

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF PERRY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

MEETING
HELD MARCH 21, 2023

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

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CORRECTED MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 7, 2023, 2ND JACK NEAL , ROLL CALL.

SANDY HOFACKER, FISCAL OFFICER –

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO PAY BILLS OF \$31,182.51, 2ND JACK NEAL , ROLL CALL.

SANDY REMINDED EVERYONE THE NEWSLETTER IS DUE BY THE END OF APRIL. ALSO, WE'RE WORKING WITH CLEMONS-NELSON TO UPDATE THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK. PLEASE SUBMIT ANY REVISIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE HANDBOOK TO SANDY BY THE END OF APRIL

GUESTS:

SHAUNNA BASINGER- HERE FROM LIMA ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO PRESENT PROJECTS BEING PROPOSED FOR 2024-2027. SHAUNNA PROVIDED HANDOUT REGARDING PROPOSED PROJECTS. THE MONEY FOR THESE PROJECTS COMES FROM FEDERAL FUNDS AND ODOT. LACRPC WOULD LIKE OUR INPUT FOR ANY IDEAS FOR PROJECTS IN PERRY TOWNSHIP. SOME OF THE PROJECTS THEY ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON INCLUDE SIDEWALKS AND MONEY FOR RTA. LACRPC HAS TO HAVE A PLAN TO GIVE THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE WORK THEY ARE PROPOSING. THE WORK THEY DO IN THE TOWNSHIPS IS A 20/80 SPLIT; TOWNSHIP PORTION IS 20%.

SASHA WEIGT-

CHUCK WEIGT-

JIM CLEMENTZ-EVERYTHING QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT. NO CURRENT NOISE ISSUES WITH NEIGHBOR.

ELIZABETH BOWDEN & KEVIN BOWDEN- THEY LIVE ON BREESE ROAD. THEY DO LAWN CARE AND THEY HAVE NOTICED THAT SOME NEIGHBORS DON'T MOW THEIR GRASS. THEY ASKED IF THERE ARE RULES AROUND THIS AND IF THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BID ON MOWING WORK. GREG KESSEN EXPLAINED THAT THE ZONING INSPECTOR SENDS OUT LETTERS TO PROPERTY OWNERS WHOSE GRASS NEEDS MOWED. IF PROPERTY DOESN'T GET MOWED, THE ROAD DEPT MOWS AND THE COST IS ASSESSED THROUGH THE OWNER'S REAL ESTATE TAXES.

FRANK LAMAR

BOB PHILLIPS, POLICE CHIEF-

BOB PRESENTED AND GREG KESSEN READ RESIGNATION LETTER FROM TATE PETERSON.

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF TATE PETERSON EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

MIKE FROM M & D COMPUTERS WILL FINISH SETTING UP COMPUTERS FOR BOB AND WILL THEN DO COREY'S. THEIR CONTRACT WITH US WILL START 4/1/23 SO THAT WE GET A FULL YEAR OF SERVICE FROM THE TIME ALL COMPUTERS ARE INSTALLED.

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COREY LEHMAN, ROAD SUPERVISOR

THE DITCH ON BREESE AND MCLAIN HAS BEEN DIPPED. THIS DROPPED THE WATER 2 FEET. COREY REQUESTED APPROVAL FOR ROAD STRIPING.

KEVIN COX MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL FOR ROAD STRIPING, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

COREY PRESENTED REQUEST FOR ROAD SEALING. THE BILL FOR THE ROAD SEALING ALONG WITH ROAD PROGRAM WILL BE \$203,298.22.

THERE WILL BE ANOTHER \$35,000+ FOR TAR & CHIP THAT WASN'T COMPLETED LAST YEAR. THIS WAS FOR THE DELMAR SUBDIVISION AND SMALL AREA BY LOST CREEK.

GREG KESSEN COMMENTED ON THE INCREASED COSTS. COREY SAID ALLEN COUNTY CAN ONLY PAY UP TO \$15,000. OUR COSTS CONTINUE TO RISE - THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE GONE OVER \$200,000. GREG WANTS RESIDENTS TO BE AWARE OF INCREASED COSTS.

