

**Minutes of Perrysburg Township Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
May 16, 2012**

6:01 p.m. Meeting called to order by Mr. Robert Mack

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mr. Mack, Mr. LaHote, Mr. Britten, Ms. Violi, Chief Brice, Chief Hetrick, and Mr. Warnimont were all present. Mrs. Haar, Mr. Hrosko, Mr. Gottfried, and Mr. Garn were all absent.

Mr. Mack asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2012 regular meeting minutes. **Britten made a motion to approve the minutes (LaHote seconded). All yes. Motion approved.**

Mr. Mack asked if there were any additions to the May 16, 2012 agenda. Discussion over additions ensued. Mr. Mack asked if there was a motion to approve the amended agenda. **LaHote made a motion to approve the agenda (Britten seconded). All yes. Motion approved.**

Maintenance:

Mr. Gottfried was absent but Ms. Violi reported on his behalf. Ms. Violi stated the only business from Mr. Gottfried was the approval of Resolution 2012-06 for 800 tons of rock salt. Ms. Violi stated the resolution is almost exactly the same as previous years except for the amount. Since the crews didn't use as much salt over the past winter Perrysburg Township will not need to purchase as much for the upcoming winter. Mr. Mack asked if there were any comments and with none Mr. **Britten made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-06 for the purchase of rock salt (LaHote seconded). All yes. Motion approved.**

Fire/EMS:

Chief Brice made a purchase order request to Fire Safety Services, Inc. for \$9,063. This is for the thermal imaging camera. With grant monies allocated towards this purchase the Township will pay \$4,427. **Britten made a motion to approve the purchase order request to Fire Safety Services, Inc. for \$9,063. (LaHote seconded). All yes. Motion approved.**

Next, Chief Brice presented Resolution 2012-07 for approval. This resolution is to approve putting a 4 mill levy on the November ballot. Mr. LaHote asked Chief Brice about how this levy would work related to allocation of funds in certain accounts. Chief Brice stated Mr. Walt Celley drafted the resolution so as to co-mingle the funds in the future. Mr. Mack asked Chief Brice to go into detail about the current levies. Chief Brice stated there have been no other EMS levies other than the original levy EMS had back in the 1980s. He went into detail how the Trustees approved transferring money from the General Fund to EMS to cover the deficit. There have been many cuts in funding from various sources so now is the time to look for a long term solution. Chief Brice stressed this levy was not for new services or more personnel but to maintain the level of services the public is currently receiving. The Fire Department currently has two levies, a 1 mill and 2 mill.

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Police:

Chief Hetrick presented the Detective Report from May 2 to May 16 (copy in file). Activity included: theft, retail theft, drug investigations, and fraud.

Next, Chief Hetrick informed the Board of the three cars sold at auction. One 2008 Dodge Charge sold for \$7,300, one 2007 Ford Crown Victoria sold for \$2,850, and one 2008 Dodge Charger sold for \$7,000.

Then Chief Hetrick stated the Police Department received a Python Radar worth \$1,500. This was given to them by the State because of the work done with the traffic grant.

Finally Chief Hetrick made a few purchase order (P.O.) requests:

First: P.O. to Standard Law Enforcement Supply Company for less lethal ammo for SWAT in the amount of \$5,824.15. Perrysburg Township will then be reimbursed by the other entities for their share of the ammo. It was discussed that in the future the entities involved in SWAT will look at using one fund to purchase items. **Britten made a motion to approve the purchase order to Standard Law Enforcement Supply Company for \$5,824.15 (LaHote seconded). All yes.**

Motion approved.

