

**Minutes of Perrysburg Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting  
January 18, 2012**

**6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order by Mr. Bob Mack**

Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call:** Mr. Mack, Mr. Britten, Mr. Hrosko, Ms. Violi, Chief Hetrick, and Mr. Warnimont all present. Mr. LaHote (running late and subsequently arrived at 6:04 p.m.). Mrs. Haar, Chief Brice, Mr. Gottfried, and Mr. Garn all absent.

Mr. Mack asked if there were any additions to the January 18, 2012 agenda. Discussion over additions ensued. Mr. Mack asked if there was a motion to approve the amended agenda.

**Britten made a motion to approve the agenda (Mack seconded). All yes. Motion approved.**

Mr. Mack asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2012 regular meeting minutes. **Britten made a motion to approve the minutes (Mack seconded). All yes. Motion approved.**

Mr. Mack asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2012 department head meeting minutes. **Britten made a motion to approve the minutes (Mack seconded). All yes. Motion approved.**

**Maintenance:** Mr. Gottfried was absent and asked Ms. Violi to present his business. This had to wait until Mr. LaHote arrived.

**Police:** Mr. Mack introduced Officer Joe Ball of the Police Department to give a presentation on a proposed SWAT team. Officer Ball introduced many guests in the audience:

***PRESENTATION TO THE PERRYSBURG TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES***  
***Regional SWAT team proposal***

*In the 1960's, the Los Angeles Police department was experiencing problems with sniping incidents against Police Officers and civilians along with a rash of other violent crimes that were "out of the norm". Ordinary police officers handled these incidents poorly, since they received limited weapons training, very little weapons practice, and no training in team combat tactics or "counter force" capability.*

*LAPD Officer John Nelson came up with an idea to form a specially trained and equipped unit, intended to respond to and manage critical situations while minimizing police and civilian casualties.*

*Chief Daryl Gates approved the idea and formed a small select group of volunteer officers. The concept was expanded into what we have come to know as SWAT.*

*Law enforcement agencies nationwide saw the need for this type of unit and followed suit. Large agencies formed full time SWAT units and smaller agencies pooled their resources and formed regional SWAT teams.*

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*In the room this evening are several chiefs of police and experienced SWAT operators from our neighboring agencies that have expressed a desire to team up with the Perrysburg Township Police department in order to form a Northern Wood Regional SWAT unit that would be specially trained to serve our citizens in times when traditional police response is not adequate.*

*A SWAT unit in this highly populated region of Wood County Ohio is not only an asset but a necessity for the purpose of facilitating a timely response to critical incidents where our residents and officers lives are in danger, for example, Hostage situations, barricaded gunman, active school and workplace killers and high risk arrest warrants.*

*I, along with Sgt. Scott Simms of Lake Township Police Department and Officer Dave Nixon, have been charged with organizing, implementing and overseeing the training of this regional SWAT team.*

*With the approval of the Perrysburg Township Trustees and the citizens of Perrysburg Township and the surrounding communities, we would like the opportunity to develop this highly trained unit using seized drug money and donations from area businesses.*

*We have conducted many hours of planning and research, and have found that the start-up and continuing cost for this endeavor can be paid for solely out of seized drug fund monies. (In other words, the bad guys are going to pay for it!)*

*Our goal if approved is to have this SWAT unit selected, equipped, trained and available for service by August 2012.*

*In closing, I would like to publicly extend our deepest gratitude to the Toledo Police SWAT team who has pledged their support and training resources for this project. Furthermore, I would like to thank the Perrysburg Township Trustees for their careful consideration and the citizens of Perrysburg Township and the surrounding communities for their on-going support of their local Law enforcement agencies.*

Mr. Mack thanks Officer Ball for the presentation and opened the floor to any questions from the audience.

Mrs. Beverly Koenig from Fremont Pike asked how many people would be involved. Officer Ball stated that the exact number was not known yet but in the area of 15-17 and that the units would work together if an issue came up. Mrs. Koenig asked if the K-9 unit would be involved. Sgt Scott Simms from the Lake Township Police Department provided information about this and stated that the K-9 unit will be incorporated. Lake Township has two dogs and with Perrysburg Township's dog there will be three involved with the unit. Mrs. Koenig expressed how she felt it was a great asset to the community.