KEVIN MADE MOTION TO PAY PAVEMENT TECHNOLOGIES, INC. \$17,584.75 TO APPLY RECLAMITE ASPHALT REJUVENATOR TO CLUM ROAD FROM THAYER ROAD TO COOL AND 17TH STREET FROM MCCLAIN ROAD TO REESE AVENUE, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

COREY IS GOING TO LOOK INTO DOING A CAPE SEAL ON A COUPLE ROADS NEXT YEAR WHICH IS ABOUT HALF THE COST OF PAVING AND WILL INCREASE PAVEMENT LIFE 10 TO 12 YEARS.

THE PRELIMINARY ROAD PROGRAM MEETING FOR THE COUNTY WILL BE MARCH 28TH AT 8:00AM .

COREY LOCATED THE BASIN AT 5180 AMHERST ROAD. THE BASIN IS CRACKED AND THE WHOLE THING WILL PROBABLY NEED REPLACED. THEY WILL NEED TO GET TILE OPEN TO SEE WHAT'S NEEDED. LOOKS LIKE IT MIGHT TURN INTO A BIG PROJECT.

JOHN BREWSTER, ZONING INSPECTOR

JOHN GAVE UPDATE ON PETITION FROM PAUL CURTIS THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO LACRPC. THEY RECOMMENDED DENIAL OF THIS REQUEST.

KEVIN COX MADE RESOLUTION 2023.0321-01 TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF LIMA ALLEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING REGARDING THE PROPOSED PE-01-23 TOWNSHIP ZONING PETITION, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL

JOHN STATED THAT THE REZONING OF THE 12TH STREET PROPERTY WHERE THE REPAIR SHOP IS LOCATED HAS BEEN RECORDED AND NO FURTHER PROCESSING IS NEEDED.

JOHN IS KEEPING AN EYE ON THE PROPERTY AT 108 E 12TH ST. NO CONSTRUCTION GOING ON YET BUT LOOKS LIKE ITS GETTING CLOSE.

JOHN BREWSTER HASN'T HEARD ANYTHING BACK FROM CLEAN UP LETTER SENT TO OWNER OF 5353 BELLEFONTAINE ROAD.

KEVIN RADER, FIRE CHIEF

KEVIN HAS 3 DIFFERENT PURCHASE ORDER REQUESTS. FIRST REQUEST IS FOR ANNUAL HOSE TESTING.

JACK NEAL MADE MOTION TO APPROVE ANNUAL TESTING OF APPROXIMATELY 10,645 FT OF FIRE HOSE AT A COST OF \$4,470.90, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL

SECOND REQUEST IS TO REPLACE EXPIRING STRUCTURE FIREFIGHTING GEAR. PERRY FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS 7 COATS AND 6 PANTS THAT ARE EXPIRING THIS YEAR. RADER IS REQUESTING TO PURCHASE 5 SETS FROM ATLANTIC EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS AT A COST OF \$17,125.00.

KEVIN COX MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE PURCHASE ORDER FOR 5 SETS OF STRUCTURE FIREFIGHTING GEAR AT A COST OF \$17,125.00, 2ND JACK NEAL, ROLL CALL.

THIRD REQUEST IS TO REPLACE STRUCTURE FIREFIGHTING HELMETS. PFD CURRENTLY DOES NOT HAVE ANY STRUCTURE FIREFIGHTING HELMETS IN STOCK, LEAVING THE FIRE DEPT. AND STAFF WITH NO SPARE PPE EQUIPMENT.

KEVIN COX MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 7 HELMETS IN 2023 AT A COST OF \$375 PER HELMET FOR A TOTAL OF \$2,625.00, 14 HELMETS IN 2024 AND 7 HELMETS IS 2025, 2ND JACK NEAL , ROLL CALL.