Second: P.O. to McNerney for four office chairs to be used in the Dispatch Center in the amount of \$2,269.56. This will be divided between Police and Fire/EMS. **LaHote made a motion to approve the purchase order to McNerney for \$2,269.56 (Britten seconded). Mack abstained. Motion approved.**

Third: P.O. to Idville for the dual sided ID maker in the amount of \$2,637.99. All the departments will split the cost of this device. **LaHote made a motion to approve the purchase order to Idville for \$2,637.99. (Britten seconded). All yes. Motion approved.**

Fourth: P.O. to Heatherdowns Veterinary Clinic for \$500. It was discussed that Officer Gladney has already taken the K-9 to the clinic. Mr. Britten then stated it needed to be a Then and Now purchase order. Mr. LaHote stated it needed to be in the exact amount. Chief Hetrick stated it was for \$173.00. **Britten made a motion to approve the then and now purchase order to Heatherdowns Veterinary Clinic for \$173. (LaHote seconded). All yes. Motion approved.**

Recreation:

Mr. Warnimont mentioned that there were over 500 cars for Recycle Roundup. He has heard from many individuals and they have all expressed their gratitude for the event. The Board expressed their gratitude to Mr. Warnimont for all his does here at the Township.

Next, Mr. Warnimont mentioned that Ken Reiman would be at the Township the next day to discuss recycling. He will update the Board at the next Department Head Meeting. Mr. Mack stated he invited Paul Rasmussen from Waste Management to the next Department Head and maybe Me. Reiman would like to be in attendance as well. Mr. Warnimont will ask Mr. Reiman.

Zoning:

Mr. Garn was absent and nothing was presented related to Zoning.

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Office:

Mrs. Haar was absent but Ms. Violi reported. She presented the check reports from May 11 and May 16 as well as the bank report from April.

Administrator:

Mr. Hrosko was absent but Ms. Violi reported. First, Ms. Violi mentioned Mr. Hrosko has received various messages from a Margaret Gosses regarding a sidewalk from the Commons to the Holiday Inn on Fremont Pike. Mr. Mack asked if there had ever been any petitions related to sidewalks. Mr. Britten thinks this is out of our jurisdiction. Chief Brice stated it would be nice to consider as there have been some injuries in that area & one fatality. Mr. Warnimont suggested talking to HR Healthcare who own The Commons and see what they can do. Mr. LaHote mentioned the concern of maintenance down the road since the Township doesn't have authority over it. It was decided that Ms. Violi will let Mr. Hrosko know to make a few calls to the owners of the buildings and see where to go from there. Next, Ms. Violi brought up the new Maintenance Department Policy and Procedures Manual and asked for approval. Mr. Mack asked the feeling of the Board and Mr. Britten stated that this has been talked and talked about for over four months. He feels very comfortable with approving it. **Britten made a motion to approve Personnel Policy for the Road Maintenance Department effective retroactive January 1, 2012 (LaHote seconded). All yes. Motion carried.**

Lastly, Ms. Violi brought up a resident's inquiry about jake break signs at 795 and Wyandot Place. Ms. Violi stated Mr. Hrosko was just looking for the Trustee's thoughts. Mr. Britten made mention that this is not the Township road and ODOT is pretty particular on their specifications; he suggested contacting Mr. Waterfield at ODOT as he is very helpful.

Public Comments:

Lynn Hunter, Niederhouse Road. Mrs. Hunter inquired about the April 18 meeting where the Board approved the insurance for the Township for \$1,000 more a year. She quoted Mr. Hrosko who stated at that meeting that he did not shop around for rates; this has bugged her and would like to know why he did not do this. Mr. Mack stated the Township had a pretty drastic reduction when they left Hylant; Mr. Britten stated it was about \$30,000. Mrs. Hunter stated \$1,000 is a \$1,000 and now the Township is coming to the residents for a levy; she stated that maybe if the Township pinched pennies then maybe the levy wouldn't be so large. She thinks Mr. Hrosko should be a little more diligent as to what he is paying and now she wonders if what other expenses have there been where no investigation was done.

Mrs. Hunter then mentioned the mowing done on Neiderhouse Road earlier in the week; she thanked the crew for the good job but wanted to know why Roland Neiderhouse's property was mowed by the Township. Mr. Britten asked how far they went back and Mrs. Hunter replied at least 50 to 150 feet. Mrs. Hunter stated the crew mowed all around a garbage pile and this property isn't even on the ditch side. She is just curious as to why they did it. The Trustees stated they would look into it.

