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GOVERNMENT OF TOWNSHIP

Your Township government consists of three elected for four year terms. Their terms are staggered so that every two years either one Trustee and the Fiscal Officer or two Trustees are up for election.

The Board of Township Trustees is the overall governing body for Perry Township. It decides issues of Township policy and is responsible for all expenditures of Township funds. It Township employees.

The authority of Township Government is limited to only those specific duties which are delegated by State law, i.e. the Ohio Revised Code. Unlike cities and villages, pay for such basic services as water and sewers.

Many of the services commonly associated with local government are actually under the legal jurisdiction of the County and State governments. These include water

Rick Amos, Trustee since 2004

Rick lives at 4575 White Angel Drive. He has four adult children, all of whom attended Perry Schools, and six grandchildren - Jimmy, Justin, Jack, Ava, Phoebe and Caden. Rick is a 1968 graduate of Perry High School, serving as Class President all four years. He is also a 1972 graduate of Bowling Green State University.

Rick owns a life/health insurance agency and is active in many organizations. Prior to becoming a Township Trustee, he served for 14 years on the Perry School Board. Currently, Rick serves as chairman of the Perry Economic Development Council and board chairman of the Perry Area Joint Recreation District. He is also director emeritus of the Perry Alumni Association. Rick is a past recipient of the Madison-Perry Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award and was a 2014 inductee into the Perry High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.

Bob Dawson, Trustee since 2014

Bob Dawson lives at 5475 Canyon Ridge Drive with his wife, Dawn. Bob has three adult children and five grandchildren. He is a lifelong Perry resident, a graduate of Perry High School and a graduate of Lakeland Community College where he is a member of the Alumni Hall of Fame.

Bob is employed as the Executive Director for the Lake County Workforce Development Board. Prior to working for Lake County, Bob worked for the RW Sidley Company in Painesville where he last served as President of their Construction Materials Group.

Bob has an extensive background in public and community service. Bob served for over seventeen years on the Lake County Board of Education including 11 years as President. He has been affiliated with the Lake County Fair for forty-one years and served as Fair Board President for twelve consecutive years. He is a lifetime member of the Perry Alumni Association and a member of the Perry High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. In addition to his trustee duties, Bob is Chairman of Perry's Joint Economic Development District and Chairman of the Perry Joint Fire District.

Nancy Steele, Trustee since 2006

Nancy Steele lives at 4405 Casa Bella Drive with her husband, Tim. She has two children - Tim Steele and the late Julie Collins (husband, Marc Collins) and two grandchildren, Courtney and Nicklaus. Nancy has been a lifelong Perry resident and attended Perry Schools (class of 1972).

She retired from the Lake County Board of Elections after 25 years. Nancy is a member of St. Cyprian's Church, Perry High School Alumni Association, Ohio Township Association and Lake County Township Association, Perry Historical Society, Lake County Democratic Women's Club, Ohio Cemetery Association and Eastern Lake County Chamber of Commerce.

Christine J. Page, Fiscal Officer since 1992

The Fiscal Officer is responsible for minutes, Township records, accounts receivable and payable, investments, payroll, systems management and maintenance.

Chris and her husband, Mark Estvanko, have one daughter, Sarah. Mark also has three children - Richard (Rachael), Amy (Shane) and Sherri (Anthony). Mark and Chris have eight grandchildren - Alexia, Alia, Alex, Hailey, Tyler, Joshua, Logan and Kylie.

Chris has been a resident of Perry Township since 1985. Since graduating from Eastlake North High School in 1979, she received her Paralegal Certificate through Lakeland Community and Dyke Colleges in 1992. A legal secretary since 1981 and a Paralegal since 1989, Chris has been employed with the Domestic Relations Court and in both private practice law firms and on a freelance basis. Chris' areas of practice have included general legal work, probate and medical malpractice. She is past President of the Lake County Township Association and a member of the Ohio Township Association, Ohio Association of Public Treasurers, Ohio Library Council, Lake County Democratic Women's Club, Government Finance Officers Association and Western Reserve Junior Service League. Chris is also the Township's webmaster for Perry Township's web page - www.perrytownship-lake.com and is the owner of The Wicked Sugar Cake Studio in Perry.

Chris' public service has included: Perry Township Fiscal Officer since 1992, Perry Public Library Fiscal Officer since 2005, Lake County Domestic Relations Court (1987-1989), Lake County Children's Cluster (1994) and Notary Public.