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Mr. Mack asked about equipment and how that will be pooled. Officer Ball stated that each agency will be responsible for purchasing individual members equipment. The main vehicle will be housed at Perrysburg Township. Sgt. Simms mentioned that the unit would create a "wish list" after reviewing what each member organization had they would go from there to compile a list of what is needed. Officer Ball discussed that there will be a policy and memorandum of understanding between all the unit members which will be signed. Chief Hummer from Lake Township interjected and mentioned that there could be grant funding to purchase equipment and he would be in contact with Brad Gilbert who is the Wood County Emergency Management Agency Director. Mr. Britten stated that Perrysburg Township's old ambulance could be used for the SWAT team vehicle. Officer Ball said that Owens Community College would be helpful in transitioning this into a SWAT vehicle. Mr. Hrosko interjected and stated that Perrysburg Township's new ambulance would arrive Friday January 20, 2012. Mr. Mack asked what the next step should be as he felt the Board should show their support behind this endeavor. Mr. Britten thought it was a good idea. **Britten made a motion to show support and approve going ahead with the SWAT team (LaHote seconded). All yes. Motion approved.**

Mr. Mack invited those who just came for the presentation to leave if they wish.

**Maintenance:** While everyone was getting settled, Mr. Mack asked Ms. Violi to present the resolution which was put on hold earlier in the meeting. Ms. Violi asked for the Boards approval of an agreement between Perrysburg Township and Wood County for work done on roads. It is an annual agreement up for renewal. **LaHote made a motion to approve the agreement with Wood County (Mack seconded, Britten abstained). Motion approved.**

**Police:** Chief Hetrick presented the Detective Report from January 4 to January 19 (complete list in file). Chief Hetrick would like to publicly thank the Home Depot for their discounted price on a stove and microwave for the department kitchen. Next, Chief Hetrick presented the Lucas County 800 Radio Agreement for review. He stated that Mr. Celley had approved the agreement and once signed by the Trustees would need to be sent up to the Lucas County Commissioners for their signature. Discussion ensued and Mr. Mack expressed his desire to wait and read it over prior to final approval from the Board. Chief Hetrick then asked for approval for a Dodge Charger from Charlie's Dodge. Their price of \$23,094 came in \$1.00 under State

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pricing. This cruiser would replace a high mileage vehicle. Mr. LaHote asked if the equipment can be swapped out. Chief Hetrick stated that some may be able to. **Britten made a motion to approve the purchase of the cruiser from Charlie's Dodge for \$23,094 (LaHote seconded). All yes. Motion approved.**

Next, Chief Hetrick asked for approval of the annual service agreement with NORIS. It is for a 1 year agreement in the amount of \$18,750. The purchase order is to Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. **LaHote made a motion to approve the agreement with NORIS for \$18,750 (Britten seconded). All yes. Motion approved.**

Finally, Chief Hetrick asked for approval for a system update for the recorder system in the Police Department. The purchase order is to Stephen Campbell & Associates in the amount of \$1,995. **Britten made a motion to approve the purchase the upgrade in the amount of \$1,995 (LaHote seconded). All yes. Motion approved.**

**Fire/EMS:**

Mr. Warnimont stated he would report on behalf of Chief Brice. Mr. Warnimont mentioned that the Rossford Eagles presented the Fire Department with a \$2,000 donation to be used towards equipment. Next, Mr. Warnimont mentioned the same grant he mentioned last meeting which is \$500 to be used towards next year's Operation Bread Basket.

**Recreation:**

Mr. Warnimont had nothing to report on recreation but used this time to discuss Ft. Meigs Cemetery and the ditch line issue. The cemetery needs to clean up the ditch but do not have the man power to complete the clean- up. Ft. Meigs requests help from Perrysburg Township and the City of Perrysburg to clean it up. They are asking for the man power and some equipment to clean up the brush. Mr. LaHote asked how long the clean-up would take. Mr. Warnimont thought it would take no longer than two weeks. Mr. Britten stated that the City of Perrysburg would pay for the ditch clean but Ft. Meigs is responsible for brush clean up. **LaHote made a motion to approve the loan of man power and equipment to Ft. Meigs Cemetery for ditch cleaning/brush pick up (Britten seconded). All yes. Motion approved**

**Zoning:**

Mr. Mack asked Ms. Violi if there was a report for Zoning. Ms. Violi stated they are playing catch up but are getting everything organized. Ms. Violi stated that the individuals from the Chick-Fil-A project called that morning (January 18) to discuss submitting the final site plan and variances they may need. The Board asked Ms. Violi to keep them posted on the project as one of them would like to be at that meeting.

