

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Perry Village Council
Perry Village Hall 7:00pm

Regular Meeting
October 12, 2023

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBER PRESENT:

Cassella, Walker, Shimko, Schonauer, Glover, Coss

PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE:

Steve Williams	Police Chief
James O'Leary	Solicitor
Brittany Schostek	Fiscal officer
Sean Specht	Police Officer

Good & Welfare:

Trick or Treat is scheduled per usual, Halloween day; October 31st 6:00pm-8:00pm. Curbside leaf pick up starts the Monday after Halloween, November 6th, no deadline was made at this moment.

Public Comment:

Nick is a safety instructor and an elementary school teacher seeking a solution to promote bow hunting to reduce the deer population entering into Petitti's property and traveling through powerlines using it as a main route to enter in and out of the Village/ City. Nick does not want the use of guns, he strictly would like to use bows and have selective personnel on the field. Chief Williams and Solicitor O' Leary took Nick's information to research the situation.

Reading & Disposition of the Minutes:

A motion was made by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Coss to approve the Regular Council Meeting on 09/21/2023. All council members were present and voted yes.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Cassella to approve the Special Council Meeting on 9/23/2023. All council members were present and voted yes.

Purchases and Approvals:

A motion was made by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Coss to approve the September 2023 financial reports. All members were present and voted yes.

Legislation:

Resolution No. 31-2023

A resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with LCN Holdings, INC. To provide for the leasing of certain real property for the period of February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025 and declaring an emergency.

First Reading: 9/21/2023

Second Reading: 9/23/2023

Third Reading: 10/12/2023

A motion was made by Mr. Walker and seconded by Ms. Schonauer. All council members were present and all voted yes.

Resolution 39-2023

A resolution authorizing the Fiscal Officer to revise section 4.3 (Holidays) of the employee handbook to provide for holiday pay for full time employees who work the day of the actual holiday and/or the day of the observed holiday and declaring an emergency.

First Reading: 9/21/2023

Second Reading: 9/23/2023

A motion to withdraw was made by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Cassella. A motion to table was made by Mr. Coss and seconded by Mr. Walker. All council members were present and voted yes.

Resolution No. 44-2023

A resolution confirming the appointment of James R. O'Leary as legal council, affirming his agreement, determining compensation and declaring an emergency.

First Reading: 10/12/2023

Resolution No. 45-2023

A resolution authorizing the fiscal officer of the Village of Perry, Ohio, to transfer twelve thousand three hundred twelve dollars and fifty cents (12,312.50) from the general fund (1000) to the debt service fund (3101) and declaring an emergency.

First Reading: 10/12/2023

Resolution No. 46-2023

A resolution authorizing the fiscal officer of the Village of Perry, Ohio, to transfer ten thousand dollars from the general fund (1000) to the Center Street reconstruction fund (3102) and declaring an emergency.

First Reading: 10/12/2023

Resolution No. 47-2023

A resolution authorizing the fiscal officer of the Village of Perry, Ohio, to transfer ten thousand dollars from the general fund (1000) to the Manchester Road fund (3103) and declaring an emergency.

First Reading: 10/12/2023

Resolution No. 48-2023

A resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Jeremy Iosue, ESQ./ Stefanik, Iosue and Associates to provide professional legal advice, consultation, assistance and services to the village and on a day-to-day basis concerning the proper management and administration of work place issues and claims for 2023, and declaring an emergency.

First Reading: 10/12/2023

Resolution No. 49-2023

A resolution authorizing the employment of JP Wright Commercial and Residential Sanitation as cleaning contractors and establishing their compensation and declaring an emergency.

First Reading: 10/12/2023

Resolution No. 50-2023

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the dental and vision care provider offering the best and most reasonable rates through Burnham Flowers Agency to provide dental and vision insurance coverage for village employees for the year 2024 and declaring an emergency.

First Reading: 10/12/2023

Resolution No. 51-2023

A resolution requesting the County Tax Auditor to make advance payments of taxes for the year 2024.

First Reading: 10/12/2023

Resolution No. 52-2023

A resolution approving the permanent appropriations funds for the Village of Perry, Ohio, for the year 2024 and declaring an emergency.

First Reading: 10/12/2023

Resolution No. 53-2023

A resolution authorizing the mayor to renew and enter into an agreement with Gehring's and Benedict Insurance Inc. Agencies to provide for the continuation of property and casualty insurance coverage for Village property and declaring an emergency.

First Reading: 10/12/2023

Resolution No. 54-2023

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Major Medical Health Care provider offering the best and most reasonable rates through CBIZ QBA Benefits to provide Major Medical Health Care Insurance coverage for Village employees for the year 2024 and declaring an emergency.

First Reading: 10/12/2023

Resolution No. 55-2023

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to offer a cash benefit in lieu of major medical coverage for the year 2024 and declaring an emergency.

