwork emailed to Montgomery County Auditors

Emailed NL Fire Report to the trustees.
Please notify the FO of any emails the trustees receive so duplicate emails are not forwarded or any emails you request not to receive (Example: TriHealth. Trustee Hartshorn and Trustee Wynne have requested not to receive future emails)
Due to a public records request of all emails sent to trustees the total number of pages was 965. The FO sent a letter dated June 16, 2020 to the PO Box for payment. To date no response or payment has been made to the township.
Trustee Wynne stated the records are not to be released until payment is received. FO stated she still has the records and waiting for payment.

Reminder: Payroll Week

Free COVID-19 pop-up testing
Thursday, July 16 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Rose Music Center in Huber Heights
Friday, July 17 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Trotwood Madison High School
Monday, July 20 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Montgomery County Fair Grounds

Mears donated May 2020 Salary 45% Police $360.00, 45% Road $360.00 and 10% General Fund $80.00 = $800.00
Wynne donated May 2020 Salary to the General Fund = $400.00
Hartshorn donated May and June 2020 Salary to the General Fund = $1,894.14
Behnken has waived the yearly trash salary over my past 3 terms, which resulted in a savings to the township of $12,000.00.
The end of my 4th term, the total savings to the township will be $16,000.00
I would like to thank the trustees for their donations and helping our township
Reports from Department Heads

Road and Cemetery

Letter sent to the five property owners for “License for Entry onto Real Estate for purpose of Storm Debris Removal, Release, and Indemnification. As of July 13, all five (5) residents’ letters have been notarized and returned.

FO emailed 7/13 to the Prosecutors Office for final review and Attorney Opinion of Title.

Prosecutor, Mr. Peterson completed the opinion title this morning 7/14 and emailed to USDA. FO forwarded the email from the prosecutor’s office to the trustees for review.

The application for Federal Assistance had a start date scheduled for May 1, 2020 and completion date of September 7, 2020.

Resolution 20:87 Approve Fiscal Officer to sign on behalf of the township for the Wolf Creek Watershed Project as requested by Nathaniel Peterson, Montgomery County Prosecutor

MOTION was made by Trustee Hartshorn

Roll was called: Ayes- Mears, Wynne, Hartshorn

Nayes- None

Resolution 20:88 Approve Mowing Assessments at 15800 Little Richmond Road, Brookville OH for $556.90

MOTION was made by Trustee Mears

Roll was called: Ayes- Mears, Wynne, Hartshorn

Nayes- None

Zoning Department (See Attached Report)

Police Department

Chief Littleton has four (4) applicants in the hiring phase

Trustees Reports:

Trustee Mears: (No Report Submitted)

Mr. Kraft and Trustee Mears spoke to the homeowner regarding the Wolf Creek Watershed paperwork.

Spoke to a resident regarding vandalism on Steck Road

Called Montgomery County Health Department regarding an issue on a property

Telephone Conference with the Montgomery County Auditor’s office regarding the Fire Levy

Spoke to Mr. Kraft regarding mowing of the cemeteries

Meet with Chief Littleton and Sgt. Hesler with temperature control in the Property Room

Rode with Ms. Kayler regarding two properties

Spoke with a resident on Providence Pike regarding loud noise

Like to thank whoever mowed the Hicks property. FO stated the neighbor Mr. Bentley called the township and questioned if he could mow but would NOT trespass into the building.

Trustee Wynne: See Report

Trustee Hartshorn: See Report
New Business:
Trustee Mears received an email regarding Grants for Homeowners and renters due to the pandemic. Trustee Hartshorn will post on the Perry Township FB page.

Trustee Wynne addressed the BZA pay discussed at the last work session. FO Behnken stated she has not contacted the 5th BZA Member or the 2 alternate members. Trustee Hartshorn stated the BZA Members would reach out and discuss with the other members.

Old Business: None

Visitors:
Charlie Hypes presented a plot plan of farm acreage and would like to split the 24 areas into two 12 acres for each of his sons. The reason to do something immediately is that the ground has eroded and would like to place a culvert and taper with dirt once the crops are harvested. Mr. Hypes questioned if it is ok to do this since several feet of repairs will be on the 33’strip of land owned by the township. Secondly, a guarantee in and out of the field in years to come and expressed interest in purchasing any of the strip of land for road frontage for the 12 acres. Trustee Mears stated in her opinion she would not sell. Fiscal Officer Behnken stated she spoke to Past Trustee Peters who stated this is a deeded cemetery and needs to stay in the same track. The surveying cost would cost the township more money then what revenue we would get from the sale of the strip of land. Trustee Hartshorn stated he did not there would be a problem with the repairs and using that area of land to get in and out of the field.
Trustee Mears spoke to Mr. Kraft regarding the entry and exiting but the grading and culvert was not mentioned.

Discussed entry into the field with equipment and site visibility
Trustee Mears stated she would like to table this and speak with Mr. Kraft. This is part of our history where they parked the horse and buggy.

Mr. Hypes would like the trustees to consider selling half of the land

With no other business, at 7:34 p.m.
MOTION was made by Trustee Mears “To Adjourn”

Trusted Hartshorn Second the motion to adjourn

Rhonda Behnken

[Signature]
President, Trustee