Karen Sundy, Perry Township Administrator

Karen Sundy lives at 3551 Main Street with her husband Rich and their two children, Justin and Julia. Karen is a lifelong resident of Perry, a graduate of Perry High School (1988) and a graduate of The Ohio State University (1992) with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Karen has been with the Township since 2005 serving as assistant to the Administrator and Economic Development Director. In 2018 she was appointed as Administrator and continues as Economic Development Assistant.

Karen is a 2017 graduate of Leadership Lake County and the Ohio Township Association Leadership Academy in 2018. She is an active member of the Eastern Lake County Chamber of Commerce, the Lake County Chamber of Commerce, the Perry High School Alumni Association and the Perry Band Boosters. Karen is also a member of the Lake County Township Association.

North Perry Village

North Perry Village, at one time also a part of Perry

Township, fronts on the shores of Lake Erie and consists

of approximately 4 square miles with 891 residents

reported in the 2014 census. The village was formed by

petition on July 18, 1925. Spokesmen on that petition

were shown to be John A. Brack and William G. Seith,

and stated that the proposed village limits, at that time,

contained 430 people.

Perry Village

Perry Village, at one time a part of Perry Township, was

formed in 1913 by a petition of the people which specified E.M. Orcutt and J.F. Brown as spokesmen for the proposed incorporation. The petition was signed by eighty electors from the territory which included two square miles in the described village limits with an approximate population of 500. The 2014 census shows 1625 people within its corporation limits.

Both Perry Village and North Perry Village are governed by a mayor, six council members and a Fiscal Officer. Mayor and Council are elected to four-year terms by their residents. Village Fiscal Officers are appointed.



and sewer, dog control, maintenance of County and Trustees and a Fiscal Officer, all of whom are ______State highways, environmental protection and public health.

> Although they have no direct legal authority over these services, Township officials can act as community spokespersons, while bringing local problems to the attention of County, State or Federal officials and thereby assist with solutions for such problems. Your

Township officials are always available to assist you with also appoints the Township's Zoning officials and hires problems dealing with the Township, County, State and even Federal governments.

Regular Trustees' meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month and at 10:00 am on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Township Townships do not have the authority to pass laws or to Administration Building located at 3740 Center Road. Office hours are from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm on weekdays. Telephone number is 440-259-5140; e-mail is perrytwp@ncweb.com; website is www.perrytownship-lake.com.

PERRY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

The Perry Joint Fire District currently has two station locations— 3742 Center Road in Perry Village PERRY and 3870 South Ridge Road in Perry Township. The Fire Department covers an area of 29.5 square miles and serves Perry Township, Perry Village and North Perry Village.



Perry Township Board of Trustees that unless the Trustees agreed to help compensate the firemen, they would not answer any calls outside the Perry Village limits (2 square miles). The Township refused and consequently a prominent resident's barn burned to the ground because the Village Fire Department wouldn't answer the call. Realizing the importance of fire protection, the Trustees bought their own firefighting equipment, formed their own fire department and hired the village firemen to operate it. The same firemen served both departments with fire equipment housed in the Perry Village Hall, then located on Harper Street. Since neither department was able to fund the needed equipment on their own, they merged to form the Perry Township Fire Department in 1939 and the Township of Perry took over operation of the fire department. Operational funds were supplied by all three communities. The first volunteer Fire Chief was Roy Sweet.

In 1979, Perry Fire became a full-time department and the first full-time Fire Chief, Stephen R. Sitz, was hired by the Township Trustees. In 1995, Robert Bates became Fire Chief and in 2002, he was succeeded by James McDonald who currently serves to this day. The Perry Fire District also employs one full-time secretary and one Fiscal Officer.

In late 2002, Perry Township joined with Perry Village and North Perry Village to form the Perry Joint Fire District, which makes the Fire Department a separate government entity administered by appointees from all three communities.

Currently, 25 full-time firefighters and 11 part-time firefighters are employed. Ranking officers are the Chief, an Executive Captain and six Lieutenants.