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The regular business meeting was completed and then the meeting shifted to the Rossford Schools presentation by Ronald Victor, president of Leadership Ideas. Mr. Britten, Mr. LaHote, Ms. Violi, and audience members stated for the presentation. Mr. Mack, Chief Brice, Chief Hetrick, and Mr. Warnimont left the meeting.

Mr. Victor introduced himself and the reason why he was there. He is from Willoughby, Ohio but did spend time in Toledo as Business Manager for Toledo Public Schools. Mr. Victor has a long list of experience with schools even as Superintendent of Garfield Heights Schools. The last six years he has worked across the State with communities and organizations about change management and how to bring hope and life to a school district or community; Mr. Victor uses a process called “appreciative inquiry” developed by David Copperrider from Case Western Reserve. It centers on community engagement. Mr. Victor has done five presentations throughout Rossford and will have a few more in the next couple days. These presentations will gather information on how best to move forward. Mr. Britten and Mr. LaHote both mentioned their past work with both the Rossford and Perrysburg School Districts.

Mr. Victor stated priority 5 from the Annual Report of the Rossford School Board: “The Board of Education is taking a step back and has assured the public they will reconvene a new facility committee.” Sometimes it is hard for a political subdivision to take a step back and let a process be run and managed by citizens but this one is. This process is being totally run by the community. The Board of Education wants the process to be honest, clear, and understood so as to succeed. Mr. Victor stated that in working with communities in a process like this there needs to be teamwork and the right kind of leadership. There needs to be authentic community engagement to be successful. Mr. Victor then discussed test scores and how the State of Ohio will be changing the standards. Then discussed other presentations he has given in Rossford and what he has learned about the community (great families, excellent leadership, quality services, good schools, beautiful homes, etc).

Mr. Victor asked about what the issues Rossford is facing. Mr. Britten stated the biggest thing is the funding. Funding is down across the board but services need to stay the same. Mr. Britten mentioned that the largest portion of costs is employees. Mr. LaHote mentioned that a challenge is where to put a school. Mr. Victor stated he has heard this from various other individuals. Discussion about what location ensued; this included what Perrysburg went through with their buildings. Mr. Victor stated that most people clearly know there is a need to update but where to get the money is the biggest issue. Mr. LaHote brought up the geographic location of those in Rossford School District. Many individuals who live in Perrysburg Township reside in Rossford School District; Mr. LaHote thought it might be about 50% of students who live in the Township go to Rossford Schools. A resident, Ms. Bridget O’Halloran, gave Mr. Victor a map of the Township to give him an idea of the geographies. Ms. O’Halloran asked about consolidation between Perrysburg Schools and Rossford Schools; Mr. Victor didn’t know the answer but will bring it up. Discussion over the perception of Perrysburg Township being entirely in Perrysburg School District ensued centered on how boundaries were drawn.

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Next the presentation focused on brainstorming over five questions. Same five questions Mr. Victor uses at all the presentation to gather answers from a wide variety of sources.

1. What do you most value and appreciate about Rossford Exempt Schools?
 - a. Some responses included: quality of the services, sense of community, excellence in education rating, and maintenance of a good education
2. Looking to the future what should be done to improve the schools?
 - a. Some responses included: discern options other than just a completely new building, maintain high quality of services, looking to a State funded model and general updating of facilities
3. What do you think the school buildings should look like in the future?
 - a. Some responses included: look nice but not the Taj Mahal, be efficient, inside needs to be up to date, flexible use, technology needs updating, highly functional, low maintenance and more modern structure
4. What happens to the community if nothing is done?
 - a. Some responses included: lack of advancement, structure issues on the buildings, decreased property values, and lack of attraction for those looking to move into the city
5. If something is decided what can be done to get people engaged and stand behind the plan?
 - a. Some responses included: difficult because of the economy, residents may not have children in schools, resident happy with where they are and don't need to sell but having meetings at different locations may engage more people.

Mr. Victor introduced Roger Gluckin a member of steering committee. A committee of five and doing a grassroots approach to get people involved.

Mr. Britten moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mr. LaHote seconded. All yes. Motion Passed.

Mr. Robert Mack, Chairman

Rosanna Violi

Mr. Craig LaHote, Vice-Chairman