**Office:**

Mrs. Haar was absent and Ms. Violi presented the check report and bank report for the Board to sign.

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**Assistant to the  
Administrator:**

Ms. Violi mentioned that the Ohio Township Association Scholarship deadline is January 27. There are three scholarships offered in the amount of \$1,500. Residents of the any township in Ohio, who is a current senior in high school and plan on attending an Ohio college or university, can apply for these scholarships.

**Administrator:**

Mr. Hrosko brought forth the wage increases for the Maintenance Supervisor and Assistant Supervisor. This increase is 1.5% for 2012 and 2.0% for 2013. Next, Mr. Hrosko brought forth the wage increase for the rest of the Maintenance Department personnel. This includes an increase of 1.5% for 2012 and 2.0% for 2012 for the following individuals: Bankey, Conners, Frankforther, Hatcher, Hoffmann, and Kervin. Mr. Hrosko mentioned that back in October the department voted to opt of the union and therefore the Township had to delay wage changes. These increases are the exact same increases as the other non-union employees. Discussion ensued over further discussions between administration and the department about a contract. Mr. Britten and Mr. Hrosko corrected themselves as this will **not** be a contract but a policy. Mr. Warnimont interjected and asked when the wage increase would go into effect. Mr. Hrosko stated these would be effective the first full pay in 2012.

Next, Mr. Hrosko brought up the invoice from the City of Perrysburg for the work done over at Station 2. The invoice illustrates three different services provided. The first one for \$1,680 for an upgrade to a line that was cut and the Township will not pay this as the Board feels the Township is not at fault for this. The second one for circuit wiring for \$859.30 and the third for replacement of defected wiring for \$1,007.12 will be paid for by the Township. **Britten made a motion to approve the payment of the two invoices (LaHote seconded). All yes. Motion approved.**

Finally, Mr. Hrosko presented the 2012 budget for final approval. The estimated expenditure amount for 2012 is \$12,926,810.95. Mr. Britten stated there were a few changes in the Police Department section. Ms. Violi stated it would be on the website tomorrow. **Britten made a motion to approve the 2012 budget (LaHote seconded). All yes. Motion approved.**

**Public Comments:**

Terry Krukemyer introduced himself as a candidate for Wood County Commissioner. One of five candidates and his strategy is walking the entire county. He stated that he logged in 4.5 miles that day. He knows Perrysburg Township is ground zero for Republican voters and will spend lots of time here. He grew up in Scotch Ridge on a farm, went to Eastwood High School, and then went to Ohio State (undergrad Agriculture Economics and graduate Applied Economics). His career developed as a consultant and received a MBA down in

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Memphis. Background is finance and economics and his life experiences suit him well for County Commissioners. He does not do seat of the pants decision making but does lots of research. He can clear his schedule easily because of his own business. He then discussed putting out campaign signs. There has been a tradition to not put signs out until 30-40 days. He has 50 big signs and 250 yard signs but will follow Wood County custom and put them out later. He asked the Township to give him a call if his signs are in the right of away. He believes he will prove himself to the citizens of Wood County that he is a hard worker.