First Reading: 10/12/2023

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Mayor:

1. Informed council the sidewalks were pounded on Thursday.
2. The Lee Lydic park pad pavilion sidewalk will be repaired in two weeks.
3. Engineer quotes pending.
4. The insurance claim for the light pole in the police parking lot was received. Repair date is pending.
5. Work order submitted for the Village light poles
6. Insurance quotes pending: Property/casualty, Medical.

Solicitor:

1. Scheduled Police Retention meeting at the Perry Village Hall on October 27th at 11:45am. For those that cannot make it will be able to join via zoom.

Fiscal Officer:

1. Was in Canton October 4-6th for OAPT training. Now a Certified Ohio Public Treasurer.
2. With a new Chief, Fiscal Officer and Zoning Officer new Safety/Emergency protocol need in place.
3. OPERS pension training courses are scheduled.
4. UAN training is scheduled for October 24th in Twinsburg, Ohio.

Police Chief:

1. During the month of September there were 483 calls for service.
2. The remainder of bullet resistant vest have arrived and will be issued to officers in the near future.
3. Taser purchase agreement has been authorized by council/signed by mayor and submitted to Axon for processing.
4. Body worn cameras grant prepared and submitted. Waiting for determination.
5. Required Continuing Professional Training (CPT) was attended and completed. Continuation of completing the CPT for 2023 is still in progress.
6. The required "New" Chief Training Oct. 16-20, 2023 in Columbus, Ohio will be attended.
7. Firearms Qualifications Range Training session was held for both Perry Village and North Perry Village Police Departments on October 4, 2023 at the LCSO range.

Public Works:

1. The picnic tables at Lee Lydic park are all painted and stained.
2. Plow truck blade is on.
3. The back mower is fixed.
4. Bucket truck front end mower needs repaired.

Zoning:

1. Issued a total of 9 zoning permits between Sept 15, 2023 and Oct 12, 2023.
2. A total of 101 permits have been issued for 2023 to date.
3. In September there were 8 residential purchases in Perry Village for people moving into the village.
4. Suggestion to amend the current fee schedule to reflect fee schedules of other local village communities.

Economic Development:

1. Nothing new at this time.

Council Members:

Councilman Walker:

1. Hired two more full time firefighters, both are previous Perry Fire Explorers.
2. The Ohio First Responders Grant totaling \$115,124.06 was awarded.
3. Accepting donations for gently used or new coats, hats, gloves, boots, and sleeping bags. These can be dropped off at Station 1 or Station 2.

Councilman Cassella:

1. Final Fall Fest report still pending, will have final numbers in November's council meeting.
2. Expressed his personal thoughts of JEDD funds and the programs for senior citizens at the community center.
3. Jiffy Lube is being built in IGA parking lot. The drive in and out will stay the same.

Councilwoman Shimko:

1. Expressed what a great pouring job PH Concrete did. They worked long and hard.

Councilwoman Schonauer:

1. Agreed with Ms. Shimko that PH Concrete did a great job and worked hard.
2. Spoke about the preparation for the strategic plan for 2024-2027.
3. Reminded council Santa's mailbox should go up the second week of November.

Councilman Glover:

1. October 31st the community garden will start to be cleaned up.
2. The pie contest at the Fall Fest was a huge hit.
3. The high schooler that played guitar did an amazing job.
4. A Perry School art teacher painted the cut out for people to stick their head in and take a picture. That will be up for a little while.
5. Gave a huge thank you to Pam J and Barb H, both members of the Park Committee, for helping out so much the week leading up to fall fest with him and Lee Glover out of town.

Councilman Coss:

1. Spoke about seeing Perry Village Police Officer Sean Specht, in his police cruiser sitting in the Perry Market parking lot late at night over the weekend. Officer Specht told Coss he waits for the employees to close up The Market and get in their cars safely every night. Coss spoke about the recent incidents he saw over by The Market thanking Officer Specht for doing his due diligence keeping our village a safe place.
2. Expressed the importance of having 3 School Resource Officers.

Public Comment:

1. Pam J. informed council the park grant did not get approved reason being grants were distributed to newer park committees.
2. Trash blowing around from Booth Farms is still an issue for residents residing in/around the Booth Farm development. Mrs. Gessic threw out the idea of maybe having the Mayor write a letter to the builders/ developers with the possibility of penalties if it continues.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Ms. Schonauer and seconded by Mr. Coss to go into executive session inviting Chief Williams at 8:15. All council members were present and voted yes.

A motion was made by Ms. Schonauer and seconded by Mr. Walker to exit executive session. All council members were present and voted yes at 9:10pm.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. Walker and seconded by Ms. Schonauer to adjourn the regular meeting. All council members were present and voted yes at 9:10pm.

Next Regular Council Meeting 11/09/2023 at 7:00 PM

Brittany Schostek, Fiscal Officer

James Gessic, Mayor

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