

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING
HELD NOVEMBER 15, 2022

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

JACK NEAL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2022, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL.

SANDY HOFACKER, FISCAL OFFICER

JACK NEAL MADE A MOTION TO PAY BILLS OF \$33,106.07, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL.

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

GREG KESSEN MOVED FOR RESOLUTION #2022.1115-01 TO TRANSFER \$40,000 FROM GENERAL FUND TO ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND NOT TO BE REPAID TO COVER 2022 ROAD PROGRAM BILL FOR PAVING, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

JACK NEAL MADE A MOTION TO SET MONTHLY PAY RATE FOR NEW ZONING INSPECTOR, JOHN BREWSTER, AT \$800 PER MONTH, PLUS REIMBURSEMENT FOR MILEAGE DRIVEN FOR BUSINESS OF TOWNSHIP AT APPLICABLE STANDARD MILEAGE RATE, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL.

GUESTS:

NORM CAPPS

LARRY SIDENER- APPRECIATES THE PAVING ON WARSAW ROAD BUT ASKED ABOUT THE STONE FOR THE BERM. CORY STATED IT WILL BE DONE IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO. LARRY ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE STRIPING SOUTH OF 33 ON TOWNLINE LIMA ROAD. KEVIN COX SAID IT'S A COUNTY ROAD AND COUNTY RESPONSIBILITY. JOHN SAID THE LITTLE DASHES DOWN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD ARE HELPFUL AND ASKED IF WE COULD PUT STRIPING ON AMHERST AND ALSO STONE. CORY RECOMMENDED CALLING THE COUNTY SINCE THAT'S ALSO A COUNTY ROAD. LARRY FEELS THE STRIPING WOULD HELP TREMENDOUSLY ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT.

BOB PHILLIPS, POLICE CHIEF

ABSENT

COREY LEHMAN, ROAD DEPT.

COREY TOOK CARE OF GETTING FURNACE REPAIRED IN ADMIN BUILDING. REPAIRMEN SHOWED HIM WHAT THE ISSUE WAS. IT WAS A SIMPLE FIX THAT COREY CAN TAKE CARE OF IF IT HAPPENS AGAIN.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS FINALLY PAVED THEIR ROAD CUT. COREY HAD TO REMIND THEM ABOUT IT SEVERAL TIMES.

DOMINION IS LOOKING AT DOING A PROJECT ON LENNOX AVENUE TO REPLACE GAS PIPELINE. THEY WANT TO CUT RIGHT DOWN LENNOX AVENUE, APPROXIMATELY 2500 FEET, TO AVOID HAVING TO CUT DOWN TREES. COREY TOLD THEM THE ONLY WAY WE WOULD AGREE TO DO THAT WOULD BE IF THEY REPAVE THE WHOLE ROAD. COREY SAID THEY AGREED TO THIS. COREY SAID WE USUALLY ONLY CHARGE \$100 FOR A ROAD CUT PERMIT BUT COREY SUGGESTS WE CHARGE \$2500 FOR THE PERMIT WHICH WOULD BE \$1 PER FOOT FOR 2500 FEET PLUS A \$10,000 PERFORMANCE BOND. KEVIN AGREED. PROJECT WILL TAKE PLACE THE 1ST QUARTER OF NEXT YEAR.

DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF WORK INVOLVED WITH 2500 FEET OF PAVING COREY SUGGESTS WE CHANGE PERMIT FEE TO \$2500 FOR THIS PROJECT.

**GREG KESSEN MADE MOTION TO CHARGE \$2500 ROAD CUT FEE PLUS \$10,000 PERFORMANCE BOND.
2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.**

THERE WAS DISCUSSION AROUND PERMANENTLY CHANGING ROAD CUT FEES FOR BIGGER COMMERCIAL PROJECTS. COREY AGREES THEY SHOULD BE CHANGED. GREG ASKED COREY TO PUT SOME LANGUAGE TOGETHER TO PUT CHANGES THROUGH AT OUR NEXT MEETING.

JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR

JOHN HAS BEEN WORKING ON ISSUING SOME PERMITS AND WORKING ON PROJECT FOR ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING TO CREATE LIST OF PERMITS ISSUED FOR NEW HOMES FROM 2018 THRU 2022. JOHN AND SANDY HAVE AN APPEALS BOARD MEETING SET ON 11/22/22 TO HEAR LOT SPLIT APPEAL FROM MARY WILLIAMSON. JOHN SAID HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH EVERYONE. TRUSTEES THANKED HIM FOR BEING HERE. THEY ARE HAPPY TO HAVE HIM ON BOARD.

KEVIN RADER, FIRE DEPARTMENT

IAN BRUCE PASSED OP&F PHYSICAL.

KEVIN ASKED WHEN SICK TIME AND VACATION NEW POLICY WOULD GO INTO PLACE.

**JACK NEAL MADE A MOTION TO MAKE NEW POLICY EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1 FOR FT SHIFT WORKERS
2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL.**

KEVIN RADER ASKED IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY MORE DISCUSSION ON DISPATCH CONTRACT AROUND THE PAYMENT OF THE ADDITIONAL COST. CONTRACT IS ISSUED TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND DOESN'T MENTION FIRE AND EMS PROTECTION. GREG TALKED TO ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONER, BRIAN WINEGARDNER. BRIAN SAID THEY CHANGED EVERYTHING TO SAFETY SERVICES. GREG SAID THEY NEED TO LOOK AT ACTUAL CONTRACT. KEVIN COX SAID WE SHOULDN'T DISRUPT THE WHOLE COUNTY. THEY ARE STILL DISCUSSING. GREG AGREES FIRE DEPT SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BEAR THE BRUNT OF THE ADDITIONAL COSTS. KEVIN RADER APPRECIATES TRUSTEES LOOKING AT IT. KEVIN RADER STATED THAT THE FIRE DEPT IS IN STAFFING CRISIS AND KEVIN IS DOING HIS BEST TO ADDRESS IT.

KEVIN ASKED FOR A MOTION TO PAY SERVICE CONTRACT FOR 2 YRS -2022 & 2023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1923.30 TO PAY FOR 12 VISITS TO MAINTENANCE 5 COMPUTERS.

JACK NEAL MADE MOTION TO PAY FOR 2 YEAR SERVICE CONTRACT WITH M & D COMPUTER SALES AND SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,923.30, 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL.

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION AT 8:17 TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL AND HANDBOOK, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION AT 8:36 TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

ACTION TAKEN.

JACK NEAL MADE MOTION TO HIRE KEVIN RADER AS NEW FIRE CHIEF AT A SALARY EQUAL TO 1-1/2 TIMES HIS CURRENT HOURLY RATE UNTIL 12/31/22. STARTING 1/1/23 HIS SALARY WILL BE \$72,500. 2ND GREG KESSEN, ROLL CALL.

KEVIN RADER WOULD LIKE TO THANK PERRY TOWNSHIP FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS FIRE CHIEF.

KEVIN RADER WOULD LIKE TO HIRE JASON SMEDLEY AS DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF AT APPLICABLE RATE.

GREG KESSEN MADE MOTION TO HIRE JASON SMEDLEY AS DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF AT THE APPLICABLE RATE OF \$375 PER MONTH, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

JACK ASKED KEVIN RADER WHAT WE COULD DO TO HELP RETAIN AND RECRUIT NEW STAFF. KEVIN RADER SAID MAYBE LOOK AT INCREASING VACATION TIME. KEVIN RADER WILL GET OUT INTO COMMUNITY TO LOOK FOR NEW EMPLOYEES.

TRUSTEES

GREG WENT TO AEDG MEETING AT HAWTHORN. GREG SAID IS WAS GOOD MEETING AND THERE IS LOTS GOING ON. PERRY TOWNSHIP WAS RECOGNIZED ON PERRY PRO TECH, HOTEL, AND OTHER PROJECTS. GREG GIVES THEM KUDOS FOR ALL AEDG IS DOING TO PROMOTE ALLEN COUNTY.

KEVIN TALKED TO CINDY LEIS ABOUT SALE OF PERRY AUTO WRECKING. A METAL RECOVERY BUSINESS IS LOOKING TO BUY IT. PROPERTY IS SOLD AND THEY ARE MOVING FORWARD. CINDY LEIS FROM AEDG WANTS TO MEET WITH TRUSTEES DECEMBER 2ND AT 10:00AM.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:47 PM, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.