Services of the Perry Joint Fire District are available twenty-four hours a day, every day of the year. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays. The non-emergency telephone number is 259-2880. For all emergencies, dial 911

PERRY LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Perry Local School District focuses on providing all students with a quality education that enables them to achieve personal excellence, pursue world-class standards and become self-



IMPORTANT

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

911

350-5528

259-2880

259-9705

259-5140

259-9200

259-2125

259-3300

259-3772

259-5140

259-5140

259-5957

259-4047

259-2671

259-2724

350-2500

350-2700

951-6122

259-3332

259-4994

Police & Fire (Emergency)

Police (Lake County Sheriff

Dept./non-emergency)

North Perry Village Office

Perry Center (Food Bank)

Perry Joint Fire District

(non-emergency)

Perry Area Joint

Recreation District

Perry Community

Center (Rentals)

Perry Post Office

Perry Public Library

Perry Senior Center

Administration Office

Perry Township Cemetery

Perry Township

Perry Township

Perry Township

YMCA Outdoor

Family Center

Switchboard

of Elections

Service Department

Perry Village Office

Lake County Offices

Lake County Board

Lake Humane Society

TOWNSHIP

CEMETERIES

Perry Township maintains two

Ridge Roads, is the Township's newer

cemetery - burying approximately

100 persons per year. In 2000, the

Township Trustees doubled the size

of the cemetery with the purchase

of 25 acres of adjoining land which

will provide for future expansion and

should serve the Community well into

Township records show the earliest

burials to be Hannah Stockwell (1811),

Lucy Farrar (1815) and Ezra Beebe

(1813). One of the more famous

burials at Center Road Cemetery are

the remains of Indian Princess Mona

Cline who died in September 1986.

Mohoneall Anpawcheekawpawqua

(Rose of the Morning Sun), the

granddaughter of Cleveland's famous

Chief Thunderwater, was born in 1911.

She was a descendant of the Algonquin

and Sioux nations and married Perry

Gravesites are available for

residents and non-residents. Center

Road Cemetery has three 32-niche

columbariums with space available

for inurnment of cremains. The

resident Ausburn Cline.

the twenty-first century.

Park Manager

Perry Local Schools

Administration Office

Perry Pirate Athletic Center 259-9400

directed lifelong learners. The District has achieved the "Excellent" rating from the Ohio Department of Education based on student achievements. The high school and middle school have been recognized nationally by the U.S. Department of Education as Blue Ribbon Schools.

The District's Community Education Village of approximately 1900 students consistently ranks among the best in the northeast Ohio area on the Ohio Achievement Assessments, standardized achievement tests and college entrance exams. More than 85% of Perry High School graduates continue their education with college or technical training. With high expectations for each student, the schools address the academic needs of all students. The high school provides Advanced Placement courses for college credit.

The school campus setting links all the school buildings and offers programs to benefit and enrich students and the communities alike. These include a Community Fitness Center with an indoor pool, exercise and aerobic areas and the field house which are all available to families and community members.

ROAD SYSTEMS

- The roads in Perry Township belong to four different categories: 1. State and Federal routes are designated by the Federal Government and are maintained by the Ohio State Department of Transportation, i.e. State Route 20 (aka North Ridge Road) and State Route 84 (aka South Ridge Road).
- 2. County roads are designated by the County Commissioners and are maintained by the Lake County Engineer's Department.

County Roads in Perry Township include: Blackmore Road Lane Road Blair Road Madison Avenue Middle Ridge Road Call Road Center Road Narrows Road Davis Road Parmly Road

Hale Road

Perry Park Road River Road Townline Road Turney Road Webb Road

columbariums are located at the south end of the cemetery. To reach the Cemetery Sexton please contact the Township Office at 440-259-5140.

- 3. "Excepted" Township roads have been brought up to the County Engineer's standards, at which time the County Commissioners relinquish control to the Township. These roads are maintained by individual Townships, i.e. all subdivision roads.
- 4. Private roads or accessways on private property which have not been dedicated as public roadways; these include mobile home parks and private driveways.



CHURCHES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP

Bridge Church at Perry 413-1508 4261 Manchester Road Church of Jesus Christ 352-7903 2643 South Ridge Road Faith Baptist Church 259-4449 3003 Narrows Road First Baptist Church 259-2111 3918 Main Street Heritage Bible Church 259-3171 2859 South Ridge Road Lake Erie Church of God 3050 Antioch Road 259-2310 New Life Church & Christian Academy 4080 Call Road 259-3850 Perry Christian Church 259-4821 3270 Call Road Perry United Methodist Church 259-2493 3875 Main Street St. Cyprian Catholic Church 259-2344 4223 Middle Ridge Road Teen Challenge Chapel 259-3333 3032 Perry Park Road The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 259-4420 2930 Townline Road



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ZONING DEPARTMENT

Proposed zoning was put on the ballot in 1953 and Library and Perry Township offices. In addition, all 1955, asked to resubmit the proposal to the people. Township Trustees H. Russell Adams, Jim Shook and Norman Pratt appointed a Zoning Commission of five members: Russ Champion, Ed Lawrence, Clyde Miller, Sterling Averill and Frank Daykin who also served as secretary.

regulations which were submitted to the residents and, this time, approved. Many hours have been donated by concerned citizens in helping to form our Community. The Township Trustees now appoint the members of both zoning boards to five year terms, which are staggered so that one member is up for appointment each year.

available for review and purchase at the Township Administration office for a nominal fee. They can also be accessed online at www.perrytownship-lake.com the proposal is considered and the public may express listed under departments.