KEVIN COX ASKED IF THERE WILL BE MORE EQUIPMENT TO REPLACE. RADER SAID YES – MOTOROLA RADIOS WILL NEED REPLACED NEXT YEAR – ROUGHLY 20 RADIOS. TIRES WILL ALSO NEED REPLACED. RADER SAID THAT THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER DEPENDENTS FUND IS SOMETHING WE HAD PAID INTO EVERY YEAR; HOWEVER, OUR LAST UPDATE WAS IN 2019. RADER SAID THAT BASED ON PAST YEARS PAPERWORK, WE USUALLY HAVE 1 BOARD MEMBER ON THIS BOARD. JACK NEAL VOLUNTEERED TO SIT ON THE BOARD.

GREG KESSEN MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT JACK NEAL TO THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER DEPENDENTS FUND BOARD , 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.

RADER STATED THAT HE HAS TALKED TO OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENTS ABOUT THE ECLIPSE THAT IS COMING IN APRIL 2024. ALLEN COUNTY WILL BE A PRIME VIEWING SPOT AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE NUMBER OF SPECTATORS EXPECTED WILL SHUT US DOWN. RADER HAS TALKED TO PERRY SCHOOL AND THEY PLAN TO CLOSE THAT DAY. HOTELS WILL BE PACKED AND FAIRGROUND CAMPING WILL BE FULL.

IT IS PREDICTED THAT THE POPULATION OF ALLEN COUNTY WILL DOUBLE DURING THAT TIME. TRAFFIC GRIDLOCK WILL MAKE IT TOUGH FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES. RADER IS PREPARING ON THE EMERGENCY SIDE.

RADER SAID SOME OF HIS CREW, AARON REAM, T.J. MYERS AND NICK MYERS ALONG WITH SOME OF FAMILY MEMBERS, PARTICIPATED IN THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE. RADER WOULD LIKE TO THANK THEM FOR A GOOD JOB.

RADER HAS BEEN MAILING SURVEY LETTERS TO RESIDENTS. HE SENT A SMALL NUMBER OUT AND GOT THEM ALL BACK. RESIDENTS GAVE RATINGS OF 5 OUT OF 5 ON ALL SURVEYS INDICATING THEY ARE HAPPY WITH THE SERVICE PROVIDED BY OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

JACK ASKED IF THE SURVEY INCLUDES AN OFFER TO BE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER. RADER SAID YES BUT NO ONE HAS SIGNED UP.

RADER TOOK 7 PHONE CALLS IN LAST SEVERAL WEEKS FROM PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS WHO EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN WORKING FOR PERRY TOWNSHIP; HOWEVER, WHEN THEY FOUND OUT WE DON'T OFFER HEALTH INSURANCE, THEY ALL DECLINED TO APPLY. THERE IS A LOT OF COMPETITION FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND WE ARE LOSING OUT TO DEPARTMENTS THAT OFFER INSURANCE.

RADER WANTS TO CLEAN UP OUR CONTRACTS FOR NEW HIRES. WE HAVE A LOT OF INCONSISTENCY FROM PAST CONTRACTS. RADER WILL SEND EMAIL TO TRUSTEES TO REVIEW. RADER IS ALSO SUBMITTING NEW PAY SCALE PROPOSAL – CURRENT SCALE NOT KOSHER. NEEDS TO BE CLEANED UP AND MADE CONSISTENT. RADER WILL MAP OUT EVERY POSITION WE OFFER FOR CERTIFICATION ALONG WITH PAY SCALE. GOING FORWARD HE WILL SET US UP FOR FAIRNESS AND CONSISTENCY. JACK REQUESTED THAT RADER CHECK WITH DOUG LARUE TO SEE WHAT HE DOES. JACK WOULD LIKE TO SEE CERTAIN NUMBER OF RUNS VS HOURS WORKED. RADER SAID PERRY HAS ALWAYS DONE HOURS BECAUSE THEY GET MORE HOURS OUT OF INDIVIDUAL. JACK APPRECIATES WHAT FIRE DEPT IS DOING. GREG LOOKS FORWARD TO GETTING THE PAY SCALE CLEANED UP. RADER SAID NEW PROPOSAL WILL COVER EVERY POSITION THAT WE HAVE.

