

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES MET IN REGULAR SESSION, CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 BY CHAIRPERSON KEVIN COX. GREG KESSEN PRESENT, JACK NEAL PRESENT. ROLL CALL BY FISCAL OFFICER. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FOLLOWED.

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 6, 2022, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

SANDY HOFACKER, FISCAL OFFICER –

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 39,665.20, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

JACK NEAL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AUGUST BANK RECONCILIATION FOR 2022, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL.

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO PAY INDIGENT BURIAL FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750.00 TO CHILES-LAMAN FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICES, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

GREG KESSEN MOVED FOR RESOLUTION #2022.0920-01 TO CERTIFY RATES TO BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR NEXT SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2023, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

JACK NEAL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE NEW LIQUOR PERMIT FOR CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE INC., DBA CRACKER BARREL STORE 133, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL.

SANDY HOFACKER ATTENDED SUNSHINE LAW TRAINING ON 9/15/2022 ON BEHALF OF KEVIN COX, GREG KESSEN AND JACK NEAL.

**GUESTS:
SASHA & CHUCK WEIGT**

BOB PHILLIPS, POLICE CHIEF
BOB PHILLIPS WOULD LIKE A MOTION TO HOLD BEGGARS' NIGHT ON 10/27/2022 FROM 6-8PM.

GREG KESSEN MADE MOTION TO HOLD BEGGARS NIGHT ON 10/27/2022 FROM 6-8PM, 2ND JACK NEAL ROLL CALL.

BOB DID EVACUATION DRILL ON 9/12/22 WITH PERRY SCHOOLS. EVERYTHING WENT WELL; IT TOOK ONLY 16 MINUTES TO EVACUATE EVERYONE DOWN TO THE FIRE STATION. BOB THANKED JUSTIN FOR HIS HELP. THE COUNTY SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICER OBSERVED AND WAS VERY IMPRESSED. KEVIN SAID HE HAS HAD NOTHING BUT COMPLIMENTS FROM THE SCHOOL ON HOW WELL THE DRILL WENT.

KEVIN COX DOES HAVE A CONCERN ON HOW THIS WOULD WORK IN REAL EMERGENCY WITH HAVING TO CLOSE DOWN THE ROAD QUICKLY. JUSTIN HAS A PLAN FOR THIS – THEY WOULD USE FIRE TRUCKS TO BLOCK TRAFFIC.

BOB SAID THEY ARE LOOKING AT DOING A BIGGER DRILL IN MAY USING BUSES TO TRANSPORT KIDS. CHUCK & SASHA WEIGT ASKED HOW PARENTS WOULD BE NOTIFIED. BOB SAID THEY HAVE A ONE CALL SYSTEM AT THE SCHOOL THAT WOULD NOTIFY PARENTS .

COREY LEHMAN, ROAD SUPERVISOR

COREY STATED THAT THE SEALING PROGRAM HAS BEEN CALLED OFF FOR THE YEAR BECAUSE INDUSTRY STANDARDS REQUIRE THE WORK TO BE DONE BY 9/15. OTHERWISE IT MAY NOT BE EFFECTIVE. WORK WILL BE COMPLETED IN THE SPRING.

ERIC BURGEI WILL START PAVING ON 11TH, 12TH, 13TH, & 15TH STREETS AS WELL AS PERRY CHAPEL. COREY IS NOT SURE HOW FAR THEY WILL GET.

COREY HAS REQUEST TO PURCHASE A 735 BT GRASSHOPPER 61 INCH MOWER. HE HAS A QUOTE FROM HG VIOLET, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,011.93. HE WAS ORIGINALLY GOING TO SUBMIT THE REQUEST IN THE SPRING BUT DUE TO THE DELAY IN GETTING ORDERS FILLED HE WANTS TO GET IT ORDERED NOW. HG VIOLET WILL GIVE US \$3500 FOR OUR TRADE IN. TRUSTEES WILL MAKE ACTION AT OUR NEXT MEETING.

