

Minutes of Perrysburg Service Committee

Meeting Held October 22, 2025

CALL TO ORDER - 5:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kerry Wellstein at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present were Kevin Fuller, Mark Weber, and Kerry Wellstein. Staff members present were Brian Thomas, City Engineer, Joe Fawcett, City Administrator, Amber Rathburn, Finance Director, and Rob Ross, Director of Public Service.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

Cooper Suter and Jackie Barchick, 564 W. Front St. Mr. Suter expressed concerns about the speed and pavement condition of a portion of Front Street and Maumee Western Reserve Road. He said that there have been a few car accidents where cars have spun out and ended up in his side yard. Mr. Suter suggested that the City post a new speed sign for 35 mph to try and slow down the traffic going along this section of road. He also asked if the City would repave the road with higher traction pavement to prevent spin-outs.

Mr. Fawcett informed Mr. Suter that the City would not be able to post a new speed sign because it is illegal as the Ohio Department of Transportation requires approval of new speeds. He also said that the City will shortly be tearing up and repaving a portion of this road to work on the waterlines on Front Street, and it wouldn't be fiscally wise to repave the same road twice in a short period of time.

Mr. Thomas stated that the City recently had a speed study done that included this stretch of road and the study identified issues to be worked on. He said that he would like to have a public forum and an open house to get input from the citizens and to, ideally, get multiple solutions to these issues.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

There being no objections, the minutes of the September 24, 2025 meeting were approved.

STREETLIGHTS FOR THE DOWNTOWN STREETScape PROJECT

Mr. Thomas said that they would like to purchase street poles for the Downtown Streetscape project from All-Phase Electrical Supply Co. in the amount of \$139,567.36. He stated that the downtown project requires a specific model of poles and there is only one company that manufactures this model. Mr. Thomas said because of this they have received a sole source letter. The Committee agreed 3-0 to forward this on to City Council.

2026 BUDGET REVIEW

Mr. Thomas reviewed the proposed 2026 Engineering Division budget. He noted that the Services line item is increasing because he has requested some part-time

consultant help, due to the amount of projects they have planned for this next year.

Mr. Ross reviewed the proposed 2026 budget for public buildings and lands, parks, streets, and refuse. They are not requesting any new positions. He reviewed capital items for parks, \$380,000 for a new refuse truck, and streets which includes road resurfacing in 2026. Mr. Fuller asked how the Refuse budget would be affected if the upcoming Levy did not pass. Ms. Rathburn stated that the budget would be okay for the first half of 2026 due to when the payments are distributed from the County, but after that major cuts would need to be made.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Weber asked about the Multi-Use Paths along Ft. Meigs Rd. and by Fort Meigs. Mr. Thomas stated that there would be a letter sent out to residents to inform them about the tree removal along the Ft. Meigs ditch. He spoke about the MUP that goes into the parking lot at Fort Meigs. He said this path had grant money attached to it and construction will begin in 2027, and will eventually tie into the MUP along Indiana, where the Ft. Meigs ditch is located.

Ms. Wellstein asked when the MUP at Orleans Park would be ready to walk on. Mr. Thomas said that they are waiting for the handrails. He said that they cannot open it until they are installed for safety reasons. She also asked about leaf pick-up, and she noticed that not a lot of leaves had fallen yet. Mr. Ross said that the leaf pick-up trucks started a week late this year, and they have collected a good amount of leaves so far and still have more to do.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Wellstein, Chairperson
Service Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.