TRUSTEES

KEVIN COX HAS OTA MEETING THIS THURS AT 7PM. SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING. KEVIN SAID WE NEED TO WORK ON ZONING FOR SOLAR. WE NEED REGULATION FOR 50 MEGAWATTS AND UNDER. KAYLA CAMPBELL SENT GUIDELINES TO GO BY.

JACK NEAL NOTED THAT WE HAVE BEEN GETTING A LOT OF CALLS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE. HE ASKED IF RADER HAD CONCERNS AND RADER SAID YES. HE HAS NO OUTSIDE APPLICANTS. HE WILL HAVE TO FILL POSITIONS WITH INTERNAL CANDIDATES AND WE'LL BE DOWN TO BASIC EMT'S. HE NOTED THAT THIS IS A NATIONWIDE PROBLEM. JACK THANKED KEVIN FOR HOW HARD HIS STAFF IS WORKING. KEVIN RADER SAID THEY HAD 34 HOURS OVERTIME FOR FT STAFF THIS PAY PERIOD.

GREG KESSEN TALKED ABOUT THE CONVERSATION HE HAD WITH THE ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE LARGE INCREASE IN OUR DISPATCH BILL. WE WERE BILLED \$33,000 FOR THIS YEAR WHICH IS AN 80% INCREASE. GREG IS CONCERNED ABOUT WHERE THIS ENDS. WE CURRENTLY ARE STRUGGLING WITH UNDERSTANDING THIS LARGE INCREASE BECAUSE THE FORMULA DOES NOT ADD UP. PERRY HAS 5TH HIGHEST NUMBER OF CALLS- THEY HAVE US AT 4TH BUT GREG SAID WE SHOULD BE 5TH. OUR CHARGE PER RESIDENT IS A LOT HIGHER THAN WHAT OTHERS ARE BEING CHARGED. FRANK LAMAR ASKED HOW THIS CAME ABOUT. GREG SAID WE STARTED WITH COUNTY DISPATCH IN 2010 AND SINCE THEN OUR USUAL INCREASE HAS BEEN ABOUT 3%. GREG IS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW THEY CAME UP WITH THE NUMBERS. BATH TOWNSHIP IS #2 IN CALLS FOR SERVICE AND THEIR COSTS WENT DOWN. GREG WANTS PERRY TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS TO KNOW WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE COST AND TRYING TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE. GREG TALKED ABOUT HIS CONVERSATION WITH THE ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THE LARGE INCREASE AND IS TRYING TO WORK ON A SOLUTION. CHUCK WEIGT, FRANK LAMAR AND JIM CLEMENTZ ASKED WHERE WE'RE AT ON THIS ISSUE. GREG STATED THAT WE'RE TRYING TO WORK WITH THE COMMISSIONERS ON A SOLUTION. JIM CLEMENTZ THANKED GREG FOR VOICING HIS OPINION TO ALLEN COUNTY. FRANK LAMAR ASKED IF WE DISCUSSED THIS WITH THE OHIO TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION. GREG SAID YES. A LOT OF ASSOCIATION MEMBERS DIDN'T LOOK TOO HARD AT IT AND JUST AGREED TO IT. KEVIN COX STATED THAT THE COMMISSIONERS

PRESENTED IT AS A TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT KIND OF THING AT THAT OTA MEETING. KEVIN ALSO STATED ALL ATTENDEES AGREED THEY WEREN'T GOING TO PAY BUT WHEN THE COMMISSIONERS SENT THE BILL, EVERYBODY JUST PAID. JACK NEAL AGREES WE CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY 80% INCREASE. SHERIFF IS REQUIRED TO DISPATCH WHETHER WE PAY OR NOT. WE WILL HAVE SERVICE UNTIL THIS DISPUTE IS RESOLVED. GREG SAID WE'RE STILL NEGOTIATING. JACK SAID WE'RE EXPLORING OPTIONS.

JACK NEAL MADE MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:45 PM, 2ND KEVIN COX, ROLL CALL.