For zoning information and/or questions please contact the Township Office (440-259-5140).

The Board of Zoning Appeals

The Board must consider questions of Zoning Resolution interpretation, Variances and Conditiona Use Permits. All decisions of the Board of Zoning Appeals require a public hearing. Notices must be published in the newspaper and are posted at Perry Village Hall, Perry Post Office, Perry Public

turned down by Township residents. The PTA, in neighboring affected property owners are notified by mail. A variance permits a building or land use which does

not technically conform to the zoning regulations, and is not contrary to the spirit of the Zoning Resolution. A Conditional Use Permit is required for certain types of commercial and industrial development. The This Commission prepared a zoning map and decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals is final and can only be reversed in court.

Zoning Commission

The Ohio Revised Code stipulates the procedural process for making any map changes or amendments to the Zoning Resolution. A change may be initiated by the Township Trustees, the Zoning Commission or any landowner of property who will be affected. The Zoning Resolution book and map are Once initiated, a public hearing is set by the Zoning Commission and the proposal is sent to the Lake County Planning Commission. At the public hearing, their opinions. Recommendations from the Lake County Planning Commission are also reviewed. After the Zoning Commission makes its decision, the proposed zoning amendment is then sent to the Township Trustees who hold a final public hearing. The decision of the Zoning Commission is considered approved unless the Trustees amend or reject it by a unanimous vote. Notices of all public hearings must be published in the newspaper and are posted at Perry Village Hall, Perry Post Office, Perry Public Library and Perry Township offices.

PERRY COMMUNITY & SENIOR CENTER

Located at 2800 Perry Park Road, the Community/Senior Center was constructed in 2005 and occupies property formerly owned by Mr. William Lorimer. The building features a huge community room that measures 50' x 150', a roomy kitchen with all the necessary appliances and a covered patio with a beautiful unobstructed view of Lake Erie.

A baseball park is located adjacent to the Community Center grounds. Numerous baseball and softball games and tournaments are scheduled by the Perry Area Joint Recreation District and played throughout spring and summer utilizing Township Park's and Community Center fields.

The Community Center is home to the Seniors Program which has scheduled hours on Monday, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm and on Thursdays from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. A Senior Wing has been added specifically for their programming use. For information on the Seniors Program, please call 440-259-3772.

Residents and non-residents are able to rent the Community Center for events. Many weddings, parties, anniversaries, reunions and other functions have taken place at the Community Center. For more information on renting the facility, please call the Township Office at 440-259-5140.



Perry Twp. Trustees Office 3740 Center Road P.O. Box 65 Perry, OH 44081

RESIDENT

PERRY TOWNSHIP HISTORY

Perry Township, consisting of 23.4 square miles, was schoolhouse, thus forming the first gathering of religious formally organized by vote of the people on July 1, 1815. worship in the Township (later organized into the first It was named for Commodore Oliver H. Perry, hero of churches in the Perry area as Methodist, Baptist and the the War of 1812. It was one of four Townships selected Church of Christ). The first frame building erected was a by the Connecticut Land Company, before the lands of the hotel on South Ridge Road kept by David Allen. "Reserve" were drawn up and was described as No. 11 in the seventh range of the original Connecticut Western Reserve.

Once swampy and full of tamarack stumps, the Perry area is now a well-drained area that gently rolls and slopes from Fairport Harbor to cities along the Great Lakes. gradually to Lake Erie. The southern portion of the Another company, the Imperial Merchandise Company, area slopes more sharply and, at some points, drops in sold automobile tires, fruit jar rings, paper and glassware. sheer cliffs into the Grand River Valley which forms the Other local businesses included a cider and vinegar works, southern boundary of Perry Township.

Perry history reports the first probable settler to be Ezra Beebe, who settled near the Grand River in 1808. He died in the spring of 1813. The first term of school in Perry Township was taught in a log cabin located on South Ridge Road (SR 84) in the summer of 1815. In the winter of 1815, prayer meetings were held in this log cabin

PERRY TOWNSHIP HALL

The Perry Township Hall, located at the corner of Center Road and Main Street in Perry Village, is maintained and managed by the Township's Board of Trustees and has been entered into the Lake County Historical Society's Heritage Register. "Town Hall" now houses the Perry Historical Museum which opened to the public in 1997.