Kathleen Gibson 39639 Duxbury Lane. Ms. Gibson came to discuss the status of looking into one preferred trash hauler. Mr. Mack stated the Township has a sample contract from Monclova and Lake Township and it is definitely on the Township's punch list. Mr. Mack stated that there were questions such as servicing neighborhoods which do not have public right of away, places such as multifamily buildings, and how comfortable is the Township bringing basically a monopoly into the Township. It was brought up that there is a local Perrysburg business which services various places in the Township and how bringing this in would affect them. Mr. Britten stated that they were worried about over stepping their bounds; should this be a decision done by three people. There are positives such as one truck going down the street one day a week. He was worried over the issue if this is something that government should step into. Ms. Gibson asked if they were aware of how Lake Township handles it. They send out for bids every three years to see what the best rates are; it's called a preferred provider- no one is forced to participate. The Township is not involved in any way financially and it's not a very complex issue. The provider would handle all billing and send out letters informing the Township they are the preferred provider. She is concerned that when she first made the request four years ago this is as far as it has gotten. Mr. LaHote stated there are pros/cons to it and is a topic of discussion down at the Ohio Township Association Conference. There are two trains of thought: exclusive or not. The feedback is an exclusive contract will allow that company to provide the lowest costs because the provider knows they are locked in. The non-exclusive contract does not provide this. There has been talk between Perrysburg Township and Lake Township. Ms. Gibson thinks that it is working well for Lake Township. Mr. LaHote does not think a decision will benefit every single resident- there are pros/cons. It is not at the top of the list because Mr. LaHote says there are other things to work on. Ms. Gibson said she is exasperated. In her last letter she asked for a written response and got none and feels like she will have to come to each meeting to get a response. Mr. LaHote stated that if they all got more feedback from more people that this is a priority. Ms. Gibson stated that Lake Township didn't have a specific request; it was done by the Trustees. Currently, Ms. Gibson has multiple trucks going down her street. She believes the Trustees would want to save the wear and tear and money of the roads. Mr. LaHote stated that to ensure this would be to have an exclusive contract. Ms. Gibson stated that Lake Township residents pay \$113 a year and she currently pays \$132 a year; it's not rocket scientists. Mr. Mack stated that none of the Trustees have felt strongly about this and he has reservations about government intervention beyond and Ms. Gibson interrupted... she asked about the City of Perrysburg residents and they only have one provider. Mr. Warnimont interjected and stated that the City of Perrysburg residents can get who they want. Further, Mr. Warnimont talked about this as someone who is not in favor of one company and he is happy with who

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he is with. Mr. Warnimont suggested that Ms. Gibson talk to her neighbors if she wants one truck down her road. Mr. Warnimont touches upon how each of his neighbors have their own gig with their provider. He has an issue with the monopoly and brings up lawn services and their trucks- would it get to the point that there would only be allowed one lawn service provider. Discussion ensued back and forth between Ms. Gibson and Mr. Warnimont. One of the issues is with the large area the Township covers as this is different than how Lake Township is made up. Ms. Gibson feels all she has heard since she brought this up has been excuses. Mr. LaHote stated that she calls them excuses but he calls them explanations. Mr. Britten added that he is not comfortable making this an exclusive contract at this point. He does not feel it is the Trustees' job to make that decision for everyone in Perrysburg Township. Ms. Gibson does not know why she can't get her point across that not everyone would have to choose the preferred provider. Ms. Gibson's purpose tonight was to have the Trustees to look into it. Mr. Mack stated he was willing to talk to Ron Simms at Lake Township but it would take a lot to change his mind. Mr. Mack doesn't feel comfortable making it a vote tonight but would be willing to put it on the agenda for a vote later on. Ms. Gibson doesn't feel like the Trustees truly represent the people of the Township. Mr. Mack said they found one who opposes this by accident. Ms. Gibson stated that Mr. Warnimont works for the Township. Mr. Mack stated that this has been in the newspaper and if others agreed with Ms. Gibson they could have contacted the Trustees but he has never received a call about this issue. Mr. Warnimont wanted to make it clear that the Trustees do not speak for him and that he speaks for his own voice and that Perrysburg Township is his heart and soul. Ms. Gibson showed the Board information she downloaded from the Lake Township website. Further discussion over exclusivity and gathering information ensued.

Mr. LaHote expressed his gratitude to Mr. Mack and all his work on the presentation at the Chamber luncheon. He further thanked the department heads for all their work. Mr. LaHote stated that what makes the job easy to speak at those events is the work the departments do. Mr. Mack stated that the update at the Chamber was about economic development in the respective communities. Mr. Mack was amazed at all the developments in the Township even with the economic time we are in. Mr. Britten expressed his gratitude to Mr. Mack as well as to Ms. Violi and her work on the presentation.

**At 7:10 p.m. Mr. LaHote moved to adjourn and the meeting. Mr. Britten seconded. All yes. Motion Passed.**

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**Mr. Robert Mack, Chairman**

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**Rosanna Violi**