COREY AND CREW STRAIGHTENED HEADSTONES IN THE FLETCHER & ST. PAUL CEMETERYS AND PUT STONE UNDERNEATH TO STABILIZE THEM. THOSE THAT WERE NOT ABLE TO BE STABILIZED WERE JUST PROPPED UP AGAINST THE BASE FOR SAFETY.

ON PERRY CHAPEL THEY WILL BORROW CRADLE FROM MEMORIAL PARK TO HELP STABILIZE HEADSTONES.

SANDY HOFACKER, ZONING INSPECTOR

AD FOR ZONING INSPECTOR POSITION RAN IN THE LIMA NEWS 9/11 & 9/16. IT'S ALSO ADVERTISED ON OUR ELECTRONIC BOARD. APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED UNTIL 9/30/2022.

GREG KESSEN SUGGESTED WE PUT UP SIGNS THAT PERRY TOWNSHIP IS A ZONED COMMUNITY TO LET PEOPLE KNOW WE DO HAVE ZONING RULES. OTHER TOWNSHIPS HAVE THESE SIGNS. GREG ASKED COREY TO CHECK TO SEE WHAT SIGNS WOULD COST – MAYBE 6-8 SIGNS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

JACK STATED CITY OF LIMA PUT MAXX BOX ORDINANCE IN PLACE AND ASKED IF WE HAVE AN ORDINANCE. SANDY STATED THAT WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT IT BUT NOTHING IS CURRENTLY IN PLACE.

JUSTIN ROBERTS, FIRE CHIEF

JUSTIN WOULD LIKE TO REVISIT REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM. THE BILL WAS \$3,512.37.

JACK NEAL MADE MOTION TO APPROVE A 1 YEAR CONTRACT WITH EMERGENCY REPORTING SYSTEM ESO TO RUN FROM 9/1/2022 THROUGH 8/31/2023. 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL.

JUSTIN SUBMITTED A LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM ASHELY SCHROEDER AS OF 9/26/22.

GREG KESSEN MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM ASHLEY SCHROEDER EFFECTIVE 9/26/2022, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

JUSTIN HAS PURCHASE REQUEST FOR A FULL SET OF TIRES FOR ENGINE 1405, 2 STEERING AND 8 REAR TIRES FOR \$6,481. NO ACTION NEEDED TONIGHT. WHEN WE MAKE A DECISION, HE WILL NEED TO CALL THEM TO MOVE FORWARD. JUSTIN HAS 2 MORE TRUCKS THAT WILL NEED TIRES REPLACED IN THE SPRING & A LADDER TRUCK IN FALL 2023.

JUSTIN IS LOOKING AT DIFFERENT WAYS TO BE MORE EFFICIENT WITH LIMITED MANPOWER. HE WOULD LIKE TO BUY 8 – 50FT. SECTIONS OF 2" FIRE HOSE TO REPLACE THE 2.5" HOSE AND 8 – 50 FT SECTIONS OF 1.75" HOSE ALONG WITH NOZZLES. THESE ARE LOW PRESSURE, HIGH GALLONAGE OUTPUT FIRE HOSES. THEY WILL REDUCE WEAR AND TEAR ON PUMPS AND PERSONNEL. THE HOSES ARE EASIER TO HOLD. JUSTIN WILL CANCEL HIS ORDER THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FOR 2.5" INCH HOSES AND WILL ORDER THE SMALLER HOSES WHICH WILL BE MORE EFFICIENT. JUSTIN HAS THE MONEY (\$6,000) IN BUDGET. JUSTIN FEELS ALL BIG ITEMS ARE DONE FOR THE YEAR. STILL HAS ABOUT \$48,000 AVAILABLE.

JUSTIN ALSO REQUESTED A QUICK EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL & EMPLOYMENT.