The one-story brick building, with its arch shaped doors and windows, fits the architectural design of the neighboring Perry Methodist Church built in 1873 by Charles Searl, a native of Perry. Town Hall was completed in 1875 with records indicating Searl as its builder. Board minutes note that when an attempt was made by the Township Board of Trustees to sell the Hall in 1944, it met with stiff opposition from Perry community groups. The Trustees rescinded that decision and instead, turned the management of the Hall over to the Perry Chapter of Blue Star Mothers. In 1960, the Perry American Legion Post 697 assumed management of the Hall until 1988 when the Trustees once again assumed full responsibility. The Hall remains a sturdy structure with many improvements made by the Township over the years.

grow in both facility and collection to better phone, or online. Perry Public Library hosts events all year serve the residents of Perry Village, Perry Township, and long from story time and events for families and children North Perry Village. In 1991, the Library was renovated to programming for teens and adults. Book clubs meet and added significant square footage to accommodate monthly. The library lends an outstanding collection of a large story time room, conference room, a cafe space, movies, music, magazines, video games and more; all you and additional shelving. In 2017, the Library, using need is a library card. If you are looking for a place to existing space and resources, added a new teen room with work, play or study, the Library is the place to be. See all gaming and computers, a playroom for small children and caregivers off the children's room, and a new small Perry Public Library is a place to know, learn, gather and meeting room.

The Perry Public Library is an Association Library. The Lifetime Association Membership is \$1.00 for any adult Perry resident and the members elect the Board of Trustees at the annual meeting in October.

The Library is a member of the CLEVNET consortium. a network of over 40 libraries across Northeast Ohio,

PERRY AREA JOINT RECREATION DISTRICT

Programs. Perry Area Joint Recreation District is overseen programs, please call 440-259-9705. and governed by a Board of Directors consisting of one representative from Perry Township, one representative from Perry Village, one representative from North Perry Village and two representatives from the Perry School District. The members of the Board of Directors are all appointed by the entities they represent.

The Youth Program is dedicated to the development of well-rounded young people through positive activities and competitions. Emphasis is placed on developing fundamental skills and good sportsmanship through active participation by participants, coaches and parents. The

The Recreation District was formed Youth Program is administered by the Director and in 2006 and is the parent organization Assistant Director who report to the Recreation District's for Perry's Youth and Senior Recreation Board of Directors. For more information on youth

enrichment opportunities.

The Senior Program is administered by the Director and Assistant Director who report to the District's Board of Directors. For more information on senior programs, please call 440-259-3772.

Perry Township Park.

Township Park facilities include a concession stand which operates from Memorial Day to Labor Day, restrooms and shower facilities that accommodate the a basketball court.





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Standing left to right, Trustee Rick Amos, Trustee Bob Dawson. Sitting left to right, Trustee Nancy Steele, Fiscal Officer Chris Page

We thank our businesses for their ongoing support and participation in the community. We hope you will keep this Guide handy, refer to it often, and find it useful.

PERRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

call 440-259-3300.



One of the earliest known industries in Perry included

an iron foundry which received its ore from bogs in Perry

and converted it into pig iron. Perry iron ore was shipped

cheese factory, tannery, lumber mill and grain mill.

Because of its well-drained fertile soil and the excellent

climactic conditions afforded by the nearness of Lake Erie,

the Perry area remains a choice area for agriculture and

nursery stock. However, much of the land today has been

developed into residential and business areas.





The Perry Public Library was founded in including Cleveland Public Library. Through this network, 1929 by members of seven local women's Perry Public Library has access to over 10 million items service clubs. The Library has continued to that library card holders can reserve in person, over the there is to offer and more at http://perrypubliclibrary.org. grow. Visit us at 3753 Main Street, Perry, Ohio 44081 or



The Senior program is dedicated to providing effective programs to ensure social connections that enhance the quality of life for those individuals 55 and older. Emphasis is placed on mental and physical health programs, advocacy information, educational programs and personal

Through the support of local businesses we are able to provide this Township Map and Information Guide to you at no cost. It has been prepared to serve as a resource and includes information on Perry Township elected and appointed officials, employees, facilities, phone numbers, and meeting schedules. Also provided is information about County, State, and Federal Government Offices, and the School District. We feel it will be a valuable and informative tool for Township staff, residents and businesses alike.







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