JUSTIN WANTS TO KNOW WHAT WE WILL DO WITH THE NEW DISPATCH CONTRACT. CURRENTLY THE FIRE DEPT. IS FOOTING THE FULL \$33,000 BILL. THE PROPOSAL RECEIVED IN MAY 2022 JUST REFLECTS FIRE/EMS BUT IS ALSO USED BY POLICE DEPT.

GREG KESSEN SAID HE REACHED OUT TO COUNTY COMMISSIONER, BRIAN WINEGARDNER, LAST WEEK AND GOT COPY OF CONTRACT FROM JUNE 2022. CONTRACT STATES IT IS FOR POLICE/FIRE/EMS.

BRIAN SAID HE HAS NO PROBLEM STRUCTURING THE CONTRACT DIFFERENTLY TO MAKE IT MORE FAIR. JUSTIN ROBERTS SAID FIRE DEPT. HAS ALREADY PAID \$18.5K FOR THIS YEAR BUT IN 2023 THE BILL WILL BE \$33K AND JUSTIN FEELS IT SHOULD BE REAPPORTIONED 60/40 WITH \$21K PAID BY FIRE DEPT. AND \$12K BILLED TO POLICE. BRIAN WINEGARDNER WILL DISCUSS WITH OTHER COMMISSIONERS.

SINCE CONTRACT IS WITH PERRY TWP, JUSTIN ASKED WHY ISN'T THE BILL COMING OUT OF OUR BUDGET. JUSTIN DOESN'T FEEL THE FIRE DEPT. SHOULD CARRY THE FULL BURDEN WHEN THEY DON'T USE AS MUCH RADIO TIME AS POLICE. POLICE DEPT. USES THE SAME RADIOS AND DISPATCHERS AND \$33K IS A BIG HIT TO THE FIRE DEPT. BUDGET. IT IS \$15K HIGHER THAN PREVIOUS CONTRACT. JUSTIN ASKED IF WE HAVE ARPA MONEY LEFT TO HELP OFFSET THE COST. GREG SAID ROUGHLY \$300K IS ALLOCATED FOR LABOR. THIS LEAVES MAYBE \$40K. TRUSTEES WILL LOOK INTO ARPA FUNDS AND SEE IF WE CAN USE IT FOR THIS AND SEE HOW MUCH IS LEFT. GREG SAID ITS UP TO US WHEN WE DO THE BUDGET ON HOW TO STRUCTURE IT. KEVIN SAID WE WOULD NEED TO JUSTIFY IT. BOB SAID THERE'S NO BILL COMING IN WITH POLICE DEPT ON IT. BOB SAID WE'LL UPSET THE REST OF THE POLICE DEPTS.

IN OUR AREA IF WE DO THIS. AMERICAN TWP, ELIDA, BLUFFTON, BATH AND OTHERS DON'T PAY FOR DISPATCH. WHEN FIRST SET UP IT WAS FREE TO ALL POLICE DEPTS. WHEN WE CAME ON IN 2011 FOR FIRE DEPT THE BILL WAS \$13K AND NOW IT'S \$33K . BOBBY SAID IT WILL UP OUR BILLS IF WE DO THAT BECAUSE IT'LL BE MORE CALLS FOR SERVICE. DELPHOS WENT FROM \$80K TO \$55K. JUSTIN WANTS IT ON RECORD THAT FIRE DEPT. SHOULDN'T FOOT WHOLE BILL. GREG WANTS TO CLEAN IT UP AND GET POLICE INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT WITHOUT INCREASING THE PRICE SINCE WE'RE ALREADY PAYING \$33K.

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:50PM TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYMENT, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO END EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:57PM, 2ND JACK NEAL. ROLL CALL. ACTION TAKEN.

GREG KESSEN MADE MOTION TO REHIRE TODD GARDNER AS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AND PART TIME EMT AT APPLICABLE RATE. 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

TRUSTEES

KEVIN MADE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:01 PM FOR EMPLOYMENT, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

GREG KESSEN MADE MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:20PM , 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE TRUSTEE MEETING AT 9